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

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Featured Sustainability Events at ULI Spring Meeting

For a comprehensive list of sustainability-related programming at ULI Spring Meeting in Toronto, check out the Not-So-Secret Guide to Sustainability.

2023 Resilience Summit
May 15 | 8am ET
Don’t miss your chance to attend the 2023 Resilience Summit! Learn from experts in climate, housing, equity, risk mitigation, and social infrastructure; network with leaders at the forefront of real estate and
resilience as an exclusive closing reception, and get special access to tours across Toronto.

Spots are filling quickly – [click here](#) to register, and use the code, `RESILIENCESUMMIT23` at checkout for 20% off!

**ULI Green Drinks Reception**  
**May 15 | 5pm ET**  
In conjunction with the 2023 Resilience Summit Reception, friends and partners of the Randall Lewis Center for Sustainability in Real Estate are welcome to join us for an evening of cocktails and light bites. Please email [sustainability@uli.org](mailto:sustainability@uli.org) for more information.

**BHP Forum**  
**May 16 | 8am ET**  
The sixteenth in the series of Randall Lewis/Building Healthy Places Forums will bring together leaders in land use and share information about Toronto-based projects at the intersection of health, social equity, and the built environment. The Spring Forum will focus on The Bentway—a transformational urban park underneath the elevated Gardiner Expressway and CityPlace—Toronto’s largest master-planned community adjacent to The Bentway. This Forum is open to ULI Full Members - interested Associate Members may reach out to [health@uli.org](mailto:health@uli.org).

**Coastal Forum**  
**May 17 | 8:30am ET**  
Join the Urban Resilience Program this Spring for a deep dive into the intersection of nature-based solutions and inclusive development in underserved coastal communities. Centered on the theme of achieving community resilience through promotion of innovative, equitable, and inclusive development along the waterfront, [this Spring’s forum event](#) will offer attendees the opportunity to: engage with the science basis for coastal resilience in the Toronto metro region and throughout North America, learn how coastal development can be inclusive and ensure equitable outcomes for communities, discover metrics and tools to measure and incentivize resilience interventions in coastal communities, understand climate change-related displacement's potential social and economic impacts, and explore the intersection of green development and inclusivity through nature-based solutions.

**Induction Cooking Demo**  
**May 17 | 11am ET**  
The all-electric kitchen of the future uses the latest technology powered by electricity and is smarter, safer, higher performing, and free of fossil fuels. This [induction cooking demonstration lunch event](#) will equip attendees with the knowledge to understand why we need to transition electrify our buildings, what technology is involved, and how these kitchens work with an in-person demonstration of induction cooking technology. An all-electric kitchen expert and chef, along with a ULI Member Leader will lead the attendees through this experience. The price is $25 and advance registration is required. Transportation will be provided from the conference site to the venue (level 2). Please plan to meet at the Metro Toronto Convention Centre.

**Attending Spring Meeting**? Download the [ULI Meetings app](#) for the most up to date information!
Hot Off the Press!

**Parks That Protect: Leveraging Waterfronts for Resilient Communities**

*Urban Land Institute*

As cities around the globe grapple with the mounting impacts of climate change, local leaders are looking to waterfront parks as powerful tools with which to build resilience. This report features innovative waterfront park projects from around the world that are designed to withstand storms and rising waters and protect their neighborhoods from climate threats, all while improving residents’ health and quality of life. These leading-edge case studies provide valuable insights for city officials, developers, and nonprofit partners working to create resilient waterfront parks in their own communities.

**Read the Report**

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**Upcoming ULI Events**

**ULI Net Zero Exchange: On-Site Renewables**

*April 20 | 1 pm EST*

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. The topic for April’s session is on-site renewables.

**Register Now**

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ULI’s [Water Wise Development Coalition](https://www.uli.org/water-smart) convenes land use and real estate professionals with policymakers to advance water-smart real estate development and supportive policies. The upcoming meeting will feature presentations by developers who have integrated water wise strategies into their projects, followed by Q&A and group discussion. Those who are interested in participating can
complete [this survey](#) and will be added to the invitation list.

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**Lewis Center Spotlight**

ULI congratulates and welcomes the sixth cohort of the [ULI Health Leaders Network](#). The program empowers real estate and land use professionals with the skills, knowledge, and networks to improve health and social equity outcomes in their professional practice and communities. Meet cohort 6 by clicking [here](#).

