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Population genomics of the Anthropocene:

urbanization reduces the evolutionary potential of small mammal populations

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ABSTRACT

Urbanization results in pervasive habitat fragmentation and reduces standing genetic variation through genetic drift. Loss of genome-wide variation may ultimately reduce the evolutionary potential of animal populations experiencing rapidly changing conditions. In this study, we examined genome-wide variation among 23 white-footed mouse (*Peromyscus leucopus*) populations sampled along an urbanization gradient in the New York City metropolitan area. Genome-wide variation was estimated as a proxy for evolutionary potential using more than 10,000 SNP markers generated by ddRAD-Seq. We found that genome-wide variation is inversely related to urbanization as measured by percent impervious surface cover, and to a lesser extent, human population density. We also report that urbanization results in enhanced genome-wide differentiation between populations in cities. There was no pattern of isolation by distance among these populations, but an isolation by resistance model based on impervious surface significantly explained patterns of genetic differentiation. Isolation by environment modeling also indicated that urban populations deviate much more strongly from global allele frequencies than suburban or rural populations. This study is the first to examine evolutionary potential along an urban-to-rural gradient and quantify urbanization as a driver of population genomics patterns.

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INTRODUCTION

Humans exert an outsized influence on global ecosystem processes (Vitousek et al. 1997) in the

Anthropocene, an era that began sometime between the late Pleistocene (Ellis et al. 2013;

Ruddiman et al. 2015) and industrialization in the last few centuries (Steffen et al. 2007). Rapid

urbanization is a key characteristic of the contemporary Anthropocene. The proportion of the

human population in cities increased from 16% to 50% in the last century, and is projected to

reach 70% by 2050 (Heilig 2011). Urban land conversion may occur at an even faster rate than

population growth, thus resulting in accelerating encroachment of cities on reservoirs of

biodiversity around the world (Seto et al. 2012). Urban areas become ecologically homogeneous

(Groffman et al. 2014) due to loss of biodiversity that in turn enhances the probability of abrupt

state shifts (Barnosky et al. 2012).

Most species are 'urban avoiders' that do not persist after urbanization, but 'urban

adapters' and 'exploiters' are facultative or obligate users, respectively, of human resource

subsidies (Blair 2001; McKinney 2002). Although Blair's (2001) conception of urban adapters

did not explicitly include adaptive evolution after urbanization, local adaptation may have

enhanced the ability of many urban adapters to exploit human subsidies. Urban habitats are

'novel ecosystems' composed of unique ecological communities and processes (Hobbs et al.

2006; Hobbs et al. 2009), and thus many species likely faced new, strong selection pressures

after urbanization. Humans have undoubtedly altered the evolutionary trajectory of crop, pest,

and disease species (Palumbi 2001), but conclusive cases of human-driven evolution in

organisms that are not human commensals or pathogens have been difficult to identify (Merilä

and Hendry 2014) outside of a few recent examples (Donihue and Lambert 2014).

Urbanization results in severe habitat fragmentation (Zipperer et al. 2012), a process that

is well documented to reduce genetic variation among animal populations (Keyghobadi 2007;

Rivera-Ortíz et al. 2014). Loss of genetic variation may in turn reduce the evolutionary potential

of populations experiencing rapidly changing ecological conditions (Etterson and Shaw 2001;

Hoffmann and Sgrò 2011; Oakley 2013). Definitive evidence of adaptive evolution from

standing variation in wild populations is still relatively scarce (Colosimo et al. 2005; Renaut et

al. 2011; Domingues et al. 2012), but new user-friendly approaches to generating large

population genomic datasets have improved prospects for quantifying and analyzing genetic

variation in the wild (Narum et al. 2013). Predicting the loci involved in adaptive responses to

urbanization will be difficult in most cases, but estimating genome-wide variation as a general

proxy for evolutionary potential is a good substitute (Harrisson et al. 2014).

Evolution can proceed at the nucleotide level through new mutations or changes in

frequency of standing genetic variants (Orr 2005), but it is likely that standing variation is more

important in cases of rapid evolution (Barrett and Schluter 2008). Results from laboratory

experiments (Teotónio et al. 2009; Burke et al. 2010), ancestral variation in model organisms

(Rockman 2008; Scarcelli and Kover 2009), humans (J. K. Pritchard et al. 2010), artificial

selection in crops (Gibson and Dworkin 2004), viral pathogens (Pennings 2012), and invasive

species (Prentis et al. 2008) all support this association.

In this study, we test the following interrelated predictions about the population genomics

of white-footed mice (*Peromyscus leucopus* Rafinesque) in the New York City (NYC)

metropolitan area:

1) Evolutionary potential as measured by genome-wide variation within populations is

inversely related to urbanization of the surrounding landscape.

2) Increasing urbanization of the landscape results in greater genomic structure and

differentiation between populations.

3) "Ecological distances" resulting from urbanization are better predictors of genetic

differentiation than geographic distances between populations.

Several studies have reported that urbanization results in genetic differentiation, reduced

gene flow, and/or loss of genetic variation among fragmented populations (Delaney et al. 2010;

Noël and Lapointe 2010; Bjorklund et al. 2010; Chiappero et al. 2011; Shalene Jha and Kremen

2013; Gortat et al. 2014). These studies primarily used microsatellites to estimate population

structure and gene flow. However, microsatellites exhibit complex mutational patterns (Selkoe

and Toonen 2006) and may not accurately measure genome-wide variation (Chapman and

Sheldon 2011). Mitochondrial DNA (mtDNA) sequences are also often used to examine the

population genetics of fragmentation, but pervasive selection on the mitochondrial genome make

mtDNA markers even less suitable for estimating genome-wide variation (Bazin et al. 2006;

Nabholz et al. 2008). Restriction-site associated DNA sequencing (RADseq) has emerged as a

powerful alternative to microsatellites or mtDNA because RADseq can generate thousands of

single nucleotide polymorphism (SNP) markers relatively quickly and cheaply, even for

nonmodel organisms without reference genomes (Davey et al. 2011). In this study, we use a

double-digest RADseq protocol (Peterson et al. 2012) to generate over 10,000 SNPs for

analyzing the population genomics of white-footed mice.

Our previous microsatellite-based analyses showed substantial genetic structure between

white-footed mouse populations in NYC's forest fragments (Munshi-South and Kharchenko

2010). Park area, age, or the extent of habitat within parks did not explain levels of genetic

variation among these populations (Munshi-South and Nagy 2014), but these studies focused

exclusively on forest fragments within NYC that were highly isolated by surrounding

urbanization. In a separate analysis we identified SNPs from transcriptomes sequenced from

urban and rural populations, and found that population structure was greater among the urban

than the rural populations (Harris et al. 2015). This analysis was limited to only six sampling

sites, however, and SNPs from coding regions may often deviate from neutral expectations. Here

we expand these investigations using large, neutral SNP datasets, and include populations

sampled along an urban-to-rural gradient spanning 142 km from the urban core to extensive,

rural protected areas.

Land use transformation and anthropogenic barriers may ultimately reduce gene flow

between populations (Epps et al. 2007; Balkenhol and Waits 2009; S. Jha 2015), leading to

greater genetic structuring in urbanized areas. "Isolation-by-environment" (IBE) processes, or

ecological distances, influence gene flow among populations in varied landscapes (Sexton et al.

