Human System

- Are there built environment typologies that correlate with population characteristics?
 - Built environment: Housing density, percent green space, commercial and residential land use mixture...
 - Demographics: Race/ethnicity, age, income, education...
- Knowing this allows us to project how demographic shifts might be accompanied by changes in built environment forms



- How does demand for water vary by population characteristics?
- Knowing this allows us to project how demographic shifts might be accompanied by changing demands

Human System on Natural System

- How do characteristics of the built environment influence water quality and quantity?
 - Built environment: % area impermeable surface,
 ratio of impermeable surface per resident...
 - Impermeable surfaces increase runoff/decrease permeation and groundwater recharge, increase the toxicity of runoff...
 - One remedy are built environment forms that conserve land cover and include green infrastructure



