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## Upcoming ULI Events



## **Lewis Center Sustainability Forum**

**Special Programing | Monday, April 8th 11am-5pm ET**

Secure your spot for the inaugural [Lewis Center Sustainability Forum](#), which continues the spirit of the [Randall Lewis/Building Healthy Places Forums](#), at ULI's Spring Meeting on April 8<sup>th</sup> at Pier 57 in NYC. Dive into sustainable urban development, Pier 57's transformation, and equitable electrification. Availability is limited—open to Full Members attending Spring Meeting, Associate Members interested in attending can reach out to [sustainability@uli.org](mailto:sustainability@uli.org). Join us to connect, learn, and drive change in health, sustainability, resilience, and equity!

## **Resilience Summit**

**Special Programing | Friday, April 12th 8am-4pm ET**

The ULI Urban Resilience Program will host its 5th annual Resilience Summit at the NYU Kimmel Center in New York City on April 12, 2024. The Resilience Summit is ULI's flagship climate adaptation event, convening industry leaders in real estate and resilience from around the world to address the challenges and harness the opportunities posed by climate risks. As the world rallies to address the challenges of climate change, the Resilience Summit offers a platform for gaining valuable knowledge, creating meaningful connections, and catalyzing innovative solutions. [Click here for more information and to register!](#)

## ULI Southeastern Coastal Development Forum

May 13-14, 2024 | Savannah, GA

Join ULI Atlanta, ULI North Florida and ULI South Carolina for the ULI Southeastern Coastal Development Forum in Savannah, GA May 13-14. Enjoy tours across downtown Savannah, a reception at the waterfront Perry Lane Hotel, and leading-edge insights from regional experts.



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## New ULI Reports & Resources

### Get Smart: The Business Case for Grid-Interactive, Efficient Buildings

With buildings contributing to 39% of global emissions, there's tremendous potential for the real estate industry to move the needle on emissions reductions targets, including by upgrading buildings to be more responsive to environmental and utility grid conditions. In this new report, Learn how owners, managers, developers, and other real estate industry stakeholders can benefit from grid interactivity and energy efficiency in both the long and short term. [Learn More](#)

## The Materials Movement: Creating Value with Better Building Materials

In the realm of construction, every component matters—from the concrete foundations to the final brush of paint. With building materials responsible for nearly 11 percent of global carbon emissions and innumerable toxic chemicals, the choices building professionals make every day have a profound influence on human well-being, the climate, and global ecosystems. ULI's new report, [The Materials Movement: Creating Value with Better Building Materials](#), provides an introduction for real estate owners, developers, and investors to understand why and how to integrate healthy, sustainable building materials to save carbon and achieve sustainability, health, and financial goals.

[Access the report on Knowledge Finder.](#)




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## Partner Reports & Resources

### A Primer on Embodied Carbon in Climate Disclosure

Climate disclosure has become a primary focus of investors and governments seeking to understand climate impacts and risks associated with businesses. California recently enacted a [first-in-the-nation law](#) that will require large companies operating in the state to disclose their annual greenhouse gas emissions, including Scope 3 impacts. This historic development will increase emphasis on the depth and accuracy of corporate climate disclosure. [Click to read more!](#)

### Investment Opportunities in Decarbonizing Real Estate

CREO is releasing its latest research paper, Investment Opportunities in Decarbonizing Real Estate. The new flagship paper builds upon 20+ years' sectoral experience from its lead author, [Paul Rabinovitch](#) to present a solid investment thesis in decarbonizing real estate. Read the report here: <https://lnkd.in/gH5q2wcF>

## UK BBP Green Lease Toolkit

Since the original version was produced in 2008, BBP's Green Lease Toolkit has been one of its most widely utilized tools, not only in the UK, but also in other countries where it has helped to inform leading thinking on how leases can be drafted to support owners' and occupiers' sustainability ambitions. [Click here for more information!](#)

## Inflation Reduction Act: Buildings Provisions

The Inflation Reduction Act will drive massive reductions in GHG and energy costs of homes and buildings across the U.S. It will transform markets from sweeping tax incentives and rebates to investments in better building codes and improvements to public buildings. Learn more about the green building and sustainable communities provisions in the Inflation Reduction Act with [this slide presentation](#).

