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## JULY 2023 NEWSLETTER

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## Call for Proposals

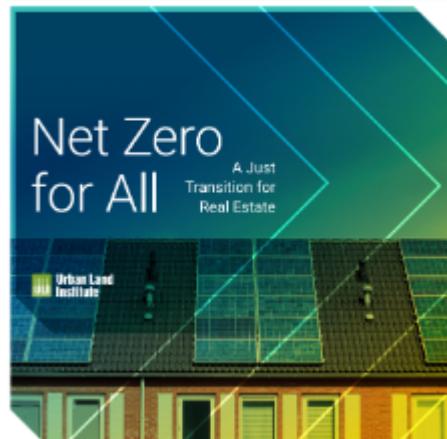
The Call for Proposals for the 2024 ULI Spring Meeting and 2024 ULI Resilience Summit is now open! Ideas for sessions can be submitted [through the application portal](#) with the option to submit sessions for one or both of the events. The deadline for submissions is Friday, September 8th.

## Upcoming ULI Events

### Net Zero for All: A Just Transition for Real Estate

**July 19 | 1 pm EST**

Real estate has an enormous role to play in dismantling existing inequities in our industry that hold us back from full decarbonization, and luckily, prioritizing social and racial equity within decarbonization helps realize better ESG and real estate for all. Join this webinar to hear leaders in the field talk about their efforts to decarbonize equitably, drawing from ULI Greenprint's recently released report.



[Register Now](#)



**Receiving Community: Building Inclusive Places to Mitigate Climate Gentrification-Driven Displacement**

**August 9 | 12 pm EST**

Climate change is transforming the communities where we live and work. As people increasingly gravitate towards lower-risk 'receiving communities', climate gentrification-driven displacement may occur. This situation demands proactive measures from stakeholders throughout the real estate industry, including local governments, private entities, and community-based organizations, to ensure that growth in receiving communities is inclusive, equitable, and minimizes displacement.

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**Net Zero Exchange: Offsite Renewable Energy**  
**August 24 | 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. 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.

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### **Building the 15-Minute Community: Leadership Strategies in Real Estate and Infrastructure**

**September 13 | 1 pm EST**

15-minute communities hold the promise of accelerating decarbonization, increasing housing affordability, reducing climate and health risks, and fostering social equity. Join this webinar for a robust conversation with global experts in infrastructure on how to leverage holistic infrastructure investment and real estate development strategies to support thriving 15-minute communities across six geographic typologies.

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## New ULI Reports & Resources



### **Building 15-Minute Communities: A Leadership Guide**

**Urban Land Institute**

This new ULI Curtis Infrastructure report shares promising insights and strategies for leveraging infrastructure investment and real estate development to create walkable, transit-oriented, sustainable, complete communities. Filled with community-scale illustrations backed by actionable decisions at different stages, this report provides leaders with a framework for setting agendas, asking the right questions, seizing opportunities, and informing the next 100 years of city building.

[Read the Report](#)

### **Transition Risk Assessment Guidelines**

Last month, ULI C Change has launched its [Transition Risk Assessment Guidelines](#), which help owners and managers remove a critical barrier in decarbonizing the built environment. The objective of these guidelines is to standardize the assessment and disclosure of transition risks up and down the value chain of real estate investment. They identify 12 transition risks which are of material impact to real estate assets now and in the future.

## Partner Resources

### **SBTi Buildings Guidance Request for Feedback**

The Science Based Targets initiative (SBTi) is developing new guidance on 1.5°C-aligned target setting for the building sector. Currently, the SBTi is undertaking a consultation to ensure that the guidance and the accompanying tool are robust, clear and practical. The consultation closes on July 16th and if you wish to participate, you can find the relevant documents and the consultation survey [here](#).

## Opportunities to Get Involved

### **ULI's Net Zero Imperative**

[ULI's Net Zero Imperative program](#) is accepting [applications for its third cohort](#), due July 31st! Have a great net zero idea or topic you'd like to submit for an NZI Technical Assistance Panel (TAP)? Reach out to your local District or National Council staff to partner and submit a proposal for this \$35K opportunity to decarbonize your community!

### **Water Wise Development Coalition**

The [Water Wise Development Coalition](#) convenes land use and real estate professionals with policymakers to advance water-smart real estate development. Those who are interested in participating can complete [this survey](#) and will be added to the invite list. It is free to participate in the coalition's quarterly virtual meetings. The coalition focuses on methods for advancing water-smart development and supportive policies, and participants have a say in meeting topics. Upcoming meetings include:

- **July 12, 3-4:30pm EST:** Featuring presentations by and discussion with developers on water-smart development strategies and ROI, including:
  - Jacob Atalla, Vice President, Sustainability Initiatives, KB Home
  - Brock Smethills, President, Sterling Ranch Development
  - Steven Kunshier, Director of Housing Development, Unison Housing Partners
  - Kyle Harris, Senior Vice President Community Development, McWhinney
- **September 6, 3-4:30pm EST:** Featuring presentations on WaterSense and Water Efficiency Rating Score (WERS) resources, followed by Q&A and group discussion. Speakers for this meeting will include:
  - Jonah Schein, National Program Manager for Homes & Buildings, WaterSense Program, US Environmental Protection Agency
  - Mike Collignon, Executive Director & Co-Founder, Green Builder Coalition

Email [Marianne.Eppig@uli.org](mailto:Marianne.Eppig@uli.org) for more information and to join upcoming coalition meetings.

## Lewis Center Spotlight



Congratulations to the [cohort 6 participants](#) of the ULI/Randall Lewis Health Mentorship Program, who were named earlier this year! The program supports professional network-building, learning, and exchange between graduate students and ULI members working at the intersection of health and the built environment. During the ULI Spring Meeting in Toronto, the Lewis Center convened the cohort for dinner with program funder and ULI Foundation Governor Randall Lewis and for sustainability-related events like the [BHP Forum](#). Learn about the health mentees' takeaways and reflections from the Spring Meeting [here](#).

## New in Urban Land Online

- [Returning Home: Advancements in Mental Health Design for U.S. Veteran Facilities](#), Stephen Parker
- [Achieving Net Zero: Five Sustainable Design Elements for Old and New Buildings](#), Mansoor Kazerouni
- [ULI Health Mentees Reflect on Their Toronto Spring Meeting Experiences](#), Emily Zhang
- [One Environment: Infrastructure Strategies Bringing Nature Back to Cities](#), Yvonne Yeung
- [Top-Down Construction: Structural Engineering Solution Reduces Costs and Embodied Carbon](#), Charles Schilke

## In the News

- [Clearing the smoke on wildfires](#), Toronto Sun
- [How are Asian co-operatives championing sustainable development?](#), World Economic Forum

- [50% of tourists want sustainable holidays despite higher costs](#), EuroNews
- [Austria's Sustainable Development Success: Moving from 9th to 5th in Global Rankings](#), Forbes
- [Solar, wind energy keeping Texas power grids running amid weekslong heat wave](#), ABC News

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