**CONGRATULATIONS!**

**Bad News:**

* A family member, Great Uncle Richie Rich, who owned lots of property on a remote river, recently passed away.
* Unfortunately, Uncle Richie had no children, no friends, just a Bassett Hound named Elvis and lots of land.

**Good News:**

* He named you as his sole heir…you inherit the land…and Elvis the Bassett Hound.

**The Problem:**

* Like most Americans, you will have to pay taxes to the government on the land you inherit. You just received a letter saying that you owe $1.2 million in taxes on the land or you will lose it.
* But how are you going to raise the money? You are still in school! That waiter/waitressing job you have would not cover a fraction of the cost of your taxes!
* So you decide you have to develop the land, using help from the Bailout funds from the US government that awards millions of $$ to encourage development in under-developed regions – such as your new property! ☺
* In order to qualify for the development Bailout funding, your new development must include the following:
  + Fresh water supply
  + Transportation (roads, streets, bike paths, marina, etc.)
