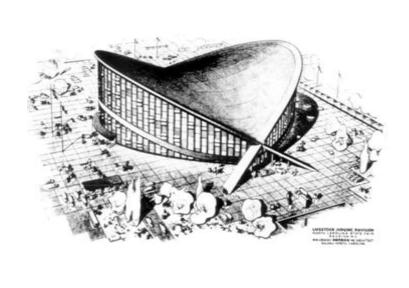
Changing the Landscape of Architectural Records Processing Linda Sellars



Proposed 2-year, CLIR-funded project to arrange, describe, and make available six modernist architect and landscape architect collections:

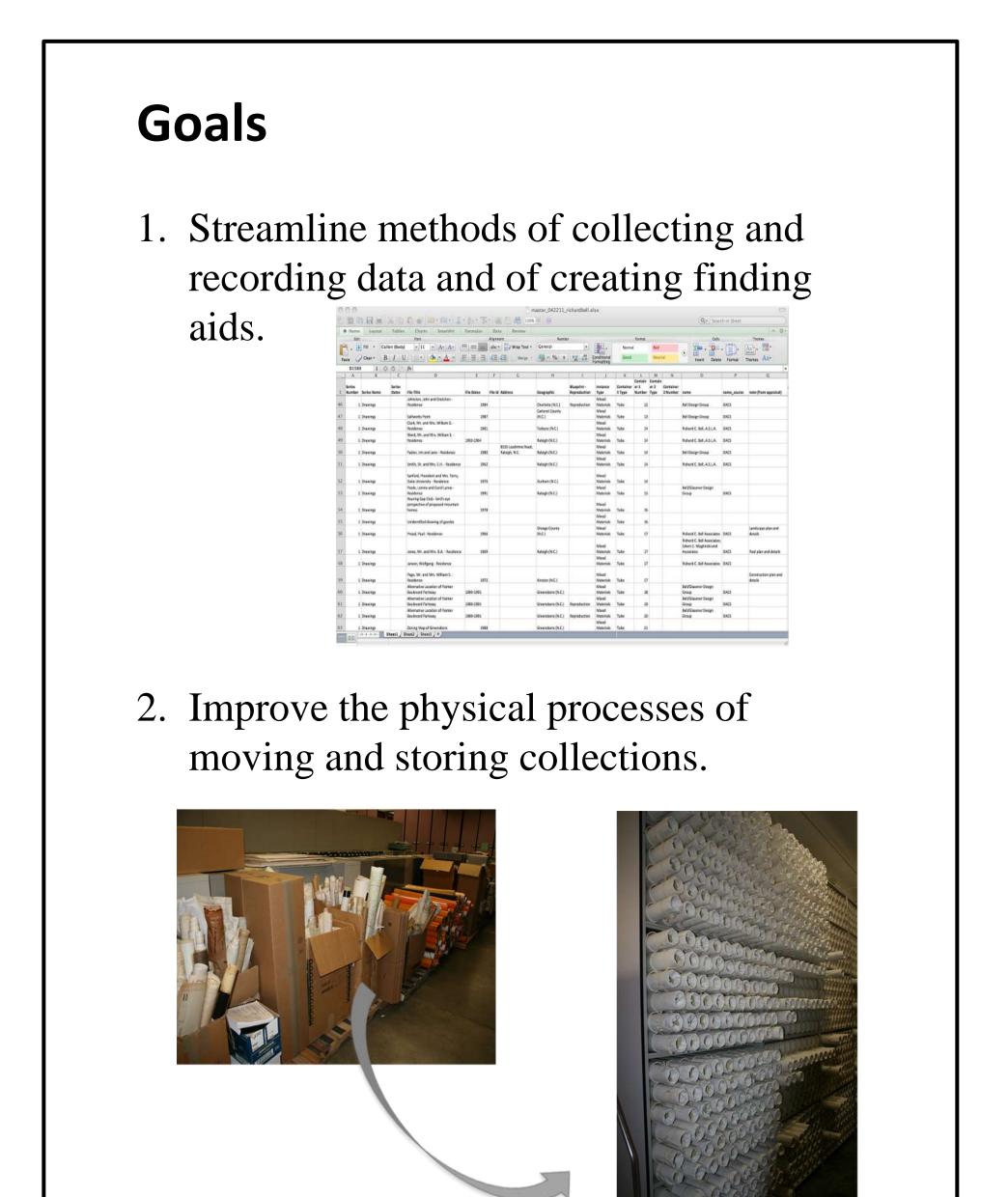
40,000 original drawings + project files Approximately 1,200 linear feet





Accomplished Year 1: Processed all six of the proposed grant collections, which measured 1336 linear feet

Year 2: Processed 43 additional collections measuring 1089 linear feet, for a 2-year total of 49 collections and 2425 linear ft.



