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FCC NTX Update: SimCity and the Virtual City Slideshow

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### **TEAM CENTER: ENTER TEAMS AND REGISTER MENTORS**

If you haven't already done so, log into the online Team Center ([www.dfwfuturecity.org/teamcenter.html](http://www.dfwfuturecity.org/teamcenter.html)) and enter your teams ... you will need to do this before you can submit any deliverables. And, please tell your team mentors to also enroll in the Team Center. This will give these volunteers access to the team information and the ability to manage teams and deliverables.

ALSO NOTE: there is a "Partial Participation" option for all teams. This means you do not have to submit all the deliverables. You will still be eligible to display and present your model and be considered for some of the special awards. This way, you will get most of the benefit and experience of the Future City program.

### **SIMCITY DOWNLOADS AND INSTALLATION**

All of you should have downloaded the SimCity. If you are installing the program on a school computer, there may be a problem with the school firewalls. Future City has some suggestions for working around the firewall (see <http://futurecity.org/resources> and filter on "SimCity"). Also, please feel free to have your IT people give me a call for ideas and workarounds.

### **VIRTUAL CITY SLIDESHOW DELIVERABLE – INITIAL DUE DATE 2 DECEMBER**

Initial deadline for the slideshow deliverable is 2 December. Late submissions of the slide show are acceptable through 19 December with a small penalty. (See the complete NTX regional schedule at [www.dfwfuturecity.org/team\\_sched.html](http://www.dfwfuturecity.org/team_sched.html).)

Upload the pdf file through the team center.

VIRTUAL CITY RESOURCES are available at <http://futurecity.org/resources> and include:

- Slideshow template
- Benchmark assessment form
- Sample virtual city slideshow

Also, please consult the rubric (in the handbook or online) and the background information and rules in the handbook.

My training video ([http://www.dfwfuturecity.org/team\\_rsrc.html#orient](http://www.dfwfuturecity.org/team_rsrc.html#orient)) will give you background info and tips for constructing the slideshow.

SPECIAL NOTE ON SCREENSHOTS: If you find that your screenshots don't include the tools and information items along the bottom of the screen, check the "Options" menu under the "Settings" tab. Make sure the item "turn off UI when taking screenshots" is not checked.

## **NEXT PHASE – CITY ESSAY**

The City Essay is the next deliverable, due on 19 December. The Power of Public Spaces – you can find information and rules in the handbook and reference links online at <http://futurecity.org>. There is also a training video and copies of past winning essays from the region on our Team Center Resources page ([http://www.dfwfuturecity.org/team\\_rsrc.html#more](http://www.dfwfuturecity.org/team_rsrc.html#more)).

FINALLY – it's not too early to begin planning your model. Start collecting recyclables for building materials.

Good luck to everyone. Contact me or Jill if you have any questions.

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