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The ULI Randall Lewis Center for Sustainability in Real Estate is dedicated to creating healthy, resilient, and high-performance communities around the world.

New ULI & Partner Reports

**Enhancing Resilience through Neighborhood-Scale Strategies**
*Urban Land Institute*

This report introduces real estate actors, designers, policymakers, and finance professionals to the opportunities and challenges of preparing neighborhoods and communities for accelerating physical climate risks, including extreme temperatures, floods, storms and high winds, seismic risks, water stress and drought, and wildfires.

[Read the Report](#)

**Local Challenges, Local Solutions: The Work and Impact of the First Resilient Land Use Cohort**
*Urban Land Institute*

This report summarizes the progress and milestones of the first Resilient Land Use Cohort panels held throughout 2020 and 2021. It provides an overview of each district council/city panel, notes the recommendations laid out by panelists, and highlights their community-level impacts and outcomes, as well as national impacts through ongoing ULI Urban Resilience thought leadership, national cohort gatherings, and other ULI convenings.

[Read the Report](#)
Model Government Zero Emissions Buildings Policy
new buildings institute

This new tool aims to help accelerate construction and operation of zero emissions buildings—both for carbon and other greenhouse gases (GHG)—by providing sample language that can be adapted to meet each jurisdiction’s needs. It includes sample policy language ready for incorporation into legislation, executive orders, procurement guidelines, or other policies that guide the construction and operation of government buildings.

Read the Report

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Upcoming ULI Events

Water Wise: Strategies for Drought-Resilient Development
July 13 | 1pm ET
Webinar

Globally, unprecedented levels of drought are significantly reducing freshwater supplies and fueling wildfires. The good news is that ULI members are already leading the way with innovative solutions. Learn from our panelists as they cover strategies featured in the upcoming report "Water Wise: Strategies for Drought-Resilient Development" focused on generating value for assets, communities, and the environment, while protecting our water future in the face of water shortages, population increases, and climate change.

Learn More & Register

2022 ULI Asia Pacific Summit
August 30 - September 1
In-Person (Hong Kong) + Virtual Conference

The 2022 summit is set to be a celebration of the city’s strengths with global themes that offer vision and optimism for our industry. For those unable to attend in person, the Summit mainstage in Hong Kong will be streamed live and available on demand.

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ULI’s Building Healthy Places Book & Film Club: "West Side Story" and New York
July 18 - 28
Virtual Film Club

Join ULI for the all-new BHP Film Club to explore the intersection of film, theater, and the fascinating real-world story behind the setting of West Side Story, the long-lost Manhattan neighborhood of San Juan Hill. Watch the 1961 and 2021 versions of the film on your own, then join us for a discussion led by Julia Foulkes, professor of history and author. We will send you a screening guide with observations and questions to help you gain a deeper understanding of the health, social equity, and real estate themes tackled in both films.
Grant Opportunity for ULI District and National Councils

ULI Greenprint Net Zero Imperative 2
Year Two Cohort applications are open for the Net Zero Imperative and can be submitted by ULI district and national councils with the support of local members and city governments. Members can get involved in a variety of ways: TAP panelist, advisor to the district or national council, interviewee, sponsor, etc. The application period will be open until July 4, 2022. If you have a topic that you’d like to submit or if you are interested in learning more about the opportunity, please contact Ashley.Besic@uli.org and your local ULI Executive Director.

Opportunities to Get Involved

Healthy and Sustainable Building Materials
ULI is initiating research around healthy and sustainable building materials to better understand how to deliver cost-effective healthy buildings at scale. Research will examine materials reuse, deconstruction, and circularity, as well as the benefits and challenges with material requirements in certification programs (ILFI, LEED, Passive House, WELL, Fitwel, Reset, and others). If you have expertise in materials selection, embodied carbon, or certification programs, and would be interested in supporting ULI’s research on this topic, please contact Victoria.Oestreich@uli.org.

Social Infrastructure
ULI is embarking on research on the impact of social infrastructure and spaces for gathering (parks, resilience hubs, plazas, community spaces) support greater resilience to climate change. If you have expertise in the development of these spaces or their role in climate adaptation and community-building, and wish to be involved as an interviewee, please contact Augie Williams-Eynon at august.williams-eynon@uli.org.

Did You Miss It?

Renewable Energy Strategies for Real Estate
Webinar Recording
This webinar highlights strategies and best practices for integrating renewable energy into commercial real estate portfolios, both on-site and off-site portfolio level solutions. These solutions will help practitioners create an overall renewable energy strategy for a portfolio and assessing and implementing renewable energy opportunities.

Watch the Recording
Resilient Retrofits: Existing Buildings and Physical Climate Risk
Webinar Recording

New construction has begun responding to climate risk with safer designs, but what about existing buildings? Two-thirds of global building stock in 2040 has already been built, according to Architecture 2030. These buildings must be made resilient to natural hazards. This webinar outlines strategies and considerations for resilient retrofits that can be applied within real estate portfolios large and small.

Watch the Recording

What Does Racial Equity Look Like in Real Estate Development?
Webinar Recording

Real estate development has the potential to shape the built environment in ways that foster more equitable community outcomes. However, developers, investors, and other practitioners are often not sure what this looks like in their work or how to get started. Hear from real estate professionals who have made racial equity central to their real estate practice and gain insights for working toward racial equity.

Watch the Recording

Lewis Center for Sustainability Spotlight

ULI New York, ULI’s Urban Resilience program, NYCHA, and ULI member experts team up to advance cloudburst resilience in NYC.

This spring, ULI’s Urban Resilience program partnered with ULI New York and the New York City Housing Authority (NYCHA) to develop an innovative book of design solutions for landscapes and buildings that build resilience to ‘cloudbursts’ and sudden, heavy rainstorms like Hurricane Ida. Gathering experts in engineering and landscape architecture, this short workshop collected exciting technologies and techniques that slow the flow of water, absorb it into the landscape, and restore natural ecosystem functions for managing water, while benefitting residents’ quality of life. Solutions ranged from self-draining sidewalks and smart roofs to underground infiltration boxes and soil restoration. Check out the reference book for more info here.
New in *Urban Land Online*

- *Learning from Members to Build a More Equitable Future*, Diana Schoder
- *Sustainably Growing the Mass Timber Industry*, Ron Nyren
- *Energy Efficiency for the Rest of Us: Class B Retrofit Bundles Have Arrived*, Doug Davenport and Paul Mathew
- *Creating a Climate-Conscious Workplace from a Vintage Office Project*, Jonathan Rodbell
- *Envisioning Inclusion: How Scott Kratz Transformed Bold Community Voices into the 11th Street Bridge Park*, Lisa Rother
- *Bringing the Passive House Standard to New York City’s Affordable Housing*, Jake Blumgart

**In the News**

- *Carbon Dioxide Levels Are Highest in Human History*, The New York Times
- *Why mental health is a priority for action on climate change*, WHO
- *To Get to Net Zero, This City Is Making a Map*, CityLab
- *Finland sets world’s most ambitious climate target in law*, Climate Home News
- *Latino activism leads in grassroots efforts on climate change*, ABC News
- *Slow water: can we tame urban floods by going with the flow?*, The Guardian

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