Activity 4: Property Search

Now that you've done some research on how the various regions and environments may be impacted by climate change, and narrowed your search down to a smaller region, you're ready to start looking at some properties. Remember the following constraints as you begin your search:

- You only have $75,000 to spend and you must spend it all at once, no mortgages.
- You do not need to worry about taxes, property insurance, or other fees, for this exercise, your only concern is the list price. Although bargaining on list price is a real part of real estate, for simplification reasons, it will not be allowed in this activity.
- You cannot buy a property that has any structure on it that people could currently live in (no houses, apartments, yurts, etc.). On every real estate website there are search filter drop-down menus; deselect all property types EXCEPT for land to speed up your search.
- You must select your property from actual real estate listings. Try using Zillow.com, Realtor.com, or Trulia.com to begin your search.

Using the Property & Climate Information Organizer (print or digital), find and organize information for 5-8 different properties by following the directions below:

1. Record each property you find in Tab/Table 1 "Log of Properties." You don't need to fill out the whole grid for each property, but this is a good way to track your search, which you can narrow down to 5-8 properties.
2. The rightmost column gives a place to link to the listing, you should do this, so you can easily get back to properties you've looked at later.
3. Remove any properties that you don't like or that don't meet any of your core criteria. After this step, you should end up with 5-8 properties for deeper analysis.
4. Switch to Tab/Table 2. If you are using the electronic version of this document, the address of each property will be automatically copied from Tab 1 to Tab 2.
5. Add the following climate information about the properties you've selected in the appropriate column:
   a. Predicted temperatures for region
   b. Risk of severe weather events
   c. Predicted precipitation patterns
   d. Fresh water or well on property.
6. There are two extra columns track other "must-haves" for your property.
7. Once you've completed your search, discuss with your group which property you should buy, and record the property information below. Going Once...Going Twice...SOLD!!

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Table 1: Log of Possible Properties					
Address of Property (Street, City, State)	Price ($)	Acres	Price per Acre	Features of Property (i.e. water, topography, environment)	Comments

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Table 2: Regional Climate Information					
Address of Property (Street, City, State)	Predicted Temperatures for Region	Risk of Severe Weather Events	Predicted Precipitation Patterns	Fresh Water or Well on Property?	"Must-Haves"

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Final Property Selection

Address		

Price ($)	Acres	Price per Acre

Description of Property		

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