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Spotlight on Impact

Every day the Lewis Center sees the impact of our programs of work, whether its driving industry change, shaping cities and regions, or cultivating champions. Here is one example:

At ULI's Spring Meeting in New York City, the Lewis Center led a **total of 21** sessions that **engaged over 2,100 attendees** on a variety of sustainability related topics. New York's Pier 57 was a vibrant venue for the one-day Lewis Center Sustainability Forum, with **over 100** people in attendance. Survey responses showed **96%** of participants found the day to be valuable and a good use of their time.



One participant noted: “Pier 57 provided the perfect backdrop for the [Lewis Center] Sustainability Forum as its redevelopment is a convergence point of so many ULI domains (i.e. urban revitalization, sustainable development, public private partnerships, public green space, community economic development).”

Another one shared: “Fantastic day overall, excellent timing, venue, mix of people, etc. Really outstanding.”

[Registration is open](#) for the **October 28-30 Fall Meeting** in Las Vegas, where you can also register for the **Lewis Center Sustainability Forum**, which will be hosted on **Monday, October 28th** at Springs Preserve. The Forum will focus on water-wise strategies for real estate, highlighting best practices from Las Vegas and the western United States.

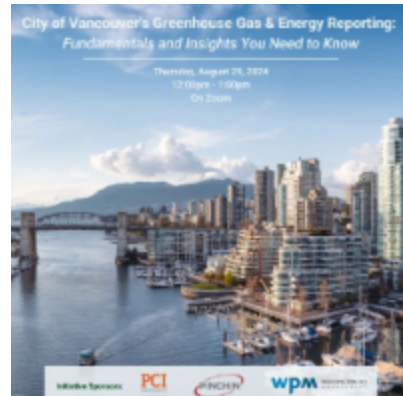
Register Now!

ULI BC: City of Vancouver’s GHG & Energy Reporting – Fundamentals and Insights you Need to Know

ULI Webinar

August 19, 2024 | 3:00 pm-4:00 pm ET

Join ULI British Columbia for the very latest in our Net Zero Imperative (NZI) series, where we share critical information and learnings from City of Vancouver’s NEW Bylaw requiring mandatory reporting on greenhouse gas emissions for commercial buildings. The panel will provide an overview of the current requirements, share guidance on compliance processes, and discuss the benefits and challenges. [Register now!](#)



ULI Philadelphia: Urban Resilience Forum 2024

ULI Event

September 12, 2024 | Philadelphia, PA

Join AIA Philadelphia, Green Building United, Preservation Alliance, and ULI Philadelphia for a joint second annual Philadelphia Urban Resilience Forum. This year's forum will explore strategies and case studies for property owners and communities to mitigate climate hazards such as extreme heat and flooding. [Register now!](#)



Pacific Summit

ULI Event

September 18-20, 2024 | Honolulu, Hawaii

Situated at the crossroads of the Pacific, ULI Hawaii's Pacific Summit bridges the gap between East and West, facilitating dialogue and connection between diverse cultures on the topics of resilience, hospitality, housing, and AI as it relates to real estate development and planning. [Register now!](#)



ULI Asia Pacific: Building Resilient Portfolios - Assessing and Incorporating Physical Climate Risks

ULI Webinar

September 25, 2024 | 9:00 pm-10:00PM ET

This webinar will delve into the influence of physical climate risks on investment strategies and portfolio valuations, and share the most recent collaborative research conducted by ULI and LaSalle Investment Management, offering insight into the current state of the industry, a flexible framework, and recommendations based on emerging best practices for integrating physical climate risk into the underwriting process. [Register now!](#)



ULI New York: Inflation Reduction Act: Implications for Real Estate

ULI Event

September 26, 2024 | NYC, NY

ULI New York has assembled an impressive panel that will give an overview of the bill's relevant provisions for the real estate sector, from the big national to local technical perspectives on provisions linked to LL97 requirements. It will present real projects and ways to reap real savings for upcoming development projects and offer the opportunity to meet with other IRA experts and hear of resources to support tax credit integration into future projects. [Register now!](#)



C Change Summit 2024

ULI Event

October 17, 2024 | Barcelona, Spain

The C Change Summit, hosted by ULI Europe, shares thought leadership on decarbonization and physical climate risk while providing multiple networking opportunities to maximize the value of your time. [Register now!](#)



ULI Fall Meeting 2024

Special Programing

October 28-30, 2024 | Las Vegas, Nevada

Meet colleagues and potential partners during networking events, interactive sessions, roundtable discussions, and small group tours. Share the latest ideas and insights. Engage in Q&A sessions and small group discussions on the forces shaping our industry. Find out what's next for infrastructure, technology, housing, public/private partnerships, mixed-use development, and so much more. [Register now!](#)



New ULI/Lewis Center Reports & Resources

[How Parks Advance Sustainability & Resilience \(Fact Sheet Library\)](#)

As communities grapple with the rising impacts of climate change, local leaders are looking to parks as powerful tools to advance sustainability and resilience. Explore the Lewis Center's new fact sheet library on how parks and green spaces can reduce carbon emissions and mitigate climate threats, all while advancing health, equity, and quality of life in urban areas!