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## Partner Event

### [Design for Freedom Summit 2024](#)

March 26, 2024 | In-Person

Since holding the first annual summit in 2021, Grace Farms has welcomed more than 800 attendees representing industry professionals and university students united in the fight against forced labor in the building materials supply chain to create true market transformation and build a more equitable future.

### [Better Buildings, Better Plants Summit](#)

**April 2-4, 2024 | In-Person**

This annual event for Better Buildings, Better Plants partners and other key stakeholders provides the opportunity for professionals to explore emerging technologies and share innovative strategies in energy efficiency, decarbonization, water, and waste reduction. Attendees take part in interactive sessions with industry experts and market leaders as well as multiple opportunities to network with peers.

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**Did you miss it?****ULI Webinar: [The Materials Movement: Creating Value with Better Building Materials](#) (December 1, 2023)**

This webinar, based on a report published by ULI by the same title, aims to provide foundational knowledge on this issue. Attendees will walk away with a deeper understanding of the science behind material impacts on people and planet, the business case for better material choices, and strategies for reducing embodied carbon and improving material health in development.

**ULI Webinar: [Global Sustainability Outlook 2024](#) (January 11, 2024)**

In late 2023, ULI's Randall Lewis Center for Sustainability interviewed members of various sustainability-focused Product Councils in the Americas, Asia Pacific, and Europe to inform an 'outlook' for 2024. Watch this webinar to hear from industry leaders on emerging topics surrounding sustainability in real estate, why they matter, and what actions the industry should pursue in the future.

**[ULI UK Property Industry Alliance Webinar on UK Net Zero Carbon Buildings Standard](#) (January 26, 2024)**

On behalf of the Property Industry Alliance, members of ULI, IPF, BCO, CREFC Europe, BPF, AREF and the RICS were all invited to this webinar on 26th January, which discussed the UK Net Zero

Carbon Buildings Standard and consider how this could impact on the imperative to achieve Net Zero for the UK's Built Assets. [Click here to access the reording!](#)

### [ULI Healthy Places Book Talks: Inclusive Transportation](#) (January 26, 2024)

In the inaugural Healthy Places Book Talk, Veronica O. Davis discusses her book, [Inclusive Transportation: A Manifesto for Repairing Divided Communities](#), with Shonda Wang. Davis and Wang candidly dive into the challenges of making progress toward inclusivity in transportation and offer inspiration and actionable ways to better connect people with the planning process.



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## Opportunities to Get Involved

### Water Wise Development Coalition

ULI's quarterly Water Wise Development Coalition virtual meeting is coming up on March 27th from 3-4:30pm EST. This meeting will feature presentations on water-wise policies, regulations, incentives, followed by Q&A and group discussion and updates. Speakers for this meeting will include:

- Andrew D. Morris, Senior Manager of Policy and Programs for the Alliance for Water Efficiency, on state level policies and resources
- Waverly Klaw, Director of Growing Water Smart for the Sonoran Institute, on local policies and resources
- Morgan Hester, Planning Manager for the City of Colorado Springs, on how Colorado Springs updated its land use and landscape codes in alignment with its water efficiency plan goals

This coalition builds on ULI's [Water Wise Initiative](#) and convenes land use and real estate professionals with public sector decisionmakers to advance water-smart real estate development and supportive policies. Those who are interested in participating can complete [this interest form](#) and will be added to the list.

### **New Grant Opportunities (for ULI District and National Councils):**

The ULI Randall Lewis Center is offering grants to support local ULI events and programs focused on broad-tent sustainability topics. Funds are intended to support new events or programs that involve collaboration between the Council and the Lewis Center, that feature Lewis Center resources, or that focus on topics related to sustainability, health, resilience, and social and racial equity. Contact Victoria Oestreich ([victoria.oestreich@uli.org](mailto:victoria.oestreich@uli.org)) to learn more.

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## **Urban Land Links to Share**

- [UL10: Green Financing:](#)  
Ten projects take advantage of financial tools that promote environmentally positive development
- [2024 Global Sustainability Outlook: Top Five Themes In Real Estate](#)

### **THE MISSION OF THE URBAN LAND INSTITUTE**

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