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Looking for global warming solutions



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Regarding the Aug. 21 editorial on global warming titled "Global warming is real, and it's our fault — let's fix it":

Not only is global warming real, but the climate change caused by global warming is also real — and this climate change manifests itself in extreme weather events such as floods, storms, fires, droughts and extreme heat.

Numerous studies and reports by both government and private groups have determined that we cannot continue to build and rebuild in the wake of these events. The time has come to focus on adapting buildings, infrastructure and communities to be more resilient to these climate change disasters before they occur.

On Sept. 26, the Center for Real Estate Law at the John Marshall Law School will hold a daylong conference to take an interdisciplinary look at some of the governmental, financial, insurance and transactional real estate issues that must be addressed to make the essential components of urban life more resilient and better able to withstand and rebound from climatic events. If we can do this, the magnitude of the losses that are sustained can be significantly reduced.

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