



Worst Case Scenario: Preparing Alberta's Archives for Future Disasters

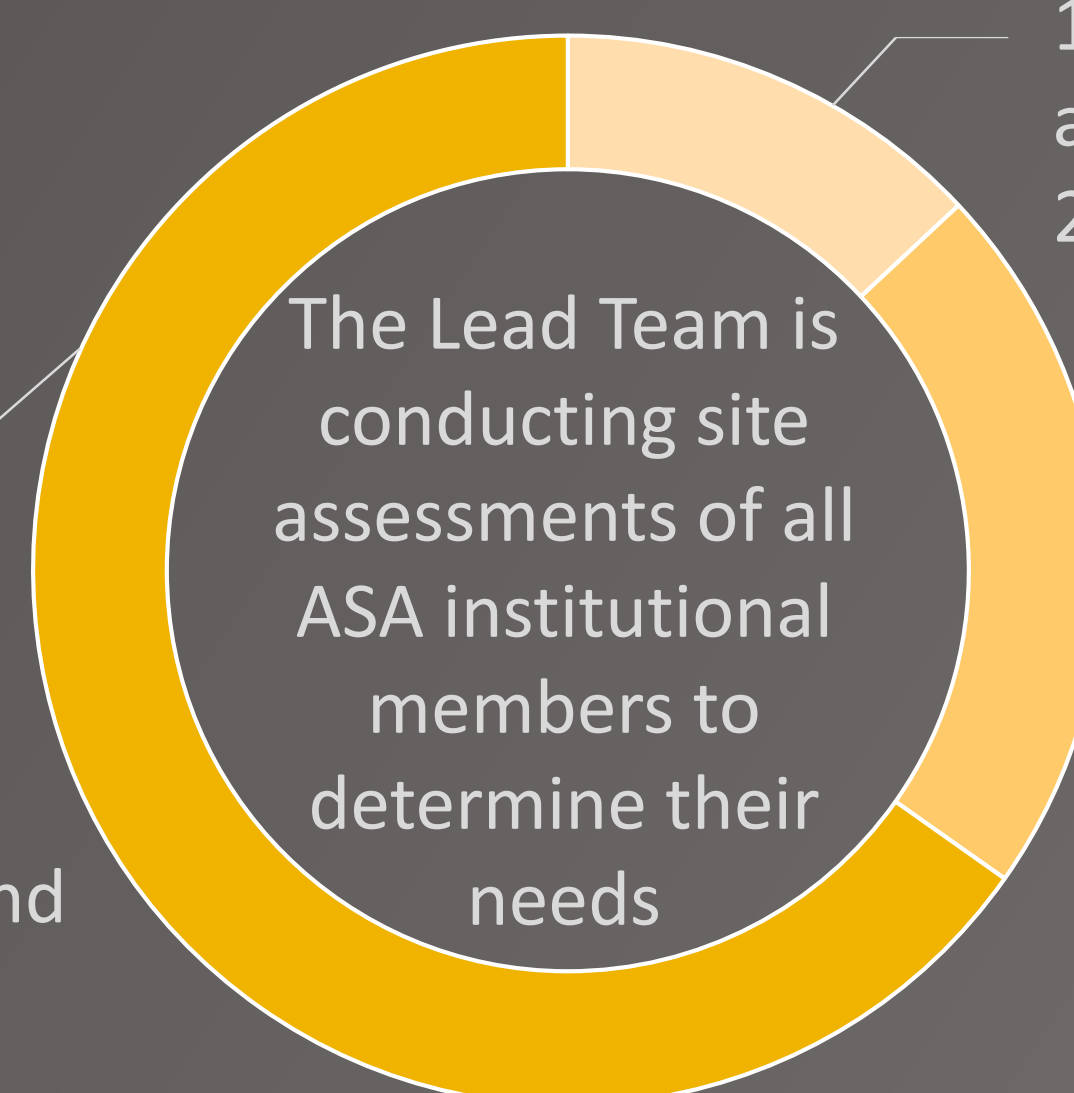
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Project Details

- Flooding across Alberta, Canada in June 2013 affected many archival institutions
- Archives Society of Alberta (ASA) received a grant to help with salvage, recovery and future disaster preparedness
- Lead Conservator and Lead Archivist hired to assist institutional members with conservation treatments, contextual recovery of damaged records and disaster planning

ASA Institutional Members

63% of members require assistance with preventative conservation, disaster planning and archival principles



The Lead Team is conducting site assessments of all ASA institutional members to determine their needs

Disaster Salvage and Recovery

- Contract conservators and archivists hired to conduct the work planned by the Lead Team, such as treating the archival records and reuniting the descriptions with the damaged records



Disaster Preparedness

- Provide advice on writing disaster plans
- Purchase supplies for disaster kits
- Create disaster scenarios for staff training
- Offer online resources for disaster preparedness and remediation

Collaboration

- Interdisciplinary Lead Team bring expertise from both the conservation and archival science fields
- Provide institutional members with best possible advice and support

Next Steps

- Continue to conduct site assessments
- Continue to build online resources
- Offer workshops and educational resources on disaster recovery and preparedness

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