

Urban Land Institute Boston - Young Leaders Group Sustainability Committee Overview

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The sustainability committee's general goals are to increase awareness around incorporating the principles of sustainability into real estate development. The committee will focus on educating real estate professionals on the practice of sustainability, proof of value, new regulations/governmental affairs affecting sustainable development, *green* construction materials and systems, and other relevant subjects.

The sustainability committee anticipates hosting 3 to 4 training and education programs per year occurring in the fall, winter, and spring/summer of each year. The committee will meet approximately every two months to discuss new and interesting issues in the sustainable development realm and plan its programs.

The education of sustainable development and practice will also include being a leader in the practice of sustainability during programs. The committee will encourage the use of sustainable materials and recycling during ULI programs, and encourage the programs to be held in recycling friendly venues.

The inaugural program of the committee occurred on September 4th, 2008 and consisted of a *green* building tour. The purpose and goal of the tour was to provide a venue for professionals to learn about the *green* building process.

The next program for the committee (winter 2009) will be to host a new-construction LEED certification preparation class. The purpose and goal of the program will be to educate professionals on the process of LEED certification, which is currently hand in hand with sustainable development. The specifics of the program will be developed in our next meeting.

Some other activities that we look forward to are summarized below. The dates and sequencing of the programs summarized below are subject to change based on needs and new ideas:

- Tour of Nexus - education of *green* commercial interior building systems – spring/summer 2009
- Panel on the *green* push of the BRA - education on the municipal *green* trends – fall 2009
- Existing building maintenance LEED Certification class – winter 2010
- Lunch with Stephanie Pollack for an update on sustainable development research
- Tour of the Forbes building – education on incorporation *green* living in development

The next sustainability committee meeting will be held October 1st.