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In The Field Site

Activity 2.2 Experiencing the Field Site

What does your field site LOOK like?
Describe what you see in your field site. You may use drawings to help you describe the site. What do you see around you?

What does your field site SOUND like?
Describe what you hear at your field site. There may be different kinds of sounds, so just try to hear as many as you can. What do you hear around you?

What does your field site SMELL like?
Describe what you smell at your field site. Some smells may be familiar, some you may never have smelled before. What do you smell around you?
What does your field site FEEL like?
- Describe the way your site feels. You may stand still or you may touch different things at your field site. *What do you feel around you?*

What was impressive?
- What is something that impressed you about your field site? Why?

What was surprising?
- What is something that surprised you about your field site? Why?
Field Study Site Discussion

1. Would you consider this site to be a typical urban ecosystem? Why or why not?

2. What differences in the data would you expect to see if you were to visit the field site at a different time of day, day of the week, or season?

3. What did you find that was biotic, abiotic, and man-made?

4. What evidence did you find of humans or human activity at your field site?