June 2021

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

Happy Pride Month from CSEP!

New ULI Reports

On Safer Ground

This new report highlights how local governments across the U.S. are increasingly turning to buyouts as one strategy to cost-effectively reduce flood risk, offer relief to residents, and potentially improve access to open space in urban areas. On Safer Ground explores best practices for community resilience involving floodplain buyouts and models for partnerships with the private sector.

Join the Brave the Storm: Strategies for Coastal Resilience webinar on August 11th, which will introduce key insights from the On Safer Ground report and U.S. policy approaches to enhance community resilience, including floodplain buyouts.

Read the Report
Electrify: The Movement to All-Electric Real Estate

As more cities pass “gas bans” or carbon emissions reductions goals, and as tenants and residents demand healthy and sustainable spaces, the move to all-electric real estate is important to consider. ULI Greenprint’s new report goes into the business case, technologies, barriers, and case studies in electrification.

To learn more, join our webinar on June 30th at 1:00pm ET, which will bring together public sector and private sector perspectives to help industry leaders understand and prepare for an all-electric future.

Read the Report

Five Characteristics of High-Quality Parks

What makes one park high quality and another a disappointment? Across the country, cities as well as parks and recreation departments are seeking to articulate what “high quality” means. Based on interviews with parks professionals and other experts from around the country, this report presents a framework for park quality that can help all park developers and managers systematically assess quality, park by park and systemwide, to make investments and address longstanding disparities in access to high-quality parks.

Read the Report

Upcoming Events

ULI Los Angeles: Innovation Presents - The Buzz on Bees and Real Estate

June 29, 2021
8:00am-9:00am PT

ULI Los Angeles is presenting a webinar on why biodiversity is important to real estate, how bees add value to portfolios, and the logistics of bee installation and maintenance.

Register & Learn More Here

Electrify: The Movement to All-Electric Real Estate

June 30, 2021
1:00pm-2:00pm ET

Join this webinar as ULI brings together public sector and private sector perspectives and experiences on the movement to all-electric real estate, to help industry leaders understand and prepare for an all-electric future.

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Committing to Transformative Action

July 13, 2021
1:00pm-2:00pm ET

Real estate leaders will share their individual and collective commitments and action to address the embodied impacts of building materials. In this webinar, learn from ULI and Greenprint members Skanska, Hudson Pacific Properties, and Tishman Speyer.

[Register & Learn More Here]

Paradigm Shift: Navigating the Impacts of Covid on Real Estate Practice

July 14, 2021
1:00pm-2:15pm ET

In this webinar, hear results from a recent ULI survey which took the pulse of building owners and managers about pandemic impacts on operations, finances, and DEI strategies.

[Register & Learn More Here]

ULI Colorado: Getting to Net Zero Energy: What You Need to Know About Building Electrification to Meet Denver's Climate Goals

July 15, 2021
5:30pm-7:00pm ET

Join ULI Colorado to learn what Denver's new net zero requirements include, how new construction can be designed to comply with these standards, and the lessons that developers and property owners are learning as they decarbonize the built environment.

[Register & Learn More Here]

On-Site Solar Energy & Real Estate – The Financial & Environmental Benefits for a Portfolio

July 23, 2021
1:00pm-2:00pm ET

Hear from the U.S. Department of Energy on the advancement of solar in today's market, and from executives who chose on-site solar energy projects to support their specific organizational needs. In this webinar, learn about the process of going solar and what it took to achieve for different properties, from ideation to installation.

[Register & Learn More Here]

Brave the Storm: Strategies for Coastal Resilience Webinar

August 11, 2021
11:00am-12:00pm ET

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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. Policymakers, developers, and designers are increasingly looking for new strategies to enhance preparedness, from investment in infrastructure to building design to floodplain buyouts. Join this webinar to explore strategies at multiple scales to mitigate community risk from flooding and storm events.

Register & Learn More Here

Building Healthy Places Book Club

August 23, 2021
4:00-5:15pm ET

Our fall selection is Know Your Price: Valuing Black Lives and Property in America's Black Cities by Andre Perry. We will kick off this title on August 23rd, with additional book club events throughout the reading period.

Register & Learn More Here

ULI Resources

Parking Policy Innovations in the United States

ULI has released a new interactive report that allows users to access information on parking policies from cities across the United States. A searchable, filterable database includes a range of recent policy examples that represent significant shifts from the status quo depending on the local context.

View the Database

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 by July 2nd can be found here.

To support this project, ULI is seeking qualifications from a firm or individual with GIS (or similar) mapping expertise and data analysis knowledge. The technical advisor will prepare highly engaging maps to visually display and document key findings. To learn more, check out the Request for Qualifications and apply by July 16th.

New in Urban Land Online

- How a Real Estate Portfolio Achieves Net Zero, Marta Schantz

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New ULI Report Explores Funding and Partnership Methods to Reduce Development in Floodplains, Leah Sheppard and Katharine Burgess
Electrification Is Key to Decarbonizing Building Sector, Says ULI Report, Justin Arnold
Larger Buildings Need to Lead the Way to Net Zero, Ken Rhee
"De-Infrastructuring" in the Era of the 15-Minute City, Steven Baumgartner
Thinking Twice about Closing Open Streets in New York City, Trent Lethco

In the News

- Tomorrow’s Sustainable Buildings Need Today’s Staff To Get Schooled, Bisnow
- It’s Electric: The Good, Bad And Painful Of Ditching Fossil Fuels In Buildings, Bisnow
- Add ‘Climate Hazards’ to Your Homebuyer’s Checklist, New York Times
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