This year’s cohort represents nine countries, the public and private sectors, and a broad spectrum of professionals impacting the built environment. Throughout 2023, the Health Leaders will participate in workshops, forums, tours, and virtual learning opportunities to connect the dots between leadership, health, and social equity. At the end of March, cohort 6 convened in Washington, D.C. to learn from one another, local leaders, and to build a foundation for the year ahead.

![Cohort 6 Health Leaders tour St. Elizabeths East and pose in front of one of Washington D.C.’s first mass timber developments- Sycamore & Oak, a new community space designed by David Adjaye.](image)

**Special Announcements**
Blackstone Real Estate Portfolio Companies Join ULI Greenprint Center for Building Performance

ULI is thrilled to welcome Blackstone Real Estate portfolio companies to the ULI Greenprint community of practice. Blackstone is the largest owner of commercial real estate globally, with a $577 billion portfolio. With this addition, ULI Greenprint is a global community of more than 120 real estate owners and investors with a shared commitment to decarbonization. Learn more here and reach out to join us!

Creating More Granular CRREM Pathways for the United States and Canada

CRREM, the Urban Land Institute, and Berkeley Lab (LBNL) are partnering to create more granular CRREM pathways for the US and Canada. The project team will engage with a broad set of real estate industry stakeholders to inform this process by hosting a virtual working group. There will be four virtual working groups that are open to the public for the real estate industry to provide feedback on the project’s priorities. All real estate stakeholders are invited to join the working groups - click here to get involved! Not able to join the working group sessions but would like to provide your input? Email CRREMproject@uli.org to be included in the review of public comment.

ULI Earns 2023 ENERGY STAR® Partner of the Year Award

ULI has earned a 2023 ENERGY STAR® Partner of the Year Award from the Environmental Protection Agency for the third consecutive year. The award recognizes ENERGY STAR® partner businesses and organizations in good standing that demonstrate superior leadership, innovation, and commitment to environmental protection through energy efficiency. Read more here.

Opportunities to Get Involved

Collecting Strategies to Reduce Physical Climate Risk

How is your company responding to increasing hazard risk to assets and portfolios? Are you elevating mechanicals? Adding flood barriers? Increasing insulation, or installing storm shutters? Let us know...
through the Urban Resilience team’s survey, which will inform our upcoming Developing Resilience Toolkit. The survey closes May 1st - email august.williams-eynon@uli.org with any questions.

Partner Resources

DOE Buildings Upgrade Prize
The U.S. Department of Energy's (DOE) Buildings Upgrade Prize is designed to rapidly scale energy efficiency and efficient electrification building upgrades in communities across the country. The first phase of the prize will award up to 60 teams a prize of $200k-$400k plus technical assistance for concepts to address persistent non-technical barriers to improving energy efficiency and reducing on-site emissions in homes, commercial spaces, and communities. The goal is to develop a concept for a replicable, scalable, and innovative building upgrades initiative. Learn more about this opportunity here!

Partner Events

ILFI Living Future 23: Advocacy and Belonging
May 3-5 | Washington DC
ULI Greenprint, alongside Jacobs and Lendlease, will present on our recent report and hot topic, Nature Positive and Net Zero: The Ecology of Real Estate. We'll be talking business case for nature positive real estate and innovative case studies from the report and beyond, such as the living shorelines at Lendlease’s Clippership Wharf. Be sure to sign up and see you there!

Register Here

2023 Getting to Zero Forum
May 10-12 | Minneapolis, MN
The Getting to Zero Forum is the premier event dedicated to building decarbonization. On May 10-12, industry leaders will convene to share best practices and collaborate on opportunities to transform the built environment. Join us live in Minneapolis or virtually!

Register Here
New in *Urban Land Online*

- **How Newer-Construction Homes Fared in Florida's Hurricane Season**, Jeff Zbar
- **Asia Pacific's Largest Asset Owners Balancing Carbon Taxes and Other Policies on Road to Net Zero**, Mark Cooper
- **Zoning for more Transit-Oriented Housing Development in Massachusetts**, Michael Hoban
- **ULI Convenes Executives from Construction and Developer Industries to Build Stronger Partnerships to Reduce Embodied Carbon**, Morgan Maloney

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**In the News**

- **NJ Legislature OKs bill to make landlords, sellers warn residents about past floods**, Gothamist
- **Droughts and Floods Give CRE Owners a Reality Check on Water Resiliency**, Commercial Observer
- **Boston City Council votes to adopt new climate-friendly state building code**, The Boston Globe
- **Is Climate Change Hurting Real Estate in the West?**, HEATMAP
- **In the thick of a housing crisis, is Austin's real estate market racially equitable?**, KXAN Austin

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