This issue of *EM* is devoted to professional development and awareness of career-pathing, as they relate to the environmental profession. Much of the material in this issue is derived from interviews and first-hand experience (articles begin on page 6).

Please don’t rush to judgment that an issue of *EM* devoted to professional development is geared toward those who are only just beginning their careers. That couldn’t be farther from the truth. Seasoned professionals will likely be exposed to discussions and concepts that lend value to their daily lives and help them understand the developmental needs of others.

The goal of this issue is to provide insight and experience that has the potential to be valuable to every professional, regardless of age, experience, or background. The authors sincerely hope that you take a moment of introspection as you move through the articles and use the experiences of others for the purposes of improving yourself.

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