The world population is moving toward urban centers at an ever increasing pace. This map displays, as of 2010, all cities in the world with a recorded population of over 5 million. Next to each geographic region is an image taken from a satellite photo of that region at night. The photo shows the constant light emanating from the urban centers of each region. All data and photos were taken from ESRI online.
Okefenokee Swamp Park (private, non-profit)
Located just south of Waycross, GA on Highway 121, Okefenokee Swamp Park offers a different type of swamp access. It features a reconstructed pioneer village, souvenir sales area, serpentarium, boardwalk, and viewing areas for alligators, river otters, turtles, deer, and bear. There is an admission fee, with additional fees for boat tours. Five- and ten-mile tours are also available at an extra cost when water levels permit. (912) 283-0583 General Admission Charge.

Hours of Operation
Open year round 9:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. (closed Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Eve and Christmas Day.)
Source: www.fws.gov/okefenokee
Dimock Township, PA is the site of a heated controversy about hydraulic fracturing (‘fracing’), a method for the extraction of natural gas from tight shale reservoirs. In January 2009, methane and metals were found in 16 homes in the area, which officials believe to have migrated up from the subsurface due to fracing. Additionally, on September 22, 2009, a fracturing fluid truck owned by Halliburton spilled along State Road 29, dumping 8000 gallons of chemicals into Stevens Creek, resulting in a fish kill. For more information, visit www.propublica.org.

Data: Pennsylvania Spatial Data Access www.pasda.psu.edu
Map by: Will Morgan 09/27/2011
The Atlanta BeltLine is a $2.8 billion redevelopment project that will shape the way Atlanta grows over the next several decades. The project provides a network of public parks, multi-use trails and transit along a historic 22-mile railroad corridor circling downtown and connecting 45 neighborhoods directly to each other.

The Atlanta BeltLine is the most comprehensive economic development effort ever undertaken in the City of Atlanta.

Even though the project is not due to be completed until 2030, many of the parks and trails are already under construction. There has been a surge of community support for the Beltline. Communities located along the corridor often come together in support of the project in the form of walks, tours, parades, art exhibits, and meetings.

The Atlanta Beltline staff has created several avenues for educating the public about the projects. Beltline 101 information sessions particular to specific segments are held regularly. (source: www.beltline.org)
Twenty-one Native American tribes live in Arizona on tribal lands that occupy more than 25 percent of the total area of the state. According to the 2000 Census, 250,000 Native Americans live in the state. The collective area in the United States of all reservations is 55.7 million acres, 2.3% of the area. The majority are west of the Mississippi River.

(Sources: 2000 Census, Northern AZ State U)
Cities have an important impact on water quality. This map shows the relationship between cities of the world greater than 3 million inhabitants (as of 2001) and major rivers and lakes. The inset maps are at the same scale and include urban areas to further illustrate the importance of water management as the world continues to urbanize.

Map by Philip Schaeffing
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Wake County, North Carolina

Wake County is the second-most populous County in North Carolina with more than 900,000 residents. The County encloses approximately 860 square miles and consists of 12 municipalities including Raleigh, the county seat and state capital. A unique mix of urban and rural small towns distinguishes Wake County from other counties in the state and provides something for every lifestyle.

(Source: http://www.wakegov.com/about/facts/default.htm)

In recent years Wake County has witnessed historic increases in population. The U.S. Census Bureau estimates Wake County to have 940,122 residents, as of July 2010. Since April 2000, Wake County has added 269,335 residents, a 42.9% increase. Population projections suggest this trend is likely to continue. Wake County is expected to pass 1 million residents in 2013, and by 2030 Wake County is expected to have nearly doubled its current population, reaching 1,484,484.

(Source: http://www.wakegov.com/planning/demographic/default.htm)
Drainage Basins
Regions or areas bounded by drainage divides and occupied by drainage systems; specifically the tract of country that gathers water originating as precipitation and contributes it to a particular stream channel or system of channels, or to a lake, reservoir, or other body of water. [Glossary of Geology]