April 2021

The ULI Center for Sustainability and Economic Performance is dedicated to creating healthy, resilient, and high-performance communities around the world.

ULI Spring Meeting

May 10-12, 2021

Don't miss out on ULI's Spring Meeting this year! This is your opportunity to engage in candid discussions, grow your network, and re-establish past connections as you debate important changes that will impact the built environment and shape our industry during the post-pandemic recovery. Make sure to check out sessions on sustainability, resilience, and health from the Center for Sustainability and Economic Performance. To access all of this exciting content, register for Spring Meeting here.

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ULI Spring Meeting Sustainability Sessions

ULI's Center for Sustainability and Economic Performance is hosting and supporting a variety of sessions during the 2021 ULI Virtual Spring Meeting. The sessions include:

- May 11, 3:15-4:15pm ET: ULI Center for Sustainability and Economic Performance Happy Hour
- May 11, 4:15-5:00pm ET & May 12 1:00-3:00pm ET: ULI Coastal Forum
- May 12, 12:00-1:30pm ET & May 14, 12:00-1:30pm ET: Owner/End User Sustainability Forum
- May 12 3:30-5:00pm ET & May 12, 3:30-5:00pm ET: Randall Lewis/ULI Building Healthy Places Forum: What's New & Next: Exploring Our Changing Built Environment
- And more!

To view a full schedule of sustainability related events at ULI's Spring Meeting, click here.

CHECK OUT THE FULL SCHEDULE HERE

Upcoming Events

The Evolution of Sustainability Programs: From Energy Efficiency to Health, Resilience, and Zero
April 23, 2021
12:00-1:00pm ET

Join the final webinar in the Blueprint for Green Real Estate webinar series. This webinar will show how ESG in real estate has expanded over time, from basic energy, water, and waste considerations to climate adaptation and resilience, health and well-being, social and racial equity, and embodied carbon.

Register & Learn More

Building Healthy Places Book Club

April 29, 2021
4:00-5:15pm ET

Our spring selection is Brave New Home: Our Future in Smarter, Simpler, Happier Housing by Diana Lind. We held a kickoff event in early April, and we will host two more virtual meetups for the title, including Mid-Book Discussion Groups on April 29 and a talk with the Author on May 27. All sessions take place at 4pm ET via Zoom.

Register & Learn More Here

Braving the Storm: Strategies for Coastal Resilience

May 26, 2021
1:00-2:00pm ET

As the 2021 hurricane season draws closer, flood preparedness and coastal management are increasingly at front of mind for industry professionals and city decision makers in waterfront and inland communities. Join this webinar to explore strategies at multiple scales to enhance preparedness, from investment in infrastructure to building design, and floodplain buyouts. Email resilience@uli.org to register. Registrants will be receive an exclusive first look at the new research report, On Safer Ground.

ULI Exclusive: Wildfire Resilience Demonstration with IBHS

June 15, 2021
11:30am-12:30pm ET

This webinar will provide the opportunity to watch a live video feed from inside the Insurance Institute for Business & Home Safety (IBHS) Research Center during a wildfire demonstration to show the effectiveness of resilient building materials and landscaping when facing realistic wildfire conditions. A conversation and audience Q&A with ULI members who have implemented these wildfire resilience techniques will follow. Register for this free event through your local District Council.

Did you miss it?
Environmental Justice and Real Estate - Where To From Here?

The real estate sector has played a major role in determining which communities experience greater environmental, climate, and health risks – through decisions or support of infrastructure, transportation, renewable energy, building materials, and site location. This Responsible Property Investment Council webinar heard from organizations on the front lines of the environmental justice movement about their work and how real estate actors can continue supporting positive change.

View the Recording

- Real Estate's Pandemic Year: COVID One Year In, And What Comes Next | View Recording

- Building Transit-Oriented Suburban Communities: How Healthy, Equitable Development Can Leverage Transportation Investments | Coming Soon to Knowledge Finder!

ULI Reports and Resources

Global Goals: A Primer on The UN Sustainable Development Goals for Real Estate

Global Goals: A Primer on The UN Sustainable Development Goals for Real Estate provides a general overview of why real estate firms are aligning with the SDGs, how they assess which of the SDGs are relevant to their business, how they align with the SDGs, and how they are being reported on, using current examples from the industry.

Read Full Report

The Pandemic and the Public Realm

Featuring more than 30 innovations in the public realm since public health measures began in Spring 2020, The Pandemic and the Public Realm: Global Innovations for Health, Social Equity, and Sustainability showcases how cities around the world have implemented transformative changes to the public realm to address new challenges and meet new needs during a time of crisis.

Read Full Report

On Safer Ground
A new report, *On Safer Ground*, explores how floodplain buyout programs are affecting real estate and land use, as well as opportunities to leverage these programs to offer green infrastructure and open space. The report will be released May 26th after the *Braving the Storm: Strategies for Coastal Resilience* ULI Global Webinar.

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### Opportunities to Get Involved

**District Council Partnerships for Health Equity**

The ULI Building Healthy Places Initiative is offering grants, as well as technical assistance, to up to six North American district councils to cultivate and establish partnerships with local organizations to examine local histories of discrimination in land use and transportation, and their impact on health outcomes. Partnerships will also prepare action agendas for change to address antiracism and health equity. More information on the funding opportunity and how to apply can be found [here](https://www.uli.org).  

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### New in *Urban Land Online***

- **Marking Earth Day 2021: Restoring Our Earth**, Eleanor White  
- **The Time for a Net Zero Building Boom Is Now**, Stacey Hobar and Marta Schantz  
- **Healthier by Design**, Patrick J. Kiger  
- **Prepping for Post-COVID: Accelerating Investments while Repositioning Lagging Sectors**, Trish Riggs  
- **Three Developers Greening the U.S. Housing Industry**, Jake Blumgart  
- **The Art of Placemaking: Exploring the Role of Public Art in Singapore**, Yong Shu-Chiang  
- **UL10: Extra-Green Buildings**, Ron Nyren

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### In the News

- **Recap: An Introduction to CREtech Climate — Making the Case for Decarbonizing the Built World and Promoting ESG Initiatives**, Streat Beat  
- **Is it possible to build fire-resilient communities in a fire-risk state?**, Orange County Register  
- **Micromobility’s Role in Building Back Better**, Alta Blog  
- **Going Green: Office Takeaways From the Urban Land Institute and PwC**, Motley Fool  
- **Urban Land Institute: Phoenix One Of Least Affordable Housing Regions In U.S.**, KJZZ

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