

THE PROCESS

In 2003, Skidmore began the process of an institution-wide strategic plan for the years 2005-2015, looking at all aspects of the college. In September 2004, the Trustees authorized the administration to update the college's campus plan.

The college's Institutional Policy and Planning Committee (IPPC), President Philip A. Glotzbach, chair, and Michael D. West, Vice President for Finance and Administration have directed the work for this update. The planning and this report are the work of Lo-Yi Chan, campus planner, and Alfredo DiMauro, Skidmore's Campus Facilities Planner.

We began gathering information in the fall of 2004 with 74 interviews with over 123 people on and off campus. We interviewed the successor firm of the authors of the original 1962 plan as well as the author of the 1989 update. Later, we brought aboard the LA Group, Landscape Architects, to assess Skidmore's non-contiguous properties.

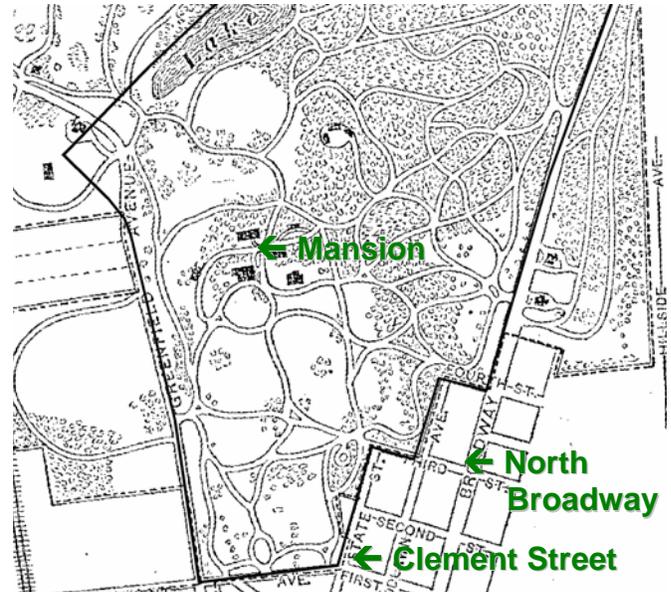
We inventoried the college's physical assets and assessed their condition. We analyzed the utilization of current space.

We reviewed plans currently under way so that they could be integrated into our update. These included Northwoods Village, Dining Hall Addition, New Sport Fields and the Zankel Music Center.

As the college's 2005-2015 Strategic Plan was finalized, we collected its physical planning goals and added these to the needs we projected from our many interviews. Guided by the IPPC, we sought a balance among the needs for academic, residential, recreation, infrastructure and other facilities.

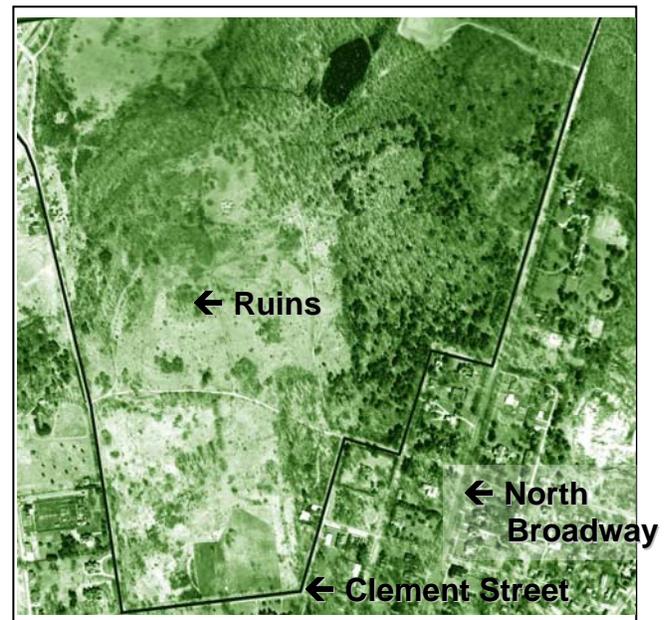
We then drafted several options in the spring of 2005 which we presented in workshops to the IPPC and committees of the Trustees. By the spring of 2006, after several drafts, one set of phased options was deemed ready for community comment. In the fall of 2006, we made many presentations to the Skidmore community and the public at large. We then reported the feedback from these sessions to the Trustees and they authorized us to prepare this report.

While any printed document, especially campus maps, appear fixed and definitive, this report should be considered a framework, a starting point for future decisions as Skidmore enters its second century.



The site in 1893

Skidmore GIS Center



Aerial photo of site in 1961

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