2014). IBE is empirically detected as positive correlations between ecological and genetic

distances that are independent of the effects of geographic distance (Wang and Bradburd 2014).

Simulation studies predict that landscape genetic analyses will be most successful when applied

to simple landscapes comprised of elements that differ strongly in their ability to impede

migration (Jaquiéry et al. 2011). Urbanization produces landscapes with these characteristics,

resulting in substantial IBE between otherwise proximal populations due to the relative difficulty

of dispersing through the urban matrix.

We previously reported that gene flow between populations of white-footed mice could

be largely explained by patterns of urban vegetation cover in NYC (Munshi☐South 2012). Here

we investigate the association between urbanization and connectivity in a much broader range of

landscape conditions varying from urban to suburban to relatively undisturbed areas. In our

earlier study we used partial Mantel tests and a causal modeling approach to identify ecological

distances between populations (based on vegetation cover) that best explained gene flow after

factoring out isolation-by-distance, IBD (Cushman and Landguth 2010). While this approach can

be successful for landscapes composed of high-contrast cover types (such as NYC), several

authors have argued that partial Mantel tests have low statistical power and are prone to false

positives (Legendre and Fortin 2010; Graves et al. 2013). Here we use a partial Mantel test as

well as a new statistical modeling approach to quantify the relative contributions of urbanization

and IBD to genetic differentiation between white-footed mouse populations (Bradburd et al.

2013). Specifically, we model the strength of covariance in allele frequencies between

populations as a function of IBD and ecological distances due to urbanization of the landscape.

This study is the first to examine genome-wide variation along an urban-to-rural gradient and

robustly quantify urbanization as a driver of population genomic patterns.

METHODS

Study species and sampling sites

White-footed mice are one of the most widespread and abundant small mammals in eastern

North America, and occupy a broad range of forest, meadow, and secondary growth habitats.

They have served as model systems for population ecology for decades (Vessey and Vessey

2007; Brunner et al. 2013) because of their ubiquity and easy trappability. *Peromyscus* spp. more

broadly have emerged as model systems for the genomics of adaptation (Bedford and Hoekstra

2015), and the first reference genomes for the genus are currently being assembled (Kenney-

Hunt et al. 2014).

For this study, we sampled white-footed mice from 23 sites in the NYC metropolitan area

(Table 1). The 12 sites within NYC limits were the same as in previous studies, although here we

combined samples from Pelham Bay and Hunters Island in the Bronx, and Alley Pond and

Cunningham Parks in Queens, because evolutionary clustering results showed that these pairs of

sites were not strongly differentiated from each other (Munshi-South and Kharchenko 2010).

These urban sites contained secondary forest typically dominated by oaks, hickories, maples,

and/or tulip trees, with very thick understories composed primarily of invasive plants. Suburban

and rural sites contained similar canopies but the understories were largely cleared of thick

vegetation by rampant deer herbivory.

At each site, we trapped white-footed mice over a period of one to three nights using two

or more 7x7 grids Sherman live traps (9"x3"x3"). Traps within grids were placed 15 m apart, and

grids were located several hundred meters apart to avoid trapping close relatives. We collected

ear punches or 1cm tail clippings from up to 25 mice at each site, and stored the tissue in 80%

EtOH before transfer to a -20 C freezer in the laboratory. Animal handling procedures were

approved by Fordham University's Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee (Protocol No.

JMS-13-03).

We chose sites that qualitatively represented typical urban ($N = 12$ sites), suburban ($N =$

4), and rural ($N = 7$) sites in the NYC metropolitan area based on levels of development (Figure

1). However, suburban counties adjacent to NYC have higher human population densities than

major cities in other parts of North America. To facilitate comparisons with other urban areas,

we calculated the size of the human population and percent impervious surface in geographic

buffers around each site as proxies for relative urbanization (Figure 1b).

We first incorporated GPS coordinates for our study sites into base layers (2010

TIGER/Line® Shapefiles—County or States and equivalent) available from the US Census

Bureau. Buffers were created in ArcGIS v10.1 (ESRI, Redlands, CA) around each site's GPS

coordinates with radii of 500 m, 1,000 m, 1,500 m and 2,000 m. These buffers were chosen

because they are in excess of the typical lifetime dispersal distance of white-footed mice (Vessey

and Vessey 2007). To determine human population size inside each buffer, we used U.S. Census

Blocks as these provide the smallest geographic unit with 100% census data. We first calculated

the area (km^2) of each census block and then intersected the census block and buffer layers. We

interpolated human population size within each buffer based on the percentage of area for each

census block that intercepted each buffer ([area of census block within buffer / area of census

block] x population of census block). We then summed all of the interpolated population sizes

that fell within each buffer.

To determine percent impervious surface within each study site buffer, we used the 2011

Percent Developed Imperviousness layer from USGS National Land Cover Data (Xian et al.

2011). We then calculated zonal statistics to measure the geometry of the raster file and

summarize the cell values of the raster that fall within each buffer. From these data we calculated

the average percent impervious surface within each landscape buffer for each site.

ddRADSeq, SNP genotyping, and population genomic statistics

We generated SNP genotypes for 233 individuals using a double-digest RADseq protocol

(Peterson et al. 2012). We aimed to obtain genotypes from 10 individuals from each site, but

sample dropout due to poor DNA yield during library preparation resulted in variability in the

sample size for each site (Table 1). In brief, we extracted DNA from tail snips or ear punches

using Qiagen DNEasy tissue kits (Qiagen, Valencia, CA) with an RNAse treatment, and then

digested 500-1,000 ng of DNA using the enzyme combination of SphI-HF and MluCI for one

hour following the manufacturer's instructions (New England Biolabs, Ipswich, MA). A Qubit

2.0 fluorometer (Life Technologies, Norwalk, CT) was used to quantify DNA concentration at

several steps in the library preparation. Next, digested DNA was cleaned with 1.5X AMPure XP

magnetic beads (Beckman-Coulter, Brea, CA) and custom in-line 'flex' barcodes and P1/P2

adapters were ligated to 200-400 ng of digested DNA for each sample (Peterson et al. 2012). Up

to 48 individual libraries with unique barcodes were then pooled in equimolar amounts and

cleaned with 1.5X AMPure XP beads. Next we selected DNA fragments of known sizes (376-

412 bp) from the pooled libraries using a Pippin Prep (Sage Science, Beverly, MA). We then

conducted multiple PCR amplifications using 20 ng of size-selected DNA and Phusion High-

fidelity PCR reagents and manufacturers' PCR conditions (New England Biolabs, Ipswich, MA).

This PCR step added a second, unique index sequence and Illumina sequencing primers to the

pooled libraries so each individual sample contained a unique combination of the in-line barcode

and index. We then pooled the PCRs for each size-selected library, cleaned the pools using 1.5X

AMPure XP beads, and checked the libraries using an Agilent BioAnalyzer (Agilent

Technologies, Santa Clara, CA) for DNA concentration and the correct distribution of fragment

size. The libraries were sequenced using three lanes of Illumina HiSeq 2000 2x100 bp paired-end

sequencing at the New York University Center for Genomics and Systems Biology (New York,

NY, USA).

