During the time you are involved in the Future City® Lite program, you will learn:

- How Future City® project components reinforce Indiana Science and Math Academic Standards.
- How Future City® mentors and the Regional Help Session presenters provide useful information for classes.
- How the new Future City® STEM Learning Blocks provide classroom lesson plans that help students understand the Future City project and related topics in science, social studies, math, or technology.
- How to incorporate Future City® into a class curriculum or coordinate a cross-disciplinary program within a school and/or how to use it for a club activity.
- How to establish a project schedule for your class/club or use the program as an extra credit activity for some of your students who work well on projects.
- How to prepare a team for the regional competition.

What is expected of an Indiana Future City® Pilot School or a school participating in the FC “Lite” program?

1. Register for Future City® (for two years you can be a pilot or partial program school) Cost: $25 or sponsorship/year

2. Pilot (new) schools will receive 2 copies of SimCity™ 4 Deluxe software the first year. As a Future City® School, you have access to ordering additional copies via National Future City® at a reduced price while supplies last.

3. Phases: Teachers can work on a minimum of 2 competition components with at least three students in your class or after school. Any number of students may work on the project but an “official” team that submits any components to the competition must have 3 students. Any components of the project may be used for the pilot or partial participation. Students can work on these elements as an assignment, extra credit, or special accelerated project of enrichment.

4. Submissions: There is no obligation to submit your two components of the competition or attend the event but, if you choose, you may submit your school’s two components to the Regional Competition (example: SimCity design and the essay) following normal guidelines by the deadline dates posted on the Indiana website. All pilot schools are eligible for the Best Future City® Pilot School Award. Schools participating as a partial school are eligible to win certain special awards offered by community sponsors that recognize achievement in specific areas.

5. Transition: a Future City® Pilot or Partial school can transition into participating in the entire Future City® Competition at any time; even during your first year.

6. Enrichment: as a Future City® Pilot/Partial school, you are eligible to receive the handbooks, periodic updates from National Future City® and Indiana Regional Future City®, access to Help Sessions and Teacher Workshops and any other materials offered to other Future City® Schools.

7. Pilot or Partial Participation schools will not be eligible to be sent to Washington, D.C. to compete in National Finals.