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The ULI Randall Lewis Center for Sustainability in Real Estate leads the real estate industry in creating buildings and places where people and the environment thrive.

Decarbonization

Healthy Places

Urban Resilience

Around the globe, we are witnessing the impacts of a changing climate. We know that many of the people who we work with have been directly impacted by the recent hurricanes and storms. We are keeping you in our thoughts and are here to support you in the road ahead.

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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:

The Lewis Center's [Net Zero Imperative \(NZI\)](#) and [ULI Europe's C Change](#) programme collaborated with ULI Germany on a series of 2 technical assistance panels to assess and address transition risk in Berlin. Expert members offered recommendations and strategies for leveraging neighborhood-scale solutions to decarbonize buildings and for creating policy and finance tools to enable retrofits of stranded assets. NZI is a

multi-year program to facilitate public/private partnerships for city-scale net zero solutions across the globe, and just announced its fourth Cohort of ULI chapters participating.



“I love working with my talented, passionate and knowledgeable panelists to come up with ideas to meet the challenge. I was reminded that on-the-ground action is great - but when delivered within a wider framework of policy, partnership and funding impact is magnified. Change is possible.”
– Berlin Panel participant

Insights from this collaboration will also be shared at the [C Change Summit on October 17th](#) in Barcelona, Spain, and ULI Germany is seeking to replicate this engagement model in other German cities and communities.

ULI 2024 Fall Meeting



ULI's Fall Meeting 2024 will be held from October 28th-30th in Las Vegas, NV. If you haven't already, you can [register here](#) for the Fall Meeting. All sustainability-related programming can be found in our [Not-So-Secret Guide to Sustainability](#). **See below for select Sustainability programming:**

- [Lewis Center Sustainability Forum](#) | Monday, October 28th; 7:30am-3pm PT | A few spaces are still available! Register via the Fall Meeting registration soon!
- [ULI Randall Lewis Center for Sustainability in Real Estate Reception](#) | Monday, October 28th; 6-8pm PT | Please email us at sustainability@uli.org for an invitation
- [In Conversation with the 2024 ULI Prize Laureate](#) | Monday, October 28th; 9-10am PT | In talk with Dr. Robert Bullard, known as the 'Father of Environmental Justice'
- [Insurance, Physical Climate Risk & Real Estate Investment Decision Making](#) | Special program on Tuesday, October 29th; 3:30-3:50pm PT, open to all at Fall Meeting
- [Can't Achieve Net Zero Without Tenant Buy-In: Owner/Occupier Collaboration for Whole Building Decarbonization](#) | Concurrent session on Tuesday, October 29th; 4-5pm PT, open to all at Fall Meeting

Register Now!

Join the ULI Lewis Center Sustainability Exchange!

Are you ready to dive deeper into the world of sustainability? Join us for the **Lewis Center Sustainability Exchange**, a series of engaging virtual discussion sessions aimed at fostering learning and connection around the vital topics of healthy, resilient, and sustainable cities and communities. Each 75-minute Exchange will feature expert guest speakers, Q&A, time for small group breakouts, and a larger group discussion with resource sharing.

Our first session will be on Friday, November 8th from 11am-12:15pm ET: Optimizing Building Operations for Sustainability, Health, and Resilience. For full details, please visit <https://uli.org/lcexchange>. Register [here!](#)

Climate Risk & Insurance: Is the global real estate sector entering an insurability crisis?

November 13, 2024 | 10:00-11:00 AM ET

Rising insurance prices, stricter underwriting, and coverage limitations are just some of the challenges facing investors and developers in this era of heightened risk. Understanding how to assess and manage climate-related exposures is now crucial for protecting investments and ensuring long-term profitability in the real estate sector. This webinar brings together industry leaders who are at the forefront of navigating this evolving landscape for real estate insurance. [Register now!](#)



CRREM North America Project Final Update

December 4, 2024 | 12:00 PM-1:00 PM ET

ULI, Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory, and Carbon Risk Real Estate Monitor (CRREM) partnered on a project to make the North America CRREM curves more granular. This webinar will present the final set of more granular CRREM curves for the US and Canada and highlight key methodological changes, as well as discuss next steps for real estate decarbonization pathways in the region. [Register now!](#)



New ULI/Lewis Center Reports & Resources

[Surge: Coastal Resilience and Real Estate](#)

This report introduces the challenges associated with coastal hazards and provides best practices, resources, and case studies to address them. The report aims to equip real estate and community leaders with insights about opportunities to apply coastal resilience strategies that allow coastal regions not just to avert and recover from climate-related disasters, but also to thrive. Read the report [here](#).