As an initial check on the quality of our Illumina sequence data, we analyzed the raw

reads in FastQC (Andrews 2010). Subsequent demultiplexing, quality filtering and *de novo* SNP

calling was conducted using the Stacks 1.21 pipeline (Catchen et al. 2013). First, we used the

process_radtags script to filter out low-quality reads and demultiplex the remaining reads

according to their unique combination of in-line barcode and index. Based on FastQC results, we

trimmed all reads to 96 bp to remove poor-quality base calls at the ends of reads. Next, we

concatenated the single- and paired-end reads for each individual into one fastq file because the

two paired reads did not overlap and were not aligned to a reference genome. To identify RAD

loci and call SNPs, we used the *denovo_map.pl* script in Stacks with default settings except for

the minimum number of identical reads required to create a 'stack' (m = 7), number of

mismatches allowed between RAD loci for a single individual (M = 3), and the number of

mismatches allowed when building the catalog (n = 2). After building the initial catalog of loci,

we used the *populations* script in Stacks to filter loci for those that occurred in at least 22 / 23

sampling sites (p = 22) and in at least 50% of individuals at each site (r = 0.5). This script also

produced genotype output in multiple formats (i.e. Genepop, Structure) with one randomly-

selected SNP from each locus (--write_random_SNP), and generates summary statistics such as

observed heterozygosity, nucleotide diversity, and pairwise F_{ST} between all populations (Table

2).

We loaded the RAD loci and individual data from Stacks into a MySQL database and

visualized the output using the Stacks webserver. Based on the results of the first pipeline run,

we removed 26 individuals because their small number of reads resulted in very small SNP

datasets and excessive missing genotypes compared to other samples. Highly related individuals

in our dataset could also bias downstream analyses. We avoided relatives at our urban sites using

relatedness values from previous microsatellite studies of the same individuals (Munshi-South

and Kharchenko 2010). For the SNP dataset, we identified highly related individuals by

calculating kinship coefficients in the software package KING (Manichaikul et al. 2010).

Kinship analysis identified 16 pairs of individuals that were related at the half-sib level or

greater. We removed one of the pair members from the dataset, resulting in a final dataset

comprised of 191 of the original 233 individuals. We then re-ran the Stacks pipeline on the

screened dataset of 191 individuals.

Modeling genome-wide variation within populations

We modeled four measures of genome-wide variation within populations against our two

urbanization proxies to test the hypothesis that urbanization is associated with reduced genetic

variation. Summary statistics describing genome-wide variation were calculated for each

population using Stacks, including observed heterozygosity (H_O), nucleotide diversity (π),

number of private loci, and the percent of polymorphic loci. We examined genetic (dependent)

variables using 13 candidate general linear regression models (GLM) consisting of combinations

of human population size and percent impervious surface estimated using different geographic

buffers as described above (500 m, 1,000 m, 1,500 m, 2,000 m): an intercept-only model, eight

univariate models with one variable measured at one buffer size, and four bivariate models

including both human population and impervious surface estimated for the same buffer size.

Human population size and percent impervious surface were ln-transformed prior to analysis to

improve normality. If a model performed substantially better than the intercept-only model, then

we interpreted that result as evidence of a statistical effect of the urbanization variable(s) on

genetic diversity within white-footed mouse populations. We calculated maximum likelihood

estimates of model parameters for each model, and then ranked models using values of *AICc*, the

corrected Akaike's information criterion (Burnham and Anderson 2002). The relative quality of

models was further assessed based on $\Delta AICc$, and the relative weight (w_i) of each model. For the

best models, we compared the null and deviance residuals from the GLM and fitted a model line

to the points in a scatterplot (Figure 2) to confirm that the model explained variation in the

genetic parameter of interest. We conducted all statistical analyses in R 3.1.2 (R Development

Core Team 2008), and used GLM regression in the AICcmodavg package for model selection

(Mazerolle 2015).

Genetic structure and population differentiation

To investigate whether urbanization results in greater genetic differentiation between

populations, we used Discriminant Analysis of Principal Components (DAPC) in the R package

adegenet (Jombart and Ahmed 2011) to identify evolutionary clusters among 191 white-footed

mice. DAPC first reduces total genetic variation (i.e. variance in allele frequencies) into principal

components, and then identifies discriminant functions that maximize differences between

clusters while minimizing variation within clusters. We used cross-validation in *adegenet* to

identify the optimal number of principal components. This procedure uses a randomly-generated

training set and validation set of individuals to identify the optimal number of principal

components that accurately predict group membership without overfitting. To visualize clusters,

we used DAPC scatterplots and barplots (compoplot command in *adegenet*) to visualize

membership of individuals in different clusters. Genome-wide SNP datasets often have power to

discriminate between all groups, and results from analyses such as DAPC may reflect

hierarchical structure. Thus, we ran DAPC on the full dataset as well as subsets of sampling sites

to investigate potential hierarchical structure.

We also used the model-based evolutionary clustering approaches in fastSTRUCTURE

(Raj et al. 2014) and ADMIXTURE (Alexander et al. 2009). fastSTRUCTURE uses approximate

inference of the Bayesian model in the original STRUCTURE (J. Pritchard et al. 2000) whereas

ADMIXTURE computes maximum likelihood estimates of parameters to estimate the most

likely number of evolutionary clusters, K. We ran fastSTRUCTURE on our data for each value

of K from 1-23 using the standard model with a simple prior. The fastSTRUCTURE scripts

(*chooseK.py*) also calculate heuristic scores for detecting the range of the most likely values of

K. After identifying likely values of K, we re-ran fastSTRUCTURE with the more

computationally demanding logistic prior model on a smaller subset of K values. The most likely

values of K were determined using the cross validation procedure in ADMIXTURE (Alexander

and Lange 2011). To compare clustering results from fastSTRUCTURE and ADMIXTURE, we

used the CLUMPAK (Cluster Markov Packager Across K) web server (Kopelman et al. 2015) to

align and visualize bar plots for both programs at multiple values of K.

Landscape genomics

To investigate IBD and IBE between white-footed mouse populations, we first tested for IBD

using a Mantel test in the *ecodist* package in R. The data were bootstrapped 10,000 times to

generate 95% confidence intervals for the Mantel *P* value. We then used the BEDASSLE

package in R to estimate the relative contributions of IBD and IBE to genetic differentiation

between the sampling sites. We computed allele counts and sample sizes for each population

using the --counts function in VCFtools 0.1.12b (Danecek et al. 2011). We examined the

following IBE models using BEDASSLE: 1) a simple binary matrix indicating whether the

population was located in NYC or outside the city; and 2) a pairwise matrix of "resistance

distances" calculated between populations using the Isolation-by-Resistance (IBR) approach in

Circuitscape 4.0 (McRae and Beier 2007).

