Campus Development

York University
The Beginning (1972)
York University, Keele Campus

• The subject of three major master plans
  • 1963
  • 1988
  • 2014
1963

- Plan by Sasaki Associates
- Envisaged a dense built-up central campus fringed by landscaped parking lots
- Present-day meadows, woodlots would become landscaped surface parking
- Road grid decoupled the campus from the surrounding city
- Plans for a series of colleges
1970s

• Campus building phase came to a premature end in the mid 1970s
• Public money ran out, medical, engineering faculties never added
1988

• IBI Group created the 1988 campus master plan
• Added a grid of roads to reintegrate the campus with the city and improve wayfinding
• Planned to retain the major woodlots
• Harry Arthurs presidency humanized the campus with more buildings
• Creation of York University Development Corporation
• Sports fields planned for Kaiser-Hoover Meadow
  • Sparked a 1988-era campus-wide ecological study
2009 Secondary Plan
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2014

• A new campus master plan is in draft.
• Hopes to balance the needs of academic growth with the arrival of the subway
  • Intensification
• Lands intended for construction (greenspace, parking lot) designated as “Lands For Learning”.
• Plans for campus greening (one of the three lenses of the campus plan) do not include the retention of the old-field meadows
  • Woodlots stay