In 1986, as the presidency of Skidmore was passing from Dr. Palamountain to Dr. Porter, the college began updating its campus plan. Boone Powell of Ford, Powell & Carson first looked at possible future building sites and later Susan Child of Child Associates, Landscape Architects, revised those sites and looked at vehicular and pedestrian circulation and site aesthetics. Together, they produced the 1989 Plan, shown below, which has guided the college since. Much of the site work, such as landscaping, lighting and signage, and several new buildings and additions have been completed. However, one of the proposals, for student residences and a north academic quad

cutting the Loop Road and expanding into the North Woods, met some resistance. The college more recently constructed additional residences on less environmentally sensitive land to the west. The north academic quadrangle was not built and the Loop Road not cut.

We confirm two conclusions from the 1989 plan. First, the campus within the Loop Road is nearly built out, with no easy sites for further expansion. Second, we must seek the proper balance between pedestrian safety and vehicular flow. We also conclude that the North Woods are a special place for Skidmore, and a comprehensive plan for its future must be part of this campus plan.

