

# Perspectives on Environmental Management



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# Our Audience Today

- Collection staff
- Collection Care staff
- Administrators
- Facilities staff

# Our Speakers

- Different Roles
  - Conservator
  - Architect
  - Researcher
- Similar Perspectives
  - Goals and approaches
  - Broad, varied experience

# Common Vision: Manage Environments Sustainably



# What's Different Now

- New understanding of effects on collection
- Easier to get and interpret environmental data
- Tighter budgets, higher energy costs, concern for global climate change
- HVAC systems are more complex, design and operations functions more fragmented

# What Does Environmental Management Mean?

- Awareness
  - Of the far-reaching effects of environment
    - Collections
    - Workflows and visitor comfort
    - Fiscal health of institution
    - On fossil fuel consumption and emissions
  - Of the need to unify and institutionalize it
    - Make it someone's job to lead cross-disciplinary process with shared responsibilities
    - Existing roles do not encompass the need

# Sustainability...?

- Saving energy / reducing emissions
- Simplifying and unifying management task
- Significant parallels between energy cost reduction and improving preservation environments
  - Take them seriously
  - Make it someone's job
  - More about leadership and organizational structure than technology or equipment

# Before You Leave Today...

- Sign up for *Climate Notes*, IPI's quarterly e-newsletter on environmental issues
- Reflect on all you have heard, but remember the importance of organizational structure and personal commitment