Circuitscape calculates a pairwise matrix of resistance distances between populations

based on the ability of a simulated electrical current to flow between adjacent landscape cells

connected by resistors with user-defined resistance values. We used the 2011 Percent Impervious

Surface layer from USGS National Landcover Data (Xian et al. 2011), and set the resistance

value for each 30 m cell as equivalent to its percent impervious surface unless the cell exceeded

70% impervious surface. For cells exceeding 70%, we set the resistance level to 100; in other

words, any cell with greater than 70% impervious surface was assumed to be 100X more

resistant to migration than a cell with 1% impervious surface. The 70% cutoff for relatively high,

quasi-barrier resistance was based on results of an earlier Circuitscape analysis we conducted in

NYC (Munshi☐South 2012). To calculate resistance distances between all populations, we ran

Circuitscape in pairwise mode with raster cells connected to all eight neighboring cells. The

analysis also produced a cumulative current map to visualize hypothesized migration between all

populations. As an initial check on the success of the resistance distances at explaining variation

in pairwise F_{ST}, we conducted a partial Mantel test with 10,000 bootstraps in *ecodist* that

factored out the effects of Euclidean geographic distance. We then used these resistance

distances for the IBE model in BEDASSLE.

BEDASSLE uses a Markov Chain Monte Carlo (MCMC) approach, and includes several

graphing functions for evaluating success of the MCMC posterior parameter estimation. To

confirm adequate mixing and convergence of chains, we examined traces and marginal

distributions for all parameters. We also examined acceptance rates for MCMC parameter

estimation, and when these rates were too high or low we adjusted the tuning parameters and re-

ran the analysis for 5-10 million steps. For the final runs, we calculated the median and 95%

credible intervals for the $\alpha_E : \alpha_D$ ratio after discarding the first 20% as burn-in. This ratio

represents the effect size of ecological distance relative to geographic distance.

338   The simple BEDASSLE model assumes identical variance of allele frequencies about the

global mean allele frequency. However, populations can deviate from the global mean for a

number of demographic reasons (i.e. bottlenecks, inbreeding), and outlier populations can have a

strong influence on the posterior distributions. To account for this variation, BEDASSLE

includes a beta-binomial model that estimates an additional parameter, Φ_K, that measures the

strength of drift and lack of fit of each population to the model. To address the impacts of

population history, we also ran the beta-binomial model for the two IBE scenarios above. For

these models, we examined the posterior distributions of the Φ_K values (recalculated as $F_K = 1\ /$

$1+ \Phi_K$) to identify outlier populations.

347   To test the relative fit of the models to our data, we generated 1,000 posterior predictive

348   samples for each model and compared the simulated data to our observed data in BEDASSLE.

349   BEDASSLE includes a function that randomly draws parameter values from the posterior

350   distributions and simulates new datasets. These simulated datasets are then used to calculate F_{ST}

351   between all pairs of populations. Simulated F_{ST} values can then be compared to the observed F_{ST}

352   values to examine the models' ability to describe patterns in the real data.

RESULTS

ddRADSeq dataset and summary population genomic statistics

Three lanes of Illumina HiSeq 2x100 PE sequencing produced a total of 1.16 billion reads, of which 936.64 million reads (80.9%) passed initial quality filters. Reads were filtered out due to ambiguous barcode sequences (56.3%), low quality scores (40.9%), and ambiguous RAD tags (2.8%). The catalog generated by STACKS included 880,898 RAD loci with at least 7X coverage, but this number was reduced to 14,930 after requiring loci to be present in 22 / 23 populations and at least 50% of individuals within each population. All populations were well-represented in the final dataset, with averages of 4 to 10 individuals genotyped per locus across the 23 populations (median = 6.6; Table 2).

For all loci that were polymorphic in at least one population, the major allele frequency (P) ranged from 0.894 to 0.957, and the average observed heterozygosity from 0.054 to 0.181 (Table 2). If all invariant positions are included, then the major allele frequency exceeded 0.999 in all populations and the heterozygosity ranged only from 0.001 to 0.002 (Supplementary Table 1). Nearly all of the populations located within NYC exhibited lower genetic variation than suburban or rural populations as measured by the percentage of polymorphic sites, numbers of private alleles, major allele frequency, observed heterozygosity, and nucleotide diversity (π). The only exceptions to these trends were relatively high diversity values for the Pelham Bay (PB) population in NYC, and low values for suburban Saxon Woods (SW), the rural Cary Institute (CIE) and Minnewaska Reserve (MR; Table 2). Excluding those four outliers, heterozygosity ranged from 0.054 to 0.117 in the urban populations and 0.158 to 0.181 in the suburban and rural populations. Nucleotide diversity similarly ranged from 0.066 to 0.116 in NYC and 0.138 to 0.15 in the suburban and rural populations.

Modeling urbanization and genome-wide variation within populations

Sampling sites could be distinguished by their combinations of human population size and

percent impervious surface (Figure 1b). The rural sites all clustered at very low values for both

urbanization variables. Urban and rural sites exhibited little overlap in the scatterplot, with the

exception of Fort Tilden (FT), Jamaica Bay (JB), and Pelham Bay in NYC. Figure 1b shows the

relationship between the two urbanization variables measured for a 2 km buffer around sampling

sites, but results were qualitatively similar for the smaller buffers.

Model selection based on AIC_c confirmed that nearly all GLMs with one or more

urbanization variables described variation in genomic diversity better than intercept-only models

(Table 3). In general, the highest-ranked models included impervious surface cover rather than

human population size. The top three models for observed heterozygosity all included percent

impervious surface as the only explanatory variable, although models including both statistics

were also included in the 95% confidence set. Heterozygosity was negatively associated with

percent impervious surface, with the exception of the outlier populations mentioned above (i.e.

rural populations with low genetic diversity; Figure 2a). The best model for nucleotide diversity

also included percent impervious surface, and this model was clearly superior to any of the other

models ($w_i = 0.69$). Nucleotide diversity was also negatively associated with percent impervious

surface, and exhibited the same outlier populations as the heterozygosity scatterplot (Figure 2b).

Percent polymorphic loci were negatively associated with percent impervious surface (Figure

2c). The number of private alleles was the only genetic variation measure that was best explained

by human population size; urban populations exhibited low numbers of private alleles (Figure

2d). All four top models had ratios of the null to deviance residuals > 1.0. All urbanization

coefficients from the top GLMs were also significant at $P < 0.05$, with the coefficients for

nucleotide diversity and number of private alleles significant at $P < 0.001$.

Genetic structure and population differentiation

Pairwise F_{ST} calculated using STACKS ranged from a low of 0.033 between a rural (MH) and

suburban (LCC) population, and a high of 0.145 between a suburban (MRG) and urban (RR)

population. Most values were between $0.05 – 0.10$. Some NYC populations exhibited many F_{ST}

> 0.10, particularly RR and JB, as did one suburban population (MRG). A simple Mantel test

revealed no significant IBD (Mantel $r = 0.041$, 95% CI $= -0.046 – 0.124$, $P = 0.32$).

