How to Use Google Earth to Recommend Projects

- 1. Download and Install Google Earth: http://www.google.com/earth/index.html
- 2. Open Google Earth
- 3. Create a folder to hold all of the information you will be using and creating by right clicking on *My Places* located on the left hand side of the screen. Then Click *Add*, and then *Folder*. You can name the folder Blackberry_Creek for example.



4. Go to *File, Open* and navigate to where you have saved the watershed outline file and the stream file that were emailed to you and open that file. When you open the file, Google Earth will zoom to the location and you will see an orange outline of the watershed and the light blue outline of the streams.



5. To identify a project location, pan and zoom to the desired location. Then select the *Add Placemark* tool (yellow pushpin in toolbar).



When you do this the yellow pin will appear in the center of your map and a white window will appear with *Placemark* information. You can click on the yellow pushpin and move it around on the map until it is in the desired location. You can zoom in and move the extent of the map to help you locate the project location.



Once you have placed the pushpin in the desired location, you must include a short descriptive name in the name field, for example "Cannonball Hill Subdivision." In the description field you can provide information such as, type of project, cost, potential partners and other useful information. Please **DO NOT** hit the enter key or use periods, spaces are ok. A runoff sentence or list will work just fine.



6. Continue to do locate projects and provide information by repeating step 5.

7. As you identify and locate project sites, they will appear in the right hand side of the map, usually under temporary places. The image below will you help you locate the *Placemarks*.



To export this *Placemarks*, right click on the top layer. In this case it would be BlackberryProjectIdeas and select "*Save Place As*."



Find a good location for you to save items (one you will remember). Name your file and keep the extension/file type as KMZ (.KMZ).

- 8. Please email the .KMZ file you just created to Hala Ahmed, CMAP, at <u>hahmed@cmap.illinois.gov</u>
- 9. THANK YOU!