##### **Join the Resilient Land Use Cohort (RLUC):**

##### **A Technical Assistance and Knowledge Sharing Opportunity**

**District Council Application Packet**

**Statement of Interest Form due Monday, February 28, 2022, at 12pm ET**

**RLUC Overview**

From increased flooding to extended droughts and extreme heat, the changing climate poses severe threats to cities and communities, especially communities that have been historically marginalized by land use decisions, and therefore face disproportionate risk and recovery needs. The [Resilient Land Use Cohort](https://americas.uli.org/resilient-land-use-cohort/) (RLUC) aims to leverage ULI member expertise, in partnership with local stakeholders, to prepare communities for the impacts of climate change and enhance social equity through land use and development strategy. Funding for the cohort is provided by the ULI Foundation with support from JPMorgan Chase.

RLUC is a growing network of District Councils, including staff, community representatives and local ULI member advisers who advise on immediate resilience needs through technical assistance panels (TAPs) and engage in regular peer learning opportunities over an 18-month period to share strategies, resources, and best practices. The upcoming cohort will launch in spring 2022.

This Cohort will have a strong emphasis on supporting community-based organizations that may already be tackling these complex challenges. Therefore, the cohort will be made up of **5 District Councils and their communities, providing direct technical assistance to 3 local government sponsors and 2 community-based organizations sponsors in total.** ULI’s Urban Resilience program staff are available to help brainstorm scope and identify partners that may be suitable TAP sponsors.

More information about the RLUC program and TAP process can be found at the end of this packet.

Completed Statements of Interest forms must be emailed to resilience@uli.org by 12 pm ET on Monday, February 28, 2022, to be considered for this opportunity. Questions should be directed to Lindsay Brugger, Vice President of the Urban Resilience program at lindsay.brugger@uli.org.

**Resilient Land Use Cohort Statement of Interest Form**

Complete this form to express interest in participating in the Resilient Land Use Cohort. Statements of Interest are due Monday, February 28, 2022, at 12 pm ET to resilience@uli.org.

**Applicant Name:**

**Applicant Role and District Council:**

**Email and Phone Number:**

1. Why is your District Council interested in participating in the Resilient Land Use Cohort? What are you looking to gain by participating in a cohort program with other District Councils, in 150 words or fewer?
2. A Technical Assistance Panel (TAP) is a central component for RLUC. Please describe either the overall opportunity or need for climate resilience-focused technical assistance in your region or the specific TAP concept you would like to pursue. If the TAP idea is developed, please address as much of the following as possible in 300 words or fewer:
	1. What is the general purpose of the TAP?
	2. Is there a specific site or policy/program that has been identified as the focus of the TAP? If so, please provide a description of the site or policy/program, its role related to climate resilience for social equity, and the community/demographic context.
	3. Are there are any recent or upcoming real estate developments, planning processes, and/or community events in your area that have implications for this TAP?
3. Which types of environmental risks or resilience issues does your region, or the selected TAP site, face (for example, drought, storm surge, sea level rise, urban heat island, earthquake, or wildfire, etc.)?
4. Climate change disproportionately impacts low income and communities of color in terms of preparedness before and recovery after an extreme event. How would your TAP concept address such inequities?
5. What is the status of conversations about this TAP concept with a municipality or community-based organization as a potential sponsor? Please also list potential partner organizations that may support execution and promotion of the TAP and coinciding recommendations. Note if ULI has partnered with these groups before.
6. Please describe your current TAP program, including number of TAPs per year and governance structure (such as a TAPs committee). List any key member leaders, if available.
7. What is the desired time-period of the TAP to take place? Note that TAPs, associated reports, and the start of implementation efforts should be complete by February 28, 2023. See more information about the anticipated TAP timeline in the RLUC TAP Applicant Resources section.
8. A match is not required to participate in the program, however, identifying local funds will create additional opportunities to support the local initiative and are an indicator for implementation success. Do you anticipate securing local funds?

**RLUC TAP Applicant Resources**

The Urban Resilience program is eager to collaborate with District Councils interested in participating in the next Resilient Land Use Cohort. Applicants should review the following information outlining expectations when participating in this program.

