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.