



New York City names Urban Green to lead Building Resiliency Task Force

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At the request of city council speaker Christine Quinn and mayor Michael Bloomberg, the Urban Green Council will convene a Building Resiliency Task Force of leaders in the real estate community. The charge of the Task Force is to take an in-depth look at how to better prepare buildings for future storms and infrastructure failures. Work will begin immediately, with plans to release recommendations by the summer of 2013. Urban Green Council's track record in spearheading the Green Codes Task Force and advocating for city legislative changes (with 37 proposals now enacted) makes them suited for this project. They will be working with the mayor's office and city council to identify key stakeholders and potential Task Force members in the coming weeks.

"I can't think of a more critical and timely project for our organization right now," said Urban Green executive director Russell Unger. "Resiliency has always been an important component of sustainable building, but now it's really front and center. We are honored to take on this task at the request of the speaker and mayor."

For the latest updates on the Building Resiliency Task Force, please visit the Urban Green Council website.

About Urban Green Council

The mission of Urban Green Council, the U.S. Green Building Council of New York, is to advance the sustainability in urban buildings through education, advocacy and research.

With its in-house technical staff and network of expert members and pro bono consultants, Urban Green Council is a center for urban green building policy development, assisting with New York City's Greener, Greater Buildings Plan and leading the NYC Green Codes Task Force. In addition, Urban Green Council is leader in sustainability education and outreach. Current programs include:

Technical workshops for architects and engineers;

Conferences and educational sessions addressing leading urban sustainability issues;

Outreach to New York City building owners and operators on new energy legislation;

GPRO, a national training program for building trades, contractors, and operators.

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