ULI PRESENTATION:
Healthy Urbanism in the Time of COVID

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Discussion Points

- What are the roots of inequity in Baltimore? How does it impact health?
- How are principles of Sustainability driving more equitable urban policy?
- How does COVID-19 impact existing inequities? Are there opportunities?
- Questions
Baltimore Advanced Racial Segregation

"Nothing like it can be found in any statute book or ordinance record of this country," the New York Times wrote. "It is unique in legislation, Federal, State, or municipal—an ordinance so far-reaching in the logical sequence that must result from its enforcement that it may be said to mark a new era in social legislation."
2018 Baltimore City Healthy Food Priority Areas

- **Healthy Food Priority Areas***
- Neighborhood Boundaries
- Harbor, Lakes, & Streams
- Major Parks

* A Healthy Food Priority Area is an area where: 1) The average Healthy Food Availability index score for all food stores is low, 2) The median household income is at or lower than 150% of the federal poverty level, 3) At least 20% of households have no vehicle available, and 4) The distance to a supermarket is more than 1/4 mile.
Equity Statement

An equitable Baltimore addresses the needs and aspirations of its diverse population and meaningfully engages residents through inclusive and collaborative processes to expand access to power and resources.

URBAN SUSTAINABILITY DIRECTORS NETWORK (USDN) EQUITY LENS

- **STRUCTURAL** - What historic advantages or disadvantages have affected residents in the given community?

- **PROCEDURAL** - How are residents who have been historically excluded from planning processes being authentically included in the planning, implementation, and evaluation of the proposed policy or project?

- **DISTRIBUTIONAL** - Does the distribution of civic resources and investment explicitly account for potential racially disparate outcomes?

- **TRANSGENERATIONAL** - Does the policy or project result in unfair burdens on future generations?
RESILIENCY HUBS: Connecting with Communities

Sustainability Office staff are assisting community-based efforts for food recovery, urban agriculture, and identifying/drafting a variety of grant applications.

Supporting 7 active Resiliency Hubs across the city:
Resident Food Equity Advisors (RFEA) are cohorts of Baltimore City residents that work to collectively drive equitable food policies through an inclusive, collaborative process. Each cohort has a focused issue in need of resident input and guidance.
CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (CIP):

The capital budget is the budget for capital improvements in the City. A capital improvement is a long-term investment, typically in physical infrastructure, such as roads, monuments, public buildings, parks, or art.

- CIP Equity analysis
- Increasing resident input
- Increasing data transparency
- Investments in built environment are investments in health
COVID-19 Challenges & Opportunities

- Digital inequity
- Transportation inequity
- Food insecurity
- Vacant lots
- Sustainability Plan/Master Plan
- Increased demand for outdoor experiences
- Socially distant public engagement
- Depressed revenues
“People make cities, and it’s to them, not buildings that we should fit our plans.”
Jane Jacobs