Chapter 12 Objectives: "Population Distribution: Urban Living and Sustainable Cities"

1. List five worldwide trends in *population distribution*.
2. Describe the three major shifts in *population distribution* in U.S. history.
3. Summarize the factors that contribute to *urban growth*.
4. Summarize the following *urban environmental problems*:
   vegetation, water runoff and flooding, heat islands, solid-waste disposal, air pollution, noise pollution, human health, land conversion, social disruption.
5. List three ways that urban areas *positively affect the environment*.
6. List the pros and cons of these major *urban transportation options*:
   individual transit: walking and bicycling and motorized vehicles
   mass transit: rail systems and buses.
7. List three policies that contribute to a *positive feedback loop* creating more dependence on automobiles.
8. Describe three policies that would create *negative feedback loops*.
9. Differentiate between *conventional* and *ecological* land-use planning.
10. List two means by which local governments can control the rate of development.
11. Summarize obstacles to *more ecological land-use planning*.
12. Identify one positive loop that tends to *harm urban areas*.
13. List three approaches to *improving urban life*.