The Challenge of Storm King Art Center’s Archival Landscape: Creating Collective Space for the Site-Specific

Encompassing 500 acres and over 100 artworks, Storm King Art Center, a sculpture park in the Lower Hudson Valley, is most vividly experienced on-site. A recent archival initiative to share the history of its place-based art collection served as the impetus to map Storm King’s memory infrastructure in a way that welcomed the public to explore the landscape of its past. An open-source relational database has enabled the integration of varied assets, which span decades of institutional development.

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Artwork details, including acquisition and conservation records of artworks

Documentation of artwork placement on the grounds, including special exhibitions and re-siting of the permanent collection

Visual documentation and plans relating to on-site landscape architecture, including the remediation of a former mining site

Special collections, including paintings, photographs, and drawings, that highlight seminal relationships with artists

Print materials relating to exhibitions and public programming

An oral history collection with artists and institutional leaders

Multi-media collection, including reference materials and original documentation

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