

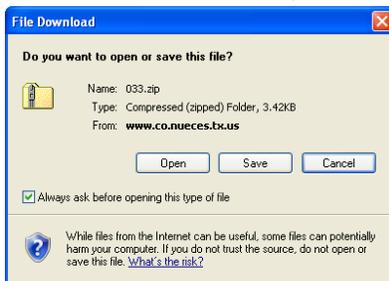
## Tips for using KML/KMZ files

1. These instructions assume that you already have Google Earth installed on your system.  
You may download Google Earth from the following locations:

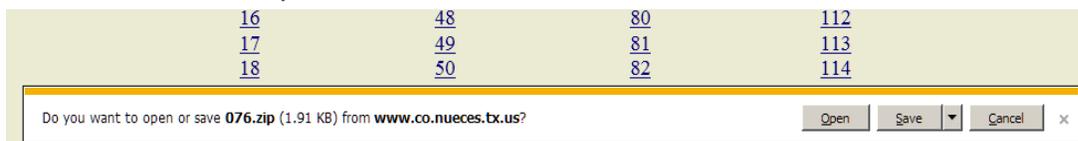


2. Click on the KML/KMZ file you want to view in Google Earth
3. If you see a “File Download” message, either save the file, or open it in your browser. You may get a slightly different message, depending on what operating system and browser you are using (see examples below)

### Windows XP Download Prompt

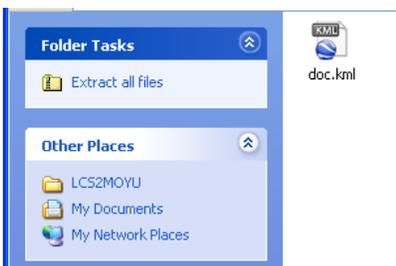


### Windows 7 Download Prompt



4. Again, depending on your browser, you may see a KML file within a ZIP folder (see below), or your computer may automatically open the KMZ file in Google Earth.

### ZIP Folder in Windows XP

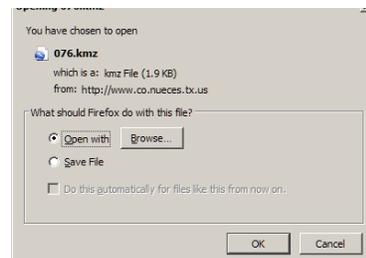


5. If you see a message asking if you want to open the file, click on “Open” and the file should open in Google Earth. If you have not already done so by this point, you should download and Install Google Earth on your computer.

### Internet Explorer 8 Open File Prompt



### Mozilla Firefox Open/Save File Prompt



- Normally, newly opened layers in Google Earth will appear under “Temporary Places.” Google Earth should automatically zoom in to the area of your new layer, but your layer may be hidden.

### Viewing Layers in Google Earth

- If your “Places” sidebar is not visible, click on the arrow for “Places” to expand the “Places” section of the sidebar (see below)

*Here, we see the “Places” section of the sidebar collapsed. Simply click on the triangle pointing to the word “Places” to expand this section of the sidebar.*



- Once the “Places” section of the sidebar has been expanded, you should see the file you recently downloaded at the bottom of this section under “Temporary Places”

*Here, we see the “Places” section of the sidebar after it has been expanded.*



- At this point, simply check the layer you recently downloaded, and your layer should now be visible in Google Earth. If you need more information on working with layers [CLICK HERE](#).

#### Additional Resources:

- [What is KML \(Keyhole Markup Language\)?](#)
- [What is the difference between KML and KMZ?](#)
- [How do you view data from Google Earth?](#)
- [What is Google Earth?](#)
- [How do I get started with Google Earth?](#)
- [View Google’s KML Documentation.<sup>i</sup>](#)
- [Working with Layers in Google Earth.](#)

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