Cross-validation identified $N = 23$ as the optimal number of principal components to

retain for DAPC analysis (Supplementary Figure S1). The first two discriminant functions

distinguished two isolated NYC sites, Jamaica Bay (JB) and Fort Tilden (FT), from the other

populations. Discriminant function three separates out a cluster of the other populations on Long

Island (AP, FM, FP, KP, RR, WW), a cluster of NYC populations in the middle (IP, NYBG, PB,

VC) with suburban populations just below them (LCC, MRG, SW, CPV), and rural populations

(CIE, CFP, HIP, HP, MH, MR) at the bottom (Figure 3a). This clustering largely recapitulates

the spatial orientation of these populations along a north-south axis. One exception is the most

urban population, Central Park (CP), which does not occur where it would be expected based on

geography. This placement indicates that Central Park is one of the most isolated and unique

NYC populations, along with Fort Tilden and Jamaica Bay. The DAPC compoplot (i.e. a barplot

of membership probability) indicated that nearly all individuals could be assigned to their

sampling site with high probability (Supplementary Figure S2).

To clarify relationships between major clusters of sampling sites, we reran the DAPC

analysis on two subsets: all populations on the mainland and Manhattan, and all populations

located on Long Island. Twelve principal components were retained for the mainland-Manhattan

analysis, and the scatterplot of the first two discriminant functions revealed a major, central

cluster that recapitulated the geography of the populations. However, three isolated, urban

populations were distinct from this cluster (Figure 3b): Central Park (CP), Inwood Hill Park (IP),

and Van Cortland Park (VC). The Long Island analysis retained seven principal components, and

confirmed that JB and FT are highly distinct populations, as well as the Ridgewood Reservoir

(RR; Supplementary Figure S3).

Both the heuristic analysis in fastSTRUCTURE (using the simple prior) and cross-

validation in ADMIXTURE identified $K = 2$ as the most likely number of evolutionary clusters

among the 23 white-footed mouse populations we sampled. CLUMPAK confirmed that

individual assignment to the two clusters was highly correlated across the two methods ($r = 0.93$;

Figure 4a,b). One cluster (blue in Figure 4a,b) contained all the NYC populations on Long

Island, the two populations on Manhattan (CP and IP), and three other suburban / rural

populations with atypically low genetic variation (CIE, MR, and SW). All other populations

were assigned to the other cluster (orange in Figure 4a,b), except for WW located in rural Long

Island which was an admixture of the two clusters in almost equal proportions. When we reran

the fastSTRUCTURE analysis for K=1 – 4 using the more accurate logistic prior, the heuristic

analysis identified $K = 3$ as the upper bound on the likely number of evolutionary clusters.

Cross-validation in ADMIXTURE also identified $K = 3 – 5$ as only slightly worse than $K = 2$

(Figure S4), so we created barplots for these numbers of evolutionary clusters. For $K = 3$, the

blue cluster of urban Long Island, Manhattan, and outlier rural populations was maintained, but

the other cluster was split into two largely based on location east or west of a north-south axis

(Figure 4c). The fourth cluster in the K = 4 ADMIXTURE analysis included a new cluster

(Figure 4d) with the two Manhattan populations, a Bronx population (NYBG), and a few distant

populations adjacent to or west of the Hudson River (CFP and HIP). The additional cluster for K

= 5 included two suburban populations in relative proximity (CPV and LCC; Figure 4e).

Landscape genomics

For the simple BEDASSLE model examining presence or absence in the city, the median $\alpha_E : \alpha_D$

ratio was 7.14 and the 95% credible set was 6.90 to 7.36. The interpretation of this result is that

being located in NYC has an impact of approximately 7 km of extra pairwise geographic

distance on genetic differentiation. Comparison of posterior predictive samples for the simple

and beta binomial model confirms that the latter is a much better fit to the data (Figure 5a,b). For

the beta binomial model, the median $\alpha_E : \alpha_D$ ratio was 0.006 and the 95% credible set was 0.0002

to 0.038. This model indicates that presence in NYC has virtually no additional impact over

geographic distance on genetic differentiation. However, values of F_k were elevated for most of

the urban populations (range in medians from 0.04 – 0.25; mean = 0.12) relative to the suburban

(range = 0.01 – 0.06; mean = 0.03) and rural populations (range = 0.001 – 0.11; mean = 0.03),

with the exception of two rural populations that also had high values (CIE and MR; Figure 5d).

These F_k values indicate that the urban populations deviated substantially more from global

allele frequency estimates than the suburban and rural populations.

Pairwise resistance distances from the Circuitscape model were significantly associated

with F_{ST}, even after factoring out the effects of geographic distance (partial Mantel $r = 0.521$,

95% confidence interval = 0.438-0.621, $P < 0.0001$). The simple BEDASSLE model using

resistance distances did not converge after trying many different combinations of prior values.

The beta binomial model did converge, producing a median $\alpha_E : \alpha_D$ ratio of 0.0001 and 95%

negligible impact on genetic differentiation compared to geographic distances, which contradicts

the partial Mantel results. Posterior predictive sampling indicated that this beta-binomial model

performed well, but systematically did not predict observed $F_{ST} < 0.05$ (Fig. 5c).

DISCUSSION

This study is the first to our knowledge to examine the influence of urbanization on genome-

wide SNP variation in city-dwelling species. We found that populations of white-footed mice

along an urban-to-rural gradient exhibit a negative correlation between genomic variation and

urbanization in and around their habitat. Populations within NYC also exhibited greater genetic

differentiation from one another than pairs of populations in rural areas, and urbanization

explained a greater proportion of pairwise population differentiation overall than IBD. NYC

populations deviated more strongly from global mean allele frequencies than rural populations,

indicating that urbanization has substantially altered the evolutionary trajectories of urban

wildlife (Donihue and Lambert 2014).

Many recent studies have documented reduced migration and loss of heterozygosity at

microsatellite loci among populations in urbanized landscapes (Gortat et al. 2014; S. Jha 2015;

Barr et al. 2015). However, for logistical reasons the most variable microsatellite loci are often

chosen for population genetic analysis, and thus may not represent unbiased samples of genome-

wide diversity (Väli et al. 2008). Heterozygosity measured using microsatellites and traits related

to fitness are also often weakly correlated, even though there is a publication bias towards

reporting only high heterozygosity-fitness correlations (Chapman et al. 2009). New approaches

such as ddRAD-Seq used here produce genome-wide SNP markers that are more appropriate for

assessing genome-wide variation in relation to ecological factors such as urbanization.

Population genomic variation is key to understanding and predicting evolutionary

responses to environmental transformation. While urbanization may not directly cause

extinctions of most species, it is likely to decrease the evolutionary potential of populations.

Results from native species in cities are few. Urban bobcats maintained variation at immune-

linked loci due to balancing selection from disease pressures, even after a population bottleneck

and population subdivision by freeways (Serieys et al. 2015). Blackbirds colonizing cities also

exhibited polymorphisms in a candidate behavioral gene that was strongly associated with urban

habitats (Mueller et al. 2013), indicating that functional variation is important for the

evolutionary success of urban wildlife. We previously identified candidate genes that may be

under selection in urban white-footed mice (Harris et al. 2013), but our results here indicate that

these populations have lost as much as half of their genetic diversity compared to nearby rural

populations. While candidate genes of large effect may be relevant to understanding some

responses to landscape change, screening genome-wide variation offers many advantages for

measuring evolutionary potential. Most adaptive traits are polygenic and influenced by many loci

of small effect. Information on genome-wide variation will also capture cryptic variation and

quantify the amount of standing variation available for responses to future change (Harrisson et

al. 2014). Loss of standing variation will thus make it less likely that urban populations will be

able to adapt to local conditions, or to global phenomena such as climate change (Franks et al.

