

4 November 2021

FCC NTX Update - Project Plan due date (new)

All:

It seems like this year is going to be as challenging as last year ... so, please let me know if you have any problems or questions.

And, speaking of problems ... we still have a few to iron out in getting the old system back online (that's the bad news). The good news is that we will be slipping some of the due dates as a result.

ADJUSTED SCHEDULE

19 Nov	Project Plan 1 & 2
1 Dec	Essay (6 Dec is the last day to submit essay with penalty points)
10 Dec	Project Plan 3

All other dates remain the same. I will have all of the online schedules updated shortly.

Please remember that the due dates in the Educator Dashboard are the last date – the closing date – for submission of the deliverables. Files received on this date will have penalty points deducted. See www.dfwfuturecity.org/team_sched.html for the complete schedule of due dates. I apologize for the way this is displayed, but I had no choice in the setup.

THE PROJECT PLAN – THE FIRST STEP

The Project Management Plan is being submitted piece-by-piece this year. The first two pieces are due 19 Nov:

1. Setting goals for your FC effort;
2. Developing a Schedule and assigning resources and tasks;
3. Checking in on your progress (due 10 Dec); and finally,
4. Reflecting on your FC effort (due 19 Jan)

So, at this point you should be:

- Putting together your overall project goals and start developing the schedule.
- Developing an initial city plan for your city.
- Starting your research for the essay problem.

For references on planning, see our Team Center Resources page (www.dfwfuturecity.org/team_rsrc.html). There is a webinar on Project Planning and links under "Where to Learn More" section. There are also some city planning exercises and tips on the national website (<http://futurecity.org> - resources page, filter for activities and background info).

CITY ESSAY – Due 1 Dec

Waste-Free City – resources:

- See the handbook for rules, suggested outline, topic overview and research ideas.
- Reference links on Educator Dashboard
- Waste-Free City – theme webinar recording <https://youtu.be/Gwasb9E4FcQ>.
- Copies of past winning essays from NTX (http://www.dfwfuturecity.org/team_rsrc.html - “where to learn more”)

OTHER REFERENCE MATERIAL, WEBINARS, AND VIDEOS

- Recorded webinars on most of the deliverables on NTX resources pages: www.dfwfuturecity.org/team_rsrc.html. Managing projects, City planning, Model examples, and Presentation skills.
- Records of past webinars on the national website (<http://futurecity.org/resources>) including Educator Best Practices and Eye on Engineering.
- Activities and background information on the Educator Dashboard and also on the national resources page (<http://futurecity.org/resources>)

FINALLY – it’s not too early to begin planning your model. Start collecting recyclables for building materials. Remember you have a maximum budget of \$100 – and you have to account for the cost of all materials unless they are recyclable. See the Expense Form for details. Model Slideshow –due 14 December (final due date 14 January). See: www.dfwfuturecity.org/team_sched.html.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me.

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