[Reducing Risk & Increasing Transparency in the Pre-bid Process](#)

ULI Greenprint members, led by Nuveen, have come together to address the challenges of insufficient information on sustainability performance and climate risk of potential acquisitions at the pre-bid stage and created a Sustainability Pre-bid Checklist to help the buyer, seller, and broker communities coalesce around consistent sustainability data sharing and improve communication in the pre-bid process.



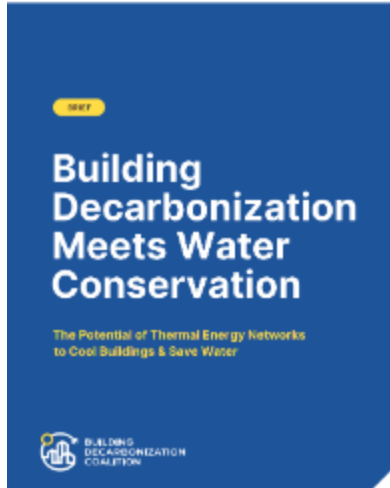
Grant Opportunities for ULI District & National Councils

Lewis Center Sustainability Programming Grants for District and National Councils (up to \$3,000):

The Lewis Center is offering grants of up to \$3,000 to support District and National Council programming focused on the key priority areas of the Center: decarbonization/net zero, healthy places, social equity, and resilience. Funding may be used to support expenses for speakers and panel discussions, programming around major global research releases, educational site visits and tours,

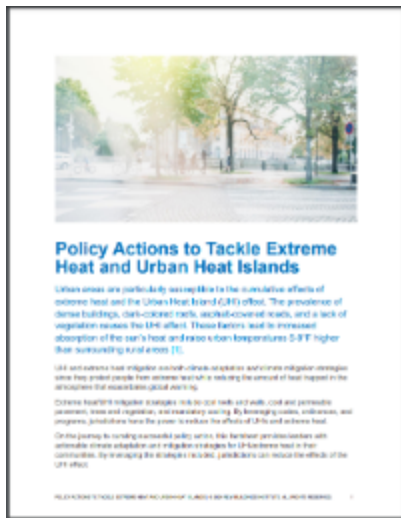
and/or travel expenses to bring Lewis Center leaders to District and National Council events. [Apply online here!](#)

Partner Reports and Resources



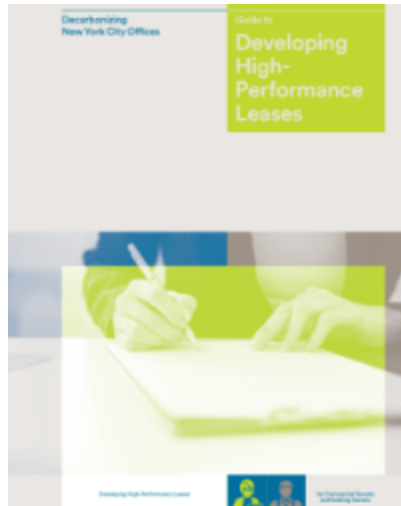
[Water-Smart Buildings: The Potential of Thermal Energy Networks to Cool Buildings and Conserve Water](#)

In this new brief, Building Decarbonization Coalition (BDC) analyzed water-savings data from ten thermal energy networks (TENs) across the U.S. and Canada, which showcases their significant water conservation potential.



[Policy Actions to Tackle Extreme Heat and Urban Heat Islands](#)

New Buildings Institute's UHI Factsheet provides code language for jurisdictions interested in acting against extreme heat and mitigating the urban heat island (UHI) effect. Previewed at the [ULI Resilience Summit](#) in April, this factsheet briefly summarizes the extreme heat and UHI mitigation strategies covered above in NBI's Extreme Heat and Urban Heat Island Code Overlay.



