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Spotlight on Impact



"You have really grown this event to be such an amazing experience—the information sharing, high quality panelists . . . and the boom in attendance is so inspiring."

--2024 Resilience Summit Attendee

Join us **May 12-15, 2025** in Denver for opportunities to connect with thought leaders, share knowledge, and explore actionable strategies for a more resilient and healthy future. Two premier Lewis Center events bookend **ULI's Spring Meeting**, with over a dozen activities offered in between. Last Fall Meeting over **2,000 people** engaged in Lewis Center sessions. These events fill up to capacity and receive rave reviews:

- **[The Resilience Summit](#)** (May 15) brings together global leaders in real estate and resilience to explore innovative approaches to protecting cities and portfolios, including strategies for assessing and mitigating climate risks, how to finance resilient properties, and the role of public policy in fostering climate-prepared development. Attendees will gain valuable insights from [dynamic, participatory sessions](#) featuring tangible case studies and diverse perspectives across the real estate value chain.
- **[The Lewis Center Sustainability Forum](#)** (May 12) will celebrate the tenth anniversary of the ULI [Building Healthy Places Toolkit](#), a resource that outlines opportunities to enhance health through changes in approaches to buildings and projects. The forum will explore how the field has evolved over the past ten years, with engaging sessions and highlights of best practices in projects from Denver that holistically support positive health outcomes.

Please [Register Here!](#) Early bird pricing ends March 14th and **remember to [add the Forum and Summit](#)** before checking out!

Register Now!

ULI Central Florida: Rising Risks, Rising Costs: Navigating the Future of Property Insurance and Climate Resilience

March 12, 2025 | 8am-10am ET | Orlando, FL

Recent years have seen insurance costs rise due to factors like inflation, the increasing frequency and scale of natural disasters, reinsurance market liquidity issues, and regulatory constraints. Join expert panelists as they discuss national trends, regional insurance implications, and how



communities are preparing for increasing climate risks. [Register now!](#)

ULI Idaho Sustainability Summit 2025

March 13, 2025 | 1:30pm-7:30pm ET | Boise, ID

Join ULI-Idaho and several industry partners for a half-day conference discussing sustainability and resilience initiatives in the built environment. The Summit has developed a wide range of resources and discussion topics to help ULI members and the broader real estate and land use community better understand and implement risk reduction and decarbonization best practices. [Register now!](#)



2025 ULI Asia Pacific Summit

March 26-29, 2025 | Hong Kong, China

Registration for the 2025 ULI Asia Pacific Summit in Hong Kong SAR, opens on January 13, 2025. Mark your calendar for this premier event where industry leaders come together to shape the future of real estate and urban innovation. Gain access to a global network of senior real estate professionals from across the land use spectrum. [Register here!](#)



New ULI/Lewis Center Reports & Resources

[Green Finance Unlocked: A Primer for Sustainable Real Estate](#)

As the real estate industry continues the push towards decarbonizing the built environment, developers are looking to green finance to make projects pencil and create a strong business case for sustainable development. Check out this primer on all things green finance for an introduction to the mechanisms, examples of financing in action, and perspectives from leaders in the field!



Cold Snap: Extreme Cold and Real Estate.

Extreme cold and winter storms can cause tremendous damage, disruption, and loss of life. Damage from the five costliest winter storms from 2013 to 2022 totaled nearly \$50 billion. The Lewis Center's new report, Cold Snap, introduces real estate owners, developers, and investors to the risks posed to real estate by extreme cold and other hazards typically associated with winter, presents the business case for cold-resilient buildings, and identifies potential mitigation measures.



