Accessing Metro Council DOQs

This document outlines how to access the Metropolitan Council DOQ files available in the Automated Cartographic Information Center (ACIC). It covers the following files: 1997 Metropolitan Council DOQ's (.tif files), 1997 Metropolitan Council Contact Prints(.tif files), 2000 Metropolitan Council DOQ's (.tif files) & 2005 Metropolitan DOQ's (.sid files)

*Note: To manipulate .sid files, start with the ArcGIS instructions, otherwise start with the Adobe Photoshop instructions

Easy viewing .sid files

- 1.) Insert the CD into the disc drive if you already haven't done so.
- 2.) Click the "Start" menu.
- 3.) Click "My Computer"
- 4.) Double click either the "E:\" or "D:\" drive, whichever has your CD located within the drive.
- 5.) Double click the photo number which corresponds to your area of interest.
 - **a.** If you are unsure which photo number you are looking for check the reference map located on the wall.
 - **b.** See staff for further assistance.
- 6.) Internet explorer will open the file
 - **a.** If you receive a security message, allow the blocked content.

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7.) Play with the select tools to modify your image.



ArcGIS for .sid files

- 1.) Insert the CD into the disc drive if you already haven't done so.
- 2.) Open ArcCatalog from the ArcGIS desktop shortcut.
- 3.) Click the "connect to folder" button on the second toolbar located from the top of the page.

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4.) Select the "D:\" or "E:\" drive, whichever drive has your CD located within it.

5.) Click the "expand elements" plus sign to the left of the "D:" or "E:" drive symbol.

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6.) Click on the Yellow Box that appears under the "D:\" or "E:\" drive, after you click the "expand elements" plus sign and then click the preview tab.



7.) Click "Yes" to build pyramids.

*Note: If you were expecting a different DOQ, then make sure your DOQ number on the CD corresponds to the specific area and year located on the map on the wall. See staff for further assistance.

8.) Add the Dataset to ArcMap by clicking and dragging the Yellow Box in ArcCatalog to the "Layers" Dataframe in ArcMap.



- 9.) If done correctly, the DOQ should appear in ArcMap.
- 10.) If you are looking to convert the .tif or .sid file to a different format, then click "File," "Export Map."
- 11.) Give the new file whatever name you like and click the "Save as type:" drop down menu.

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12.)Select the file type you would like to use when saving the new image. (.png, .jpg, .pdf, .tif will all work in Adobe Photoshop)

- 13.) Select its destination from the "Save in:" drop down menu. (Refer to previous graphic)
- 14.)Click "Save"
- 15.) If working with .sid files, Open Adobe Photoshop and continue on to the exercise on the next page.

Adobe Photoshop

- 1.) Insert CD into the disc drive if you already haven't done so.
- 2.) Open Adobe Photoshop from the Adobe shortcut on the desktop.
- 3.) Click "File," "Open."
- 4.) Locate to either the "D:\" or "E:\" drive and double click the .tif image to open it. (If started off working with a .sid file, then navigate to the destination that you saved the new file (.tif, .pdf, etc.) in the previous exercise)
- 5.) To Crop a selected part of the Image, click the Crop tool.



- 6.) Highlight the section that you wish to crop.
- 7.) Double click on the image.
- 8.) Select "Crop" if prompted.
- 9.) To save the file as something other than a .tif (or another file), click "File," "Save As."

10.)Click the "Format" drop down menu and save the file to one of the selected types. (.pdf, .jpg, .png recommended)



- 11.)Name the file whatever you wish from the "File name:" drop down menu.
- 12.)Select its destination to wherever you would like to save the file from the "Save in:" drop down menu.
- 13.) Click "Save."