2014). Mutation is likely too slow of a process for rapid recovery of evolutionary potential in

fragmented urban populations. However, increasing connectivity in cities would immediately

boost genetic variation if migration between genetically differentiated populations could be

reestablished.

Modeling urbanization and genome-wide diversity

We found that percent impervious surface cover, and to a lesser extent human population size,

were highly correlated with levels of genome-wide diversity. Gradient studies have

predominated in urban ecology, but terms such as "urban" and "suburban" have been used in

many different contexts without standardization (Magle et al. 2012). Study sites are often defined

based on subjective criteria, or chosen simply to represent a linear geographical gradient

regardless of the actual pattern of urbanization (Ramalho and Hobbs 2012). We advocate that

future landscape genetics studies report percent impervious surface cover in and around study

sites to facilitate comparisons between landscapes and species. Impervious surface and human

population size are highly correlated, but humans may be present in large numbers outside of

cities for recreation in protected areas (Monz et al. 2013). Impervious surface can be readily used

to track urbanization over time, and has relevance to both terrestrial and aquatic systems (Walsh

et al. 2005). Extensive impervious surface in the form of roads, parking lots, and buildings

characterizes all cities (Nowak and Greenfield 2012). Roads in particular have well-characterized

negative impacts on the connectivity of wildlife populations (Balkenhol and Waits 2009;

Benítez-López et al. 2010). Nearly 70% of global forest cover is now fragmented, and areas

subject to urbanization and high-intensity agriculture are most severely affected (Haddad et al.

2015). Reporting measures of impervious surface cover will provide much needed

standardization.

Population structure and differentiation

Urban and rural populations were differentiated from each other, with many $F_{ST} > 0.10$. Some populations within NYC had pairwise F_{ST} as high as urban-rural pairs that were much more distant, indicating that isolation within the city is quite high. Higher F_{ST} values reported here are similar to those reported for endangered beach mice (Austin et al. 2015) and Channel Island deer mice (Ozer et al. 2011) that recently experienced strong genetic drift from extirpations and translocations. The lack of IBD reported here, but moderate to strong genetic population differentiation, suggests that dispersal is limited by barriers and high landscape resistance rather than geographic distance alone. Thus, evolutionary clustering and IBE (Wang and Bradburd 2014; Sexton et al. 2014) are more appropriate models for understanding patterns of genome-wide diversity among these populations.

Discriminant analysis of principal components, and two model-based clustering analyses, sorted individuals into 23 clusters that largely recapitulated geographic patterns. We identified one major split between Long Island and mainland populations, which historical demographic modeling indicated is likely related to glacial retreat and ecological succession in the region (Harris et al, unpublished manuscript). The other striking pattern was that several urban populations were outliers in their genetic divergence from the major clusters of sampling sites. Previous clustering analyses using microsatellites also identified most NYC sites as distinct populations (Munshi-South and Kharchenko 2010). SNPs evolve much more slowly than microsatellites, and there is likely still considerable ancestral variation in isolated urban populations. These NYC populations may also not have reached linkage and Hardy-Weinberg equilibrium at many SNP loci because not enough generations have elapsed since isolation, or the populations have not reached mutation-migration-drift equilibrium.

Landscape genomics

Our isolation-by-environment (IBE) analyses produced mixed results. Overall, IBE modeling

indicated that urbanization drives genetic differentiation to a greater degree than geographic

distance alone. Although the relative influence of IBE to IBD was modest, urban populations

deviated to a much greater degree from global allele frequencies than suburban or rural

populations. The most likely explanation for this deviation is substantial drift due to inbreeding

or bottlenecks in isolated urban habitats. This scenario generally conforms to the strong structure

observed among some of the urban populations. However, other factors that caused these

populations to deviate from the BEDASSLE model cannot be ruled out, such as unsampled

environmental variables (Bradburd et al. 2013).

IBR modeling in Circuitscape confirmed that variation in percent impervious surface is

highly associated with variation in pairwise F_{ST}, even after factoring out IBD. Partial Mantel

tests have several known issues with false positives (Legendre and Fortin 2010), but we

previously found that vegetation cover (typically the inverse of impervious surface in NYC)

successfully described migration between populations using similar approaches (Munshi☐South

2012). The BEDASSLE models did not identify the same clear association between impervious

surface and genetic differentiation. As above, the strong deviation of urban populations from the

global mean allele frequencies indicated that the BEDASSLE model may have underperformed.

Resistance distances from Circuitscape are integrated over all possible paths between points on

the landscape, and thus BEDASSLE also counts geographic distance twice with unknown

consequences when using resistance distances (G. Bradburd, personal communication).

IBE is an active area of inquiry that holds great promise for understanding the processes

that generate genetic variation. However, currently available approaches are relatively new, and

several caveats apply to their application (Wang and Bradburd 2014). This study is the first use

of BEDASSLE to model the relationship between genetic differentiation and human

modification of the environment. In addition to the model adequacy issues raised above, some of

the populations analyzed here may not have reached migration-drift equilibrium, or were

dominated by idiosyncratic environmental processes. Previous BEDASSLE analyses that

detected stronger IBE patterns were conducted over much larger geographic scales among much

more strongly differentiated populations, such as sky island birds (Manthey and Moyle 2015),

lizards occupying a SE Asian archipelago separated by deep ocean trenches (Barley et al. 2015),

and a widespread bird occupying much of the Amazon basin (Harvey and Brumfield 2015).

These results suggest that the IBE model in BEDASSLE may currently be best suited to

populations that are deeply diverged in both time and space.

Conclusions & Future Research

The results presented here demonstrate for the first time that urbanization is associated with a

pervasive reduction in genome-wide variation among animal populations. *Peromyscus* spp.,

including white-footed mice, are among the most widely-distributed small mammals in North

America and increasingly important models for investigating natural variation (Bedford and

Hoekstra 2015). Given unchecked urbanization, particularly in the eastern United States, it is

likely that many white-footed mouse populations in metropolitan areas have experienced similar

declines in standing genetic variation. Preliminary evidence indicates that some loci have

experienced selective sweeps in urban white-footed mice (Harris et al. 2013), but the relative

impacts of urbanization on historical demography and natural selection have not been fully

disentangled for these populations. Our models of historical demography using genome-wide

SNPs have identified bottlenecks and population divergence on the timeframe of urbanization in

NYC. Using an using an expanded transcriptome dataset (Harris et al. 2015), we recently

identified signatures of selection in NYC populations using an approach that accounted for these

historical demographic patterns (Harris & Munshi-South, unpublished manuscript). We

identified dozens of candidate loci under selection that are associated with metabolic and

immune processes. These patterns may reflect changes in diet and biotic pressures (i.e. disease

and inflammation) in cities. Thus, the loss of genome-wide diversity documented here does not

necessarily preclude local adaptation to highly altered, stressful urban environments.

