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The ULI Randall Lewis Center for Sustainability in Real Estate is dedicated to creating healthy, resilient, and high-performance communities around the world.

Hot Off the Press

ULI Global Sustainability Outlook 2023
Urban Land Institute

The Sustainability Outlook annual publication, first launched in 2021, is an opportunity for ULI to share insights from member experts on the key environmental, social, and governance (ESG) issues that will impact strategic real estate and land use decision-making each coming year.

New ULI Reports and Resources

Social Spaces: Resilient Communities: Social
Social Spaces, Resilient Communities: Social Infrastructure as a Climate Strategy for Real Estate
Urban Land Institute

Social infrastructure—or the spaces communities rely on to gather and build relationships—is a core aspect of building urban resilience. Social infrastructure can reduce vulnerability to climate hazards by addressing the underlying socioeconomic stresses that exacerbate those hazards’ impact on communities. Real estate leaders can intentionally incorporate high-quality social gathering spaces as part of a holistic strategy on climate and environmental, social, and governance (ESG) goals.

Read the Report

ULI Global Green Building Policy Dashboard
Urban Land Institute

As global momentum builds for climate action, federal, state, and local governments have introduced building-sector requirements covering everything from energy and water use to climate resilience. This dashboard serves as a quick reference allowing real estate practitioners to filter by location and see a summary of key requirements related to building certifications, greenhouse gas emissions, embodied carbon, energy, electric vehicles, renewable energy, and resilience.

Access the Resource

Global Real Estate DEI Survey 2022
Urban Land Institute

The Global Real Estate DEI Survey is the only corporate study of diversity, equity and inclusion (DEI) management practices and data benchmarking in the commercial real estate industry. This second annual edition provides continued insight into impactful corporate DEI practices, regional snapshots of trends in North America, Europe, and Asia-Pacific, and employee demographics and trends of gender, age, and race/ethnicity across seniority and job functions in 2022.

Read the Report

Upcoming ULI Events

Future proofing: How climate data and tech can reduce asset risk
January 13 | 10am ET
Webinar

To price and mitigate value at risk from extreme weather events, real estate professionals can harness the power of technology. Join this session featuring climate risk researchers and responsible investing experts to hear how leading real estate professionals can use climate risk data and technology to translate climate science into better investment decisions.
Protecting Coastlines to Transform Communities: Norfolk’s Ohio Creek Watershed  
January 20 | 2pm ET  
Webinar

The Ohio Creek Watershed strategic resiliency project is not only solving the urgent need to fix flooding, but includes upgraded infrastructure, coastal defense strategies, neighborhood amenities, and public spaces. During this session, attendees will hear firsthand about a successful model of resiliency for any community facing similar flooding challenges.

ESG Innovators in Real Estate  
February 2 | 1 pm ET  
Webinar

What innovative technologies and services are driving sustainability in the real estate sector? The industry is in a state of continuous innovation to evolve with the growing standards of building performance and environmental solutions available to owners, managers, and developers of real estate. Join 3 of ULI Greenprint’s Innovation Partners: Esusu, Siemens, and Transparent Energy, along with real estate leaders as they talk through commercially ready innovations that are advancing ESG and adding value to portfolios.

Net Zero Exchange  
February 23 - December 21  
Discussion Series

The Net Zero Exchange is a regularly scheduled series of meetings to facilitate conversations and dialogues between ULI members, District Council staff, other global experts, and HQ staff. This is intended to help promote the most innovative and/or effective best practices for Net Zero. Meetings serve as an opportunity to share and exchange ideas with a presentation on a Net Zero topic, project/program updates from District Councils, and a conversation between attendees.

2023 Resilience Summit  
May 15 | 8am ET  
In-person Convening

For the first time ever, the Resilience Summit will be held in conjunction with ULI’s Spring Meeting in Toronto! The 4th annual event will take place on Monday, May 15, 2023, and will bring together leaders in the field of real estate and resiliency to share practical solutions to protect communities and investments from climate risks. Registration is now open and sponsorship opportunities, which include discounts for the Resilience Summit and Spring Meeting, are available. Click the link below for more information.
Opportunities to Get Involved

Mentorship Opportunity: ULI/Randall Lewis Health Mentorship Program
The ULI/Randall Lewis Health Mentorship Program is now accepting applications for mentors and mentees for its sixth cohort, and applications will remain open until January 19, 2023 for mentees and February 6, 2023 for mentors. The program pairs exceptional current graduate students with ULI Full Members working at the intersection of health and the built environment. For more information about the program, eligibility, and how to apply visit uli.org/healthmentors. All questions regarding this opportunity can be directed to health@uli.org.