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Methods

(1) Consulted with potential users about which metadata are most important to them.





(2) Adapted and applied *Standard Series for* Architecture and Landscape Design Records: A Tool for the Arrangement and Description of Archival Collections by Kelcy Shepherd and Waverly Lowell and "More Product, Less Process: Pragmatically Revamping Traditional Archival Processing" by Mark A. Greene and Dennis Meissner



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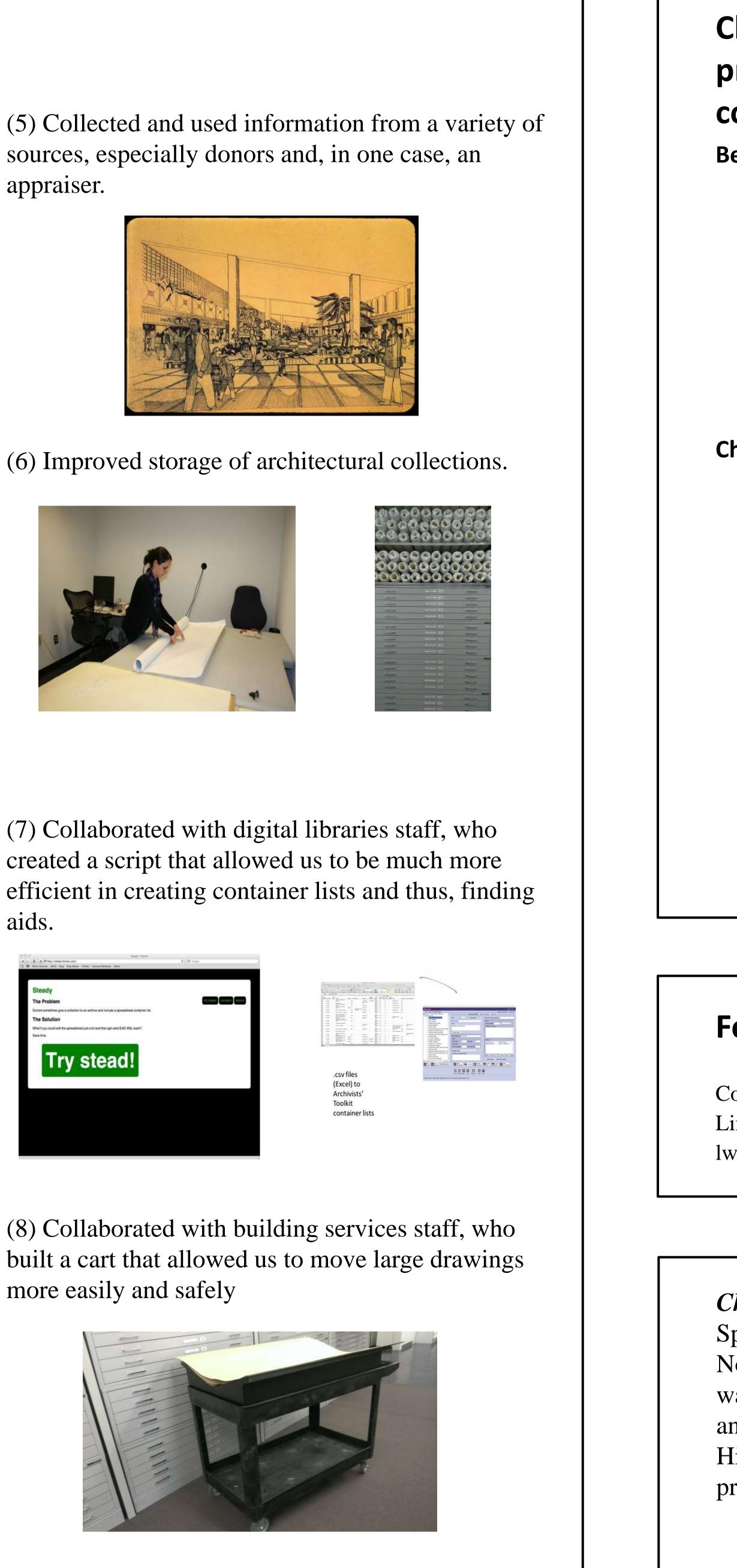
(3) Described material at project level.

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(4) Had student workers collect information as they rehoused drawings and files







Challenges and benefits of processing architectural collections

Benefits

- These collections are critical to understanding the environment in which people live, work and define their community
- They have wide appeal and research value beyond the field of architecture
- They document professional activity and are artistic artifacts

Challenges

- Architectural drawings are large and therefore require a great deal of space for both processing and long-term storage
- Architectural collections tend to be large as practicing architects are required to save materials for legal purposes
- Large amounts of supplies are required for most architectural collections and the supplies themselves are large
- Cost of processing large collections of large materials

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