Evolutionary potential of urban populations could be improved by restoring connectivity

between urban forest patches (Zipperer et al. 2012). Enhanced gene flow between urban forests,

as well as between urban and suburban areas, would increase overall genome-wide diversity

(although may simultaneously break up local adaptation). Habitat networks that promote gene

flow in cities can be constructed from even small gardens and green spaces not explicitly

dedicated to biodiversity (Goddard et al. 2010; Vergnes et al. 2012). Microevolutionary

processes are rarely integrated into urban conservation due to their perceived complex nature and

variation between taxa, but could be useful metrics for assessing landscape connectivity

(Stockwell et al. 2003; Kinnison et al. 2007). Converting "gray" infrastructure into "green"

networks could also simultaneously address conservation goals while delivering co-benefits to

humans in the form of biodiversity experiences (Tanner et al. 2014). A rich literature indicates

that humans benefit in myriad ways from access to nature (Fuller et al. 2007), but integrative

approaches to urban wildlife conservation are a major area for future growth (Shwartz et al.

2014).

Data Archiving Statement

The DNA sequencing reads will be deposited in NCBI's Short-read Archive (SRA). Other data

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Table 1. Characteristics of numbers of white-footed mice sampled at 23 locations along an urban-to-rural gradient. Human population size and percent impervious surface were measured at four buffer sizes around these sites: 0.5 km, 1.0km, 1.5km, and 2.0km.

Site	Code	Type	N	Latitude	Longitude	Human Population Size	% Impervious Surface
Alley Pond / Cunningham	AP	City	13	40.747605	-73.742505	1298.3, 11518.3, 32262.4, 59880.1	21.2, 42.7, 48.3, 50.8
Central Park	CP	City	9	40.798231	-73.956198	15908.3, 86289.3, 210342.9, 351698.8	48.6, 59, 64.2, 60.2
Flushing Meadows	FM	City	10	40.721442	-73.830805	1577, 24976.4, 62246.8, 125893.1	32.3, 55.8, 56.9, 58
Forest Park	FP	City	6	40.703356	-73.850889	268.3, 18451.6, 59338.1, 123722	6.8, 40.2, 54.2, 61.3
Fort Tilden	FT	City	4	40.561031	-73.887552	17.2, 557.7, 1144.2, 2357.5	5.5, 11.2, 8.9, 8.5
Inwood Hill Park	IP	City	6	40.873295	-73.925005	1073.6, 31425.1, 65049.1, 121354.2	7.5, 26.2, 29.5, 30
Jamaica Bay	JB	City	5	40.623063	-73.824582	0, 9, 173.5, 1438.4	3.6, 1.9, 2, 3.2
Kissena Park	KP	City	9	40.746547	-73.811192	2039.9, 17360, 47871.4, 107273.1	28.5, 48.1, 58.1, 62.3
NY Botanical Garden	NYBG	City	11	40.871613	-73.874079	6875, 54876.3, 140744.3, 256359.1	44.4, 50.7, 61.2, 60.9
Pelham Bay	PB	City	11	40.879895	-73.804063	1.8, 22.5, 934, 3508.1	0, 7.6, 9.7, 9.5
Ridgewood Reservoir	RR	City	10	40.687347	-73.88711	2725.8, 22195.2, 54859, 143223.9	21.7, 45.4, 57.3, 66.9
Van Cortlandt Park	VC	City	6	40.902086	-73.882341	0, 2106.1, 28583.1, 77541.7	10, 16, 23.3, 27.7
Pleasant Valley	CPV	Suburb	7	41.707149	-73.796406	45.7, 190.1, 406.8, 720	0.5, 0.6, 1, 1
Louis Calder Center	LCC	Suburb	13	41.128624	-73.73042	235.8, 1139, 1945.7, 3118.6	3.1, 5.9, 9.6, 10.6
Mianus River Gorge	MRG	Suburb	6	41.185234	-73.622813	76.4, 369.8, 912.5, 1681.4	0.3, 0.6, 0.7, 0.6
Saxon Woods Park	SW	Suburb	7	40.988344	-73.753852	45.7, 669.5, 3765.2, 8164.7	0.6, 13.6, 17.6, 17.6
C. Fahnestock St. Park	CFP	Rural	9	41.468662	-73.843355	1.9, 9.9, 26.9, 56	0.1, 0.2, 0.1, 0.1
Cary Institute	CIE	Rural	7	41.784468	-73.735476	5.6, 41.3, 122.3, 263.8	0.5, 1, 1.1, 1.3
Highpoint State Park	HIP	Rural	8	41.262754	-74.703121	4.2, 19.7, 56.8, 157.5	0.8, 0.4, 0.3, 0.4
Harriman State Park	HP	Rural	9	41.282946	-74.068317	0, 0, 0.2, 2.8	0.1, 0.1, 0.2, 0.2
Cornwall, CT	MH	Rural	8	41.787584	-73.385292	5.7, 48.5, 112.2, 183.5	2.2, 1.7, 1.4, 0.9
Minnewaska Reserve	MR	Rural	8	41.727843	-74.260149	0, 0, 1.8, 9	0, 0, 0.1, 0.1
Wildwood State Park	WW	Rural	9	40.939296	-72.828573	13.1, 191.3, 1107, 2080	0.9, 3, 3.6, 3.5

Table 2. Summary genetic diversity statistics calculated by STACKS for nucleotide positions

that were polymorphic in at least one population. N = average number of individuals genotyped

at each locus; *Sites* = number of polymorphic nucleotide sites across the dataset; *%Poly* =

percentage of polymorphic loci; *Private* = number of variable sites unique to each population; *P*

= average frequency of the major allele; H_{obs} = average observed heterozygosity per locus; π =

average nucleotide diversity.

Site	Type	N	Sites	%Poly	Private	P	H_{obs}	π
AP	City	10.4	14,859	0.388	154	0.944	0.080	0.089
CP	City	6.6	14,031	0.321	152	0.936	0.095	0.102
FM	City	7.7	14,812	0.229	90	0.953	0.061	0.071
FP	City	5.4	14,904	0.224	92	0.951	0.066	0.076
FT	City	3.7	14,880	0.235	78	0.948	0.082	0.086
IP	City	5.2	14,879	0.304	146	0.944	0.083	0.091
JB	City	4.3	14,750	0.230	54	0.952	0.075	0.079
KP	City	7.8	14,872	0.278	139	0.951	0.069	0.077
NYBG	City	7.9	12,657	0.321	138	0.925	0.117	0.106
PB	City	9.1	14,788	0.414	269	0.899	0.164	0.143
RR	City	7.7	14,648	0.209	88	0.957	0.054	0.066
VC	City	5.5	14,909	0.350	159	0.928	0.115	0.116
CPV	Suburb	6.0	14,712	0.383	273	0.903	0.164	0.142
LCC	Suburb	10.3	14,670	0.450	431	0.904	0.158	0.138
MRG	Suburb	5.1	14,830	0.371	198	0.903	0.165	0.146
SW	Suburb	5.7	14,698	0.303	126	0.945	0.081	0.090
CFP	Rural	7.0	14,814	0.380	269	0.914	0.141	0.122
CIE	Rural	5.6	14,393	0.300	134	0.946	0.078	0.088
HIP	Rural	7.0	14,886	0.416	515	0.910	0.148	0.129
HP	Rural	7.1	14,797	0.452	516	0.915	0.137	0.135
MH	Rural	6.9	14,906	0.432	362	0.894	0.181	0.150
MR	Rural	6.3	14,856	0.295	381	0.947	0.074	0.085
WW	Rural	6.6	14,630	0.327	131	0.920	0.132	0.113
Mean		6.7	14,660	0.331	212.8	0.930	0.110	0.106

