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# **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









# 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



**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.

# BALTIMORE PLANNING ACADEMY





# 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