Opportunities to Get Involved

Are You Ready to Help Shape the Future of Our Cities?

The ULI Health Leaders Network, now boasting over 250 members, is thrilled to announce the opening of applications for its eighth cohort! The program offers a distinctive mix of immersive in-person and dynamic virtual learning experiences, crafted to propel leadership development and foster knowledge exchange. Discover more about the program and the application process [here](#). Don't miss your chance to be part of this transformative network—applications are due by Monday, November 18th. [Apply now!](#)



ULI announces Net Zero Imperative Cohort 4 participants

The [ULI Net Zero Imperative](#) is excited to announce the selected participants for its fourth cohort **ULI Atlanta, ULI Chicago, ULI Germany (Berlin), ULI Hong Kong, ULI New York, ULI Northwest (Portland), ULI Philadelphia, ULI Sacramento, ULI Spain (Madrid), and ULI Washington (D.C.)**. ! The Net Zero Imperative helps cities identify actionable strategies for accelerating real estate's journey to net

zero. Congratulations to Cohort 4! Interested in getting involved or sharing your expertise as an expert panelist? Learn more about the NZI program [here](#). Apply to volunteer your expertise through this [ULI Navigator opportunity](#) or reach out [to NZI@ULI.org](mailto:NZI@ULI.org).

Applications open for the 2025 ULI Americas Awards for Excellence!

Applications are now open for 2025 ULI Americas Awards! This program has recognized superior development efforts in the private, public, and nonprofit sectors since 1979. Finalist and winning projects receive public recognition in press releases, profiles in [Urban Land](#) magazine, coverage on social media, and the opportunity to present at ULI [Fall](#) or [Spring](#) Meeting. Learn more and apply [here](#)!

Partner Reports and Resources

[Voluntarily applying ISSB Standards— A guide for preparers](#)

The International Financial Reporting Standards Foundation has published *Voluntarily applying International Sustainability Standards Board (ISSB) Standards—A guide for preparers*. The guide aims to encourage companies to start using ISSB Standards and help companies communicate to investors their progress towards applying ISSB Standards voluntarily.



[Corporate Sustainability Strategies](#)

Verdani Institute for the Built Environment's guidance outlines each step of the ESG implementation process and includes best practices for initial vision and mission statements, materiality assessments, structural integration, budgeting, policymaking and execution, reporting and certifications, and annual review procedures.



[Decarbonizing Thermal System Guide](#)

SmithGroup, in partner with the U.S. Department of Energy and American Society of Heating, Refrigerating and Air-Conditioning Engineers has developed a guide that provides best practices for right-sizing equipment, understanding how to match heat pumps to load profiles, avoiding premature failures, and getting the best decarb IMPACT out of your heat pump applications.



[Mapping Decarb Momentum: which states passed building decarbonization legislation in 2024](#)

The Building Decarbonization Coalition has released its annual roundup of building decarb legislations. You can explore the summary, Tableau dashboard, and classic google sheet bill tracker [here](#).



[LEED v5: Second public comment open Sept. 27 to Oct. 28](#)

The newest set of [LEED v5](#) rating system drafts are ready for a second public comment and review. This second public comment period is open from Sept. 27–Oct. 28 at 5 p.m. ET. To receive updates on public comments and other milestones, events and opportunities shared on an ongoing basis, complete the sign-up form on the [LEED v5 webpage](#).

Partner Events

[Unlocking the Power of Science-Based Targets for Buildings: A Deep Dive Webinar](#)

October 17, 2024 | Virtual | 10:00AM-5:00PM CET

The Science Based Targets initiative recently released the [Buildings Sector Science-Based Target-Setting Criteria](#), a groundbreaking decarbonization framework for companies and financial institutions in the buildings value chain to set 1.5°C-aligned emissions reduction targets. This webinar provides a deep dive into what near- and long-term targets look like.

New in Urban Land Magazine

- [Investing for Impact: The Rationale for Sustainable Workforce Housing](#)
- [Unlocking Whole-Building Energy Data: Commercial Building Owner Challenges and Industry Solutions](#)
- [Decarbonization at Scale: A Collaborative Path Forward](#)

Did you Miss it?

- **ULI Webinar:** [Resilience Hubs: Essential Infrastructure for Resilient Communities](#)
(August 14, 2024)

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