928 **Table 3**. Results of selection among general linear models describing the influence of percent impervious surface cover (imprv) and

929 human population size (pop) on a) observed heterozygosity, b) nucleotide diversity, c) the number of private alleles within each

930 population, and d) the percentage of polymorphic loci within each population. The best models were chosen based on the second-order

931 Akaike Information Criterion (AIC_c), the rate of change in AIC_c (Δ_i), and the Akaike weights (w_i).

Models	AIC_c	Δ_i	w_i	Models	AIC_c	Δ_i	w_i
a) observed heterozygosity				*b) nucleotide diversity (pi)*			
imprv2km	-85.98	0	0.25	imprv1km	-107.19	0	0.69
imprv1km	-85.33	0.65	0.18	pop1km + imprv1km	-104.25	2.93	0.16
imprv1.5km	-85.18	0.8	0.17	imprv2km	-101.54	5.65	0.04
pop1km + imprv1km	-84.63	1.36	0.13	imprv1.5km	-100.64	6.55	0.03
pop2km + imprv2km	-84.46	1.52	0.12	pop2km	-99.98	7.21	0.02
pop1.5km+ imprv1.5km	-84.23	1.75	0.1	imprv500m	-99.3	7.89	0.01
imprv500m	-79.89	6.09	0.01	pop1km	-98.99	8.19	0.01
pop2km	-79.47	6.52	0.01	pop1.5km	-98.89	8.29	0.01
pop500m + imprv500m	-78.95	7.04	0.01	pop2km + imprv2km	-98.84	8.34	0.01
intercept	-78.57	7.41	0.01	pop500m	-98.06	9.13	0.01
pop1.5km	-78.44	7.54	0.01	pop1.5km+ imprv1.5km	-97.93	9.25	0.01
pop1km	-78.25	7.73	0.01	pop500m + imprv500m	-97.72	9.47	0.01
pop500m	-76.65	9.34	0	intercept	-96.94	10.25	0
c) number of private alleles				*d) percentage of polymorphic loci*			
pop2km	283.12	0	0.37	imprv1km	-56.11	0	0.43
pop1.5km	283.88	0.76	0.25	pop1km + imprv1km	-53.18	2.93	0.1
imprv2km	285.66	2.54	0.1	pop2km	-53.13	2.98	0.1
pop2km + imprv2km	286.01	2.89	0.09	imprv2km	-52.89	3.22	0.09
imprv1.5km	286.08	2.97	0.08	imprv1.5km	-52.29	3.81	0.06
pop1.5km+ imprv1.5km	286.83	3.71	0.06	pop1.5km	-52.24	3.87	0.06

pop1km	288.31	5.19	0.03	pop1km	-51.46	4.64	0.04
pop1km + imprv1km	290.47	7.35	0.01	imprv500m	-50.81	5.3	0.03
imprv1km	291.35	8.23	0.01	pop2km + imprv2km	-50.23	5.88	0.02
pop500m	293.88	10.77	0	intercept	-49.89	6.22	0.02
intercept	295.9	12.78	0	pop500m	-49.75	6.36	0.02
imprv500m	296.05	12.93	0	pop1.5km+ imprv1.5km	-49.5	6.61	0.02
pop500m + imprv500m	296.22	13.1	0	pop500m + imprv500m	-48.66	7.44	0.01

FIGURE LEGENDS

Figure 1

a. Geographic locations of the 23 sites at which we sampled white-footed mice for this study.

The map contains land cover categories and impervious surface levels from the 2011 National

Land Cover Database at 30m resolution. Red to purple colors represent increasing percentages

of impervious surface cover. Site abbreviations correspond to Table 1. **b.** Scatterplot of percent

impervious surface cover vs. human population size for the 23 sampling sites. Both variables

were log-transformed to improve linearity, and were measured using 2 km buffers around study

sites as described in the text. Red dots represent rural sites, green dots represent suburban sites,

and black dots represent urban sites.

Figure 2. Scatterplots and trend lines for best GLMs identified using AIC_c modeling that

describe the relationship between urbanization and **a)** heterozygosity, **b)** nucleotide diversity, **c)**

percent polymorphic loci, and **d)** number of private alleles for the 23 populations. Red dots

represent rural sites, green dots represent suburban sites, and black dots represent urban sites.

Site abbreviations correspond to Table 1.

Figure 3. Scatterplots resulting from Discriminant Analysis of Principal Components (DAPC)

for **a)** all 23 sampling sites, and **b)** a subset of sites occurring on Manhattan and mainland North

America. Insets represent the eigenvalues of retained principal components (top left), and the

eigenvalues of discriminant functions portrayed in the scatterplots (bottom left). Site

abbreviations correspond to Table 1.

Figure 4. Bar plots resulting from evolutionary clustering analyses using a) fastSTRUCTURE

assuming K = 2, and b-e) using ADMIXTURE assuming K= 2 – 5. Site abbreviations correspond

to Table 1.

Figure 5. Posterior predictive sampling with 1,000 simulated datasets in BEDASSLE, using

pairwise F_{ST} as a summary statistic for a) the simple model with presence within or outside NYC

as the environmental variable; b) the beta binomial model for presence within or outside NYC;

and c) the beta binomial model with resistance distances based on percent impervious surface as

the environmental variable. d) Map of study sites with points scaled using the values of F_K

estimated by the beta binomial model in BEDASSLE. F_K estimates the deviation of each

population from global mean allele frequencies, and was highest for populations located within

NYC.

LIST OF SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

Table S1. Summary population genomic statistics calculated for all nucleotide positions (variant and fixed).

Figure S1. Cross-validation (i.e. a-score optimization) to identify the optimal number of principal components to retain for DAPC without overfitting4

Figure S2. Compoplot / bar plot result from DAPC analysis on all 23 populations.

Figure S3. Scatterplot of first two discriminant functions from DAPC for populations on Long Island.

Figure S4. Cross-validation of results from ADMIXTURE for K = 1 – 12.

Table S2. Matrix of pairwise F_{ST} (above diagonal) and great-circle geographic distance (km; below diagonal) calculated between all pairs of 23 populations.

Figure S5. Cumulative current map from isolation by resistance modeling in Circuitscape. Lighter areas represent landscape cells with higher cumulative predicted current (i.e. higher movement). All landscape cells with impervious surface % > 70% were assigned resistance = 100, and all cells with impervious surface < %70 were assigned a resistance equal to their percent impervious surface (e.g. 50% impervious surface results in 50X higher resistance than 1% impervious surface).

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a) K=2   fastSTRUCTURE

b) K=2   ADMIXTURE

c) K=3

d) K=4

e) K=5

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c)

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d)