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6.2 Complex Urban Ecosystems

Most people in the US live in cities but most people do not understand the ecological processes going on around them. There are many factors that influence an urban ecosystem and it is important to recognize and try to understand how those factors impact humans and how humans impact those factors. Typically when investigating an urban ecosystem scientists look at four drivers: (1) Social, (2) Biological, (3) Physical, and (4) Chemical. Record your ideas below about how humans are impacting the urban environment.

Social	Biological
Physical	Chemical