



## ALBEDO AND THE URBAN HEAT ISLAND EFFECT

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### VOCABULARY

- albedo* the percentage of the sun's light and energy that is reflected from a given surface
- sustainable* a state in which the demands placed on the environment can be met without reducing its capacity to allow all people to live well, now and in the future.
- UHIE* Urban Heat Island Effect - an urban area or metropolitan area that is significantly warmer than its surrounding rural areas due to human activities.
- reflectivity* a surface's ability to reflect light or radiation
- exacerbate* make (a problem, bad situation, or negative feeling) worse or more intense

