

Urban

An urban ecosystem is the community of plants and animals (including humans) that inhabit a city environment. The area has lots of built structures like buildings, roads, sewers, and power lines. But it also contains green spaces such as parks, yards, street plantings, greenways, urban streams, and unbuilt lots. Plants common in urban ecosystems in Louisiana are live oak, Chinese tallow, wax myrtle, and grass. Animals often found living in Louisiana urban ecosystems include raccoons, green anoles, cockroaches, seagulls, opossums, pigeons, and northern mockingbirds.

Threats to urban ecosystems include poor urban planning, increased development, destruction or fragmentation of green spaces, and pollution.