[Decarbonizing New York City Offices Project](#)

NYSERDA has launched a robust initiative, Decarbonizing New York City Offices project, to drive sustained decarbonization of leased office spaces and advance New York's ambitious plan to fight climate change amid an office landscape transformed by a global pandemic. It has released two actionable resources:

- [Guide to Developing High-Performance Leases](#)
- [High-Performance Clause for a Letter of Intent](#)

Partner Events

[Smart Buildings Exchange \(SBX\) 2024](#)

August 27-29, 2024 | Virtual

The virtual opening plenary session for Smart Buildings Exchange (SBX) 2024 will feature remarks by Jigar Shah, Director of the Loans Program Office at the US Department of Energy (DOE), in conversation with other panelists including Marc Daudon (The Caspian Group), Andy Hammons (Ryan Company), and Molly McCabe (HaydenTanner) in a discussion moderated by Ash Awad (McKinstry).

[Net Zero Buildings Week 2024](#)

September 16-20, 2024 | Virtual

Net Zero Buildings Week is a virtual event series that supports partnerships and collaboration across the built environment industry to collectively advance net zero buildings. Join to see the meaningful progress, spark new ideas, share resources, and expand your impact.

[Climate Week NYC](#)

September 22-29, 2024 | NYC

Climate Week NYC is the largest annual climate event of its kind, bringing together over 600 events and activities across the City of New York – in person, hybrid and online. Climate Week NYC is hosted by Climate Group, an international non-profit whose purpose is to drive climate action, fast. If you are holding an event in conjunction with Climate Week, let us know (sustainability@uli.org) so we can share it with the ULI Community!

Opportunities to Get Involved

[Call for ULI 2025 Spring Meeting Session Ideas](#)

ULI is now accepting session proposals for the ULI 2025 Spring Meeting and Resilience Summit. Be sure to complete your proposal before the deadline on October 4! Submit your proposal [here!](#)

[ULI Resilience Summit](#)

One of the many ways to get involved and showcase your company's commitment to resilience is by aligning your company's brand with the ULI Resilience Summit. Your sponsorship supports both the event itself and the ongoing work of ULI's Urban Resilience Program, advancing a brighter, more resilient future. For more information about the sponsorship program, please contact Tyniesha Mickey at Tyniesha.Mickey@uli.org

[Water Wise Development Coalition](#)

ULI's Water Wise Development Coalition 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 survey](#) and will be added to the invite list. It is free to participate in the coalition's quarterly virtual meetings and participants have a say in meeting topics. The next meeting is scheduled for **October 2nd from 3-4:30pm EST** and guest speakers will present on water-neutral development.

[ULI Sustainability & Urban Resilience Forum \(SURF\)](#)

ULI San Diego-Tijuana's newest Local Product Council, ULI SURF, is a collaborative of designers, developers, planners, policymakers, investors, and analysts unified through their passion for climate-positive design. Each year, ULI SURF will look to select a climate design topic as a guiding theme and this debut year will focus on the dual topic of extreme heat and extreme flooding -- two issues the San Diego region has been severely struggling with in recent years. Learn more by filling out the ULI SURF application form [here!](#)

New in Urban Land Magazine

- [Tishman Speyer's Morgan North Adaptive Use Project](#)
- [Stranded Portfolios: Finding Sustainable Buildings Is the "Biggest Challenge" for ESG-Minded Occupiers](#)
- [Reducing Risk and Increasing Transparency in the Pre-bid Process](#)
- [ULI Continues Building Partnerships to Reduce Embodied Carbon with Developers, Architects, and Structural Engineers](#)
- [Accelerating Climate Tech Implementation: A Systems Thinking Approach: ULI Greenprint Systems Change Workshop](#)

Did you Miss it?

- ULI Webinar: [Low-Carbon Manufactured Assembly: More Efficient, Inspired, Less Wasteful and Setting the Stage for Recyclable Cities](#) (May 8, 2024)
- ULI Webinar: [Redevelopments with Mass Timber, a Lightweight and Low-Carbon System](#) (May 15, 2024)
- ULI Webinar: [Complete Your Net Zero Toolkit: Green Leases as Tools for Improved Building Performance and Tenant Alignment](#) (June 21, 2024)

News Links to Share

- [Real Estate, Resilience and Risk Management \(BOMA 2024\)](#)
- [Tall order: Fort Lauderdale tackling 'wish list' to prep for next flash flood](#)
- [Office Owners In 'Resilience Arms Race' To Outrun Weather-Fueled Obsolescence](#)
- [ASHRAE Journal: the Magazine of HVAC&R Technology and Applications, June 2024](#)

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