2023 ULI Americas Awards for Excellence
Submissions are open for the 2023 ULI Americas Awards for Excellence! Submit your project or program for one of the most prestigious awards in the real estate and land use industry. Award categories include: Low-carbon Development, Resilient Development, Urban Open Space, Equitable Development, Small-Scale Development, and Open (all projects). Submissions are open to all, not just ULI members! Learn more about the categories and how to submit at uli.org/aae!

ULI Net Zero Exchange Webinar Series
Do you have a project that you think should be featured in the upcoming ULI Net Zero Exchange webinar series? Submit proposals and any questions to kara.kokernak@uli.org.

Water Wise Development Coalition kicks off in January!
The Urban Resilience program is launching a Water Wise Development Coalition on January 18th, which will convene land use and real estate professionals to advance water-smart real estate development. Please let us know about your interest in participating by responding to this survey.

Did You Miss It?

COP27: Outcomes & A Path Forward for Real Estate
Urban Land Institute
A panel of experts review and highlight the most significant takeaways from the recent COP27 conference and their implications for real estate and the built environment. Key findings include discussions on climate reparations, private sector climate disclosures, nature based solutions, and more.

Watch the Recording
Grant Opportunities for District and National Councils

Announcing the Just, Green, and Ready Communities Grant
The ULI Urban Resilience program and Greenprint Center for Building Performance are pleased to announce the launch of a new grant opportunity for District Councils in the U.S., supported by the Kresge Foundation: the Just, Green, and Ready Communities grant. This grant will support Councils in hosting events and technical assistance dedicated to building socially equitable, low-carbon, climate-resilient communities. The opportunity will launch in early 2023, and can cover District Council events, TAPs, or other technical assistance, and offers various funding levels to best match capacity. No written application is required! If you're interested, please contact Augie Williams-Eynon (august.williams-eynon@uli.org) by January 20, 2023, to express your interest and set up a meeting to discuss your proposal. To learn more, check out this flyer here and to learn a lot more, check out this Info Packet!

Lewis Center for Sustainability Spotlight

Climate Risk & Resilience Course
ULI Learning and the ULI Randall Lewis Center for Sustainability in Real Estate's Urban Resilience program have partnered to offer all attendees of the Resilience Summit, which will be held on May 15th in Toronto, a 20% coupon for the Introduction to Climate Risk and Resilience course. Simply email learning@uli.org a copy of your Resilience Summit registration confirmation and you will be sent a discount code. The discount can be applied to an on-demand version of the course prior to the Resilience Summit as well as a hybrid session that will take place in June 2023. To find out more, visit the on-demand course page.

Check out these other offerings from ULI Learning!

- Renewable Energy in Real Estate
- Prioritizing Parks and Open Spaces

New in Urban Land Online

- Making Energy Efficiency and Electrification Work for Manufactured Homes, Mame Frimpong
- Solution File: Toronto's District Energy, Charles Schilke
- Shifting Models for All-Inclusive Resorts Threatens Development of Senegal's Pink Lake, Seydina Fall
- 2022 Global Real Estate DEI Survey Results Show Broadening and Deepening of Programs, Ella Fertitta
- California Relaxes Parking Mandates to Free Up Multifamily Development - But Will Neighbors and Lenders Approve?, Jack Skelley

In the News

- San Jose Eliminates Parking Minimums, Planetizen
- Owners, Cities Lean Into LEED Amid Office Market Downturn, Commercial Observer
- John Deere rolls out new battery-powered farming and construction equipment, ZDNET
- Ditching concrete for earth to build a cleaner future, AFP News
- Ten predictions for sustainable investing in 2023: Goldman Sachs, Energy Voice

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