



# SAVING YOUR Treasures

*A Website about what you can do to protect and preserve the things of importance in your life*



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### THE HERITAGE HEALTH INDEX

The Heritage Health Index is the first comprehensive survey ever conducted of the condition and preservation needs of our nation's collections. The project was conceived and implemented by the non profit organization Heritage Preservation, Inc. in partnership with the federal Institute for Museum and Library Services and other funders.

#### Heritage Health Index Results

***A Public Trust at Risk: The Heritage Health Index Report on the State of America's Collections*** (<http://www.heritagepreservation.org/HHI/summary.html>) was published in **December 2005** (<http://www.heritagepreservation.org/Update/2006/06wiNYPL.HTM>) and concludes that immediate action is needed to prevent the loss of 190 million artifacts that are in need of conservation treatment.

**Results** (<http://www.heritagepreservation.org/HHI/execsummary.html>) of the Heritage Health Index attracted major **media attention** (<http://www.heritagepreservation.org/HHI/news.html>). Throughout 2006, the data was been presented at association conferences, and this **selected data** (<http://www.heritagepreservation.org/HHI/data.html>), as well as a downloadable **PowerPoint presentation** (<http://www.heritagepreservation.org/HHI/download.html>), are posted on the Heritage Preservation web site. With support from The Henry Luce Foundation, Heritage Preservation has also produced an analysis of **Heritage Health Index data** on American art collections (<http://www.heritagepreservation.org/HHI/Luce.html>).

*A Public Trust at Risk* provides an excellent opportunity for institutions to educate governing boards, local and state decision-makers, and community funders about the preservation of collections.

Heritage Preservation is actively tracking how the Heritage Health Index data has helped institutions advocate for their collections. Please send your comments to [survey@heritagepreservation.org](mailto:survey@heritagepreservation.org) or via their brief, **five-question feedback form** (<http://www.formdesk.com/heritagepreservation/HHI>).

The Heritage Health Index is a project of Heritage Preservation, in partnership with the Institute of Museum and Library Services, a federal agency. To learn more about the survey and its findings, visit:

<http://www.heritagepreservation.org/HHI/index.html>.

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