

TenStep, Inc. and EarthPM share a common interest in green project management, and how project management processes may be enhanced to consider the environment. In conversation with EarthPM, TenStep was invited to review and provide additional thoughts in support of the proposal to change PMBOK® Guide V5 to include environmental aspects.

GreenPM™ (green project management), coined by Tom Mochal and Andrea Krasnoff, is a concept in its infancy with a goal of incorporating an organization's environmental aspects into project management processes. It is a model where we think green throughout our project and make decisions that take into account the impact on the environment, if any. It is a way to ingrain "greenthink" into every project management process. The point about green project management is not that we make every decision in favor of the one that is most environmentally friendly. The point is that we start to take the environment into account instead of ignoring it. You might make most decisions the same as you do today. But there might be some decisions you would make differently. We believe that the PMBOK® Guide is a natural next step for increasing awareness throughout the project management community in how to consider the environment in any project.

EarthPM is a collaboration between Rich Maltzman and Dave Shirley and is dedicated to the intersection of green and project management.

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