

SPUYTEN DUYVIL ASKS SHIFT IN PARKWAY

Residents Hold Present Plans for Henry Hudson Drive Would Split Community.

Residents of Spuyten Duyvil in the West Bronx have launched a campaign to have the route of the Henry Hudson Parkway shifted from Spuyten Duyvil Parkway to the slope of the hill above the Tibbetts Brook Valley, it was announced yesterday by James D. Williams, a lawyer of 50 Broadway.

Mr. Williams, who has a home in Spuyten Duyvil, said that the parkway route would cut the community in half and make it impossible for residents of one-half to visit those in the other without making a wide detour.

"The proposed parkway is an anachronism in road building," he declared. "You don't cut through town now. You skirt the edges. The bridge over the Harlem River can easily come over by the eastern point, skirt the lower grade of the eastern slope with its beautiful view of the city and come out at the same spot on Riverdale Avenue."

The lower route also is favored by the Regional Plan Association and several other organizations, but Park Commissioner Moses's engineers have reported that its cost would be prohibitive. Plans for the bridge in the other location already have been drawn, and acquisition of the necessary land at either end of Spuyten Duyvil Parkway is under way.

It was pointed out that it is not the highway but the community of Spuyten Duyvil which is really an anachronism, since an isolated village can have no place within the boundaries of a city as big as New York. It was denied that the parkway would cut off one section of the district from the other. Motorists will not be able to cross directly, but they will be able to get to the other side by making a right turn and then two left turns, it was said.