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FCC NTX Update: Getting started, SimCity info

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Registration closed on 31 October. We have 54 schools/organizations registered for the NTX regional. More than enough to qualify the region to send our winner to the national finals in Washington, DC. There is a list of all the registered organizations at:

[www.dfwfuturecity.org/team\\_sch.html](http://www.dfwfuturecity.org/team_sch.html).

### **ORIENTATION AND TRAINING SESSIONS:**

We have completed the NTX training sessions for 2014. You will find recordings of the sessions and pdfs of the presentations online at our Team Center resources page:

[www.dfwfuturecity.org/team\\_rsrc.html](http://www.dfwfuturecity.org/team_rsrc.html). Sessions included:

1. Orientation and Overview
2. City planning
3. SimCity Tips

You can also access the recording of the national webinar on the essay topic: Feeding Future Cities from the resources page.

### **GETTING STARTED:**

City planning should be your first step in the FC project. Resources to help you develop an initial plan:

- City planning webinar (see above)
- City planning Learning Blocks (<http://futurecity.org/design/learning-blocks>)
- Other resources: [www.dfwfuturecity.org/team\\_rsrc.html#more](http://www.dfwfuturecity.org/team_rsrc.html#more)

Once you have an initial plan, you can test your ideas with simulation, i.e., SimCity.

### **SIMCITY:**

**DOWNLOADS:** With a few exceptions, you should have all received your SimCity download codes. If not, let me know asap.

**OFFLINE MODE (SINGLE-PLAYER MODE):** Remember that all cities need to be developed in offline – or “Single-Player” mode. If you start SimCity and it asks you to select a server (ex., Asia 1, North America East 2), you are online!

Also, you must develop your city in the Whitewater Valley region. You can choose any city site within that region, but you must be in Whitewater Valley. And, not “sandbox” mode.

Detailed instructions for downloading SimCity, selecting Single-Player (offline) mode, and getting started with the Whitewater Valley region are online:

[http://www.dfwfuturecity.org/SC\\_DL\\_Instr\\_updttd.pdf](http://www.dfwfuturecity.org/SC_DL_Instr_updttd.pdf).

**RESOURCES:** Consult the Team Center resources page, SimCity section for additional information and tips, including:

- Tips for success
- Webinar

- Saving and backing up your work
- Submitting and transferring files

**VIRTUAL CITY (SIMCITY) DUE DATE:**

The due date for the SimCity file is 26 November. Late submissions will be accepted with a small point deduction through 19 December. Consult the NTX schedule for details:

[www.dfwfuturecity.org/team\\_sched.html](http://www.dfwfuturecity.org/team_sched.html).

Good Luck everyone and let me know if you have any questions.

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