



The Berkeley campus has long been recognized for its distinguished architecture and dramatic landscape setting. For many of us, the plazas, pathways and glades, which comprise the campus park, shape both first impressions and lasting memories of our time at Berkeley.

We are fortunate to have reaped the benefits of such a rich landscape legacy from prior generations. The natural setting of the campus and America's most famous landscape architects, including such luminaries as Fredrick Law Olmsted, Lawrence Halprin, Thomas Church and Hideo Sasaki have all contributed. But time and use have taken their toll, and it is now our time to honor this legacy by rededicating ourselves to the stewardship of this precious resource. A decade of intense construction and constrained budgets has left its mark throughout the campus. Disease and age has begun to erode the forested settings that frame the campus glades and embrace Strawberry Creek. And heavily used paths and plazas do not meet their potential to contribute to the intellectual and social interaction of the campus community.

This Landscape Master Plan sets forth a renewed vision for the campus. It is intended to inspire and guide investment in the campus landscape, and provide a foundation for renewal of this special place we call Berkeley. To achieve the ambitious goals and realize the many creative initiatives outlined in this plan will require significant funding and years of determined effort.

I ask all of who read this plan, to ask yourself what you can do to help make this vision a reality. Students, faculty, alumni, employees, administrators and benefactors, all have a role to play. Let it be said of us, at the turn of the next century, that we did our part to make the Berkeley campus environment a reflection of the excellence that is the hallmark of this great institution.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Robert M. Berdahl". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Robert" and last name "Berdahl" clearly legible.

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