RLUC Timeline and Technical Assistance Panel (TAP) Process

RLUC will launch in Spring 2022 and conclude by Fall 2023. During this period, the Urban Resilience Program will invite cohort members to regular convening opportunities to network with and learn from each other and national experts.

A TAP is a 1 to 2 day engagement, or comparable virtual exercise, that draws expertise from the local ULI membership within the community to address local land use challenges.

District Councils should anticipate 4 to 6 months of preparation time in advance of the TAP date(s). This includes identifying a TAP sponsor and partners, panel scoping and recruitment, and making logistical arrangements. After the TAP, the final report development process will take about 3 months. Applicants should also plan for a few months after the panel (~6 months) to begin implementation.

Sample Resilience TAP Concepts:

* Strategies for a community or specific site to address coastal flooding
* Urban design, planning, or zoning approaches to address extreme heat
* Implementation and funding models for a climate adaptation plan or a resilience strategy
* Finance, funding, and implementation strategies for green infrastructure or flood infrastructure
* Providing real estate sector input into upcoming resilience strategies or other planning initiatives

Explore past TAP topics on the RLUC [webpage](https://americas.uli.org/resilient-land-use-cohort/).

RLUC Budget

Each participating District Council will receive a $10,000 grant to cover direct expenses related to hosting one TAP (venue rental, catering, etc.) and staff time.

There is no match required to participate in RLUC. However, local funding would create additional opportunities to support the TAP and corresponding efforts to implement TAP recommendations.

RLUC Roles and Responsibilities

ULI District Councils, with the support of the Urban Resilience program, will work with a local TAP committee or steering group, which includes nominated member advisers, responsible for supporting the proposed TAP.

*District Council TAP Committee/ULI Member Advisers*

The RLUC TAP should be managed by an existing TAP committee if one exists. If a committee does not yet exist, the RLUC TAP could be managed by a new committee, or a relevant existing group such as a Sustainability or Resilience Committee. This group will assist in:

* Scoping the panel problem statement and questions
* Recruiting local members to volunteer as panelists
* Potentially volunteering themselves as panelists on TAPs
* Reviewing background materials
* Sharing panel updates with the RLUC cohort during virtual or in person convenings and connect with other members supporting RLUC
* Lend expertise after the TAP to support the implementation of recommendations

*ULI District Council and Urban Resilience program staff*

ULI District Council staff and the Urban Resilience program will collaborate to host the TAP and will agree division of role and responsibilities on the initial kick-off call. Staff responsibilities to be split and coordinated between the Urban Resilience and District Council teams include:

* Manage all pre- and post-panel work with the panel sponsor, including scoping the panel assignment, determining format (virtual or in-person) and supporting the development of briefing materials
* Recruit panelists, building from the recommendations of the TAP committee
* Support outreach to local entities in coordination with the panel sponsor
* Manage the panel budget
* Manage panel logistics, including booking meeting space, catering and panelist reimbursements
* Write and design the final report (managed by Urban Resilience program, with input from District Council staff)
* Organize participation in cohort activities and national convenings
* Develop and implement a communications and marketing plan to promote RLUC project activities and outcomes
* Strategize about opportunities for follow-up within RLUC and beyond the RLUC grant period.

*RLUC TAP Sponsor*

The panel sponsor will work with appropriate ULI Urban Resilience Program and District Council staff to:

* Define the panel scope
* Develop background materials and resources for panelists
* Identify and invite local stakeholders for the panel to interview
* Promote the panel to the local community
* Provide updates on progress and opportunities for further technical assistance to ULI.

If willing, the TAP panel sponsor will also be invited to on-going RLUC convenings to share post-panel updates and connect with other community representatives for knowledge sharing and discussion around related resilience issues.

Thank you for your interest in the joining the Resilient Land Use Cohort! If you have questions or would like to brainstorm with Urban Resilience program staff, please contact Lindsay Brugger, Vice President of the Urban Resilience program at lindsay.brugger@uli.org.