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1. **Develop** an understanding of the structure and function of urban ecosystems;

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The majority of people worldwide live in cities; their numbers continue to increase. Most cities offer an attractive living environment, but more knowledge is needed about the dynamics of urban ecosystems and landscapes. With increased urbanization worldwide, an urban perspective is needed to understand human-nature interactions for improved research, design, planning, and management of cities and regions.

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