Upcoming Convenings

Water Wise Development Coalition

February 12, 2025 | 3pm-4:30pm ET | Virtual

Join ULI's quarterly [Water Wise Development Coalition](#), convening land use and real estate professionals with public sector decisionmakers to advance water-smart real estate development and supportive policies. The coalition is free to join, with participants collaborating on future meeting topics. In the next virtual gathering on Feb. 12, guest speakers will present on the topic of data-driven water and land use forecasting and planning, followed by a Q&A, group discussion, and resource sharing. [Join the Coalition!](#)

2025 ULI Housing Opportunity Conference

February 25-26, 2025 | Atlanta, GA

The Housing Opportunity Conference convenes a mix of housing industry professionals with one common goal – to expand housing opportunities in communities. Learn about cutting edge research and best practices in the housing industry and engage with a diverse, multi-sector group of industry leaders in **Atlanta, GA**. [Register now!](#)

ULI's 6th Annual Resilience Summit

May 15, 2025 | 8:30am-4pm MST | Denver, CO

You are invited to join from across the country and the globe for ULI's flagship climate adaptation event, May 15 in Denver, Colorado. Convene with industry leaders in real estate and resilience from around the world to address the challenges and harness the opportunities posed by climate risks. [Learn more and register today!](#)

Partner Reports and Resources

Climate Resilience Grant Opportunity

The **Climate Smart Communities Initiative**, partnered with ICF International, is now accepting applications for grants to help communities across the country accelerate their climate resilience plans and projects. The awards come with approximately \$100,000 in funding with training and technical support to cover activities from risk assessments and community engagement to project prioritization and initial implementation. Read more [here](#).

Sign On Letter to Support WaterSense

The Alliance for Water Efficiency, the International Association of Plumbing and Mechanical Officials, and Plumbing Manufacturers International have written the letter below in support of the US EPA's [WaterSense Program](#). To add your organization's name to support this letter or learn more, please email AWE's Policy Director, Andrew Morris. [Click here](#) to view the Support Letter.

Partner Events

[International Mass Timber Conference](#)

March 25-27, 2025 | Portland, Oregon

Join the largest gathering of mass timber experts in the world that focuses on the entire industry supply chain. Explore the opportunities and obstacles in global design, construction, development, manufacturing, and more with a special commercial real estate track curated by ULI PNW.

[International Conference on Urban Affairs](#)

April 15-19, 2025 | Vancouver, Canada

The International Conference on Urban Affairs is the major annual research conference in urban-related fields. Join the convening to connect and learn about fascinating urban research and trends, take insightful field excursions, and discover opportunities for new productive partnerships.

[Better Buildings Summit](#)

April 30 - May 2, 2025 | Capital Hillton, Washington, DC

Join the U.S. Department of Energy's Better Buildings' Better Plants Summit for engaging and interactive sessions, as well as opportunities to network with your fellow industry peers and experts. Stay in the know about sessions, plenaries, special events, and more by signing up for updates [here](#).

Other/Misc

ENERGY STAR NextGen™ Certification Available

ENERGY STAR NextGen certification builds on the popular ENERGY STAR certification to recognize commercial and multifamily buildings that are not only energy-efficient, but also low-emissions. Application starts on **February 24**. Find out if you qualify [here](#).

Request for Information Regarding Resilience Measures and Insurance Coverage

Housing providers have experienced significant increases in property insurance premiums and deductibles in the past several years, along with reductions in insurance coverage, added requirements, and withdrawals of insurance companies from certain markets. Through this Request for Information (RFI), HUD seeks public input regarding how best to assess measures to increase the resilience of residential properties to natural hazards and extreme weather. Learn more and respond [here](#) by **February 28, 2025**.

[Green Lease Leaders](#) Application Opens Soon!

This program provides guidance to practitioners on methods and strategies for integrating environmental efficiency and social equity goals into leasing practices and recognizes companies who have integrated this approach into practice. Application **opens on February 3, 2025** and **closes on April 11, 2025**. Learn more [here](#).

Did You Miss it?

ULI Webinar: [Quantifying Transition Climate Risks in Real Estate Investment Models: The Development of the Preserve Tool \(January 29, 2025\)](#)

News in Urban Land Magazine

[Multifamily Building Electrification: How San José is Prioritizing Equity and Health](#)

News Links to share

- [Resilience and Rebuilding: LA's Uncertain Housing Future](#)
- [Drought Can Hit Almost Anywhere: How 5 Cities that Nearly Ran Dry Got Water Use Under Control](#)

- [California's FAIR Plan Gets \\$1 Billion Bailout After L.A. Fires](#)



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