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Learning Units: 1.50-Intermediate level

Training Units: 0.375-Training Area 2 (Site and Environmental Analysis)

Explore the symbiosis between preservation, technology, and sustainability in the renovation of the United Nations Headquarters in New York City. Specific initiatives that are being undertaken to enhance the sustainability of the complex will be discussed in relationship to the project preservation guidelines to show that it is possible to sympathetically renew both fabric and meaning in a large modern cultural resource without sacrificing high building performance.

Learning Objectives:

- Demonstrate the unique issues relevant to the preservation of a large modern building complex such as lighting quality, expressing mid-century vs. contemporary building technology, and decisions concerning repair or replacement of industrial materials
- Describe unique approaches being taken to green the headquarters; how a combination of low- and high-tech initiatives, executed with a constant eye to preserving the quality of the resource can result in a high performance, historically sensitive renovation
- Assess the delicate balance of deference and innovation that is involved in integrating new design features within and as additions to the historic fabric of an iconic, world renowned modern building

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