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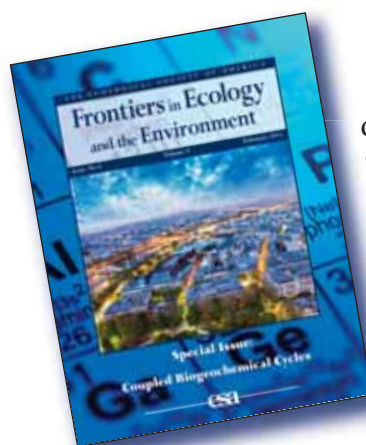
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Cover picture: The biogeochemical cycles of key elements, such as carbon, nitrogen, and phosphorus, are coupled to each other, coupled between landscape components and over time, and strongly influenced by human activities; urban ecosystems have profound effects on coupled biogeochemical cycles.

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