Introduction to SPACE PLANNING

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GOALS FOR TODAY

- Share an approach to space planning based on functions and the importance of keeping collection storage, access, and work areas functionally separate
- Build your knowledge confidence in recognizing functionally appropriate space
- Introduce the questions and analysis that should precede any space planning effort



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WHAT MAKES A STORAGE SPACE ACCEPTABLE?*









Minimal daylight



No pests

Ability to elevate collections 4 inches off floor

• Location above flood plain



* New York State Archives minimum criteria for off-site storage





THREE CORE FUNCTIONS



Collection storage



Collection management



Access to collection



PICK YOUR SCENARIO

GATHER DATA



YOUR COLLECTION

- What's in your collection?
- What's the projected level of growth?
- What are your collection's environment needs?
- How much does it weigh?
- How is your collection housed?



















ENVIRONMENT, SECURITY, AND FIRE PROTECTION

MISSION CRITICAL

What are the recommended environmental conditions for your collection?

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Do you have access control and perimeter security?



Do you have provisions for fire detection and suppression?

FURNITURE

- Does your furniture serve the functional need?
- Is it sturdy, safe, and ergonomic?
- What is the footprint?









TRANSPORT AND MOVEMENT

- How does collection intake work?
- What are your largest collection items?
- Are your doorways wide enough?
- Do you have multiple storeys?
- Do you have an elevator?









ADJACENCIES



What's your workflow?



What functions need to be adjacent?



What functions need to be separate?

BUILDING STRUCTURE

What kind of roof do you have?

Ceiling height?

What is your building made out of?

Where are your windows?

What's the floor load? Do you know it?

HEALTH AND SAFETY

Is your storage furniture stable and secure?

Are aisles wide enough?

Are emergency exits passable?

Is your collection management furniture comfortable?







SCENARIO I

I want to provide better space for

- Collection storage
- Collection management
- □ Access to collection
































SCENARIO 2

I want to create a new space for

- Collection storage
- Collection management
- □ Access to collection

PROGRAMMING PROCESS*



FEASIBILITY STUDY



PROGRAMMING PROCESS*





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