

Flushing Grand Prix?

Flushing Meadow Park badly needs a friend. The proponents of a Grand Prix racetrack—a nice, quiet, contemplative sport—have trained their guns on Flushing Meadow after receiving a rebuff from the city on Central Park, which they would have considered the ideal location for car racing. The prospective 200,000 spectators will require not only a track but also a grandstand and guard rails and police for the crowds, to say nothing of comfort stations, first aid and refreshments—all guaranteed to make a pastoral idyll of the old World's Fair site.

Right now, Flushing Meadow is big on birds and bicycling and just providing sun, air and green for Queens residents who understandably prize it as highly as they prize the right to breathe. Parks are precious. How can Mr. Weisl waffle on this one? It should require no deep struggle for the Parks Administrator to say no, even if other departments are bemused by the idea of an Indy 500 at the Unisphere. This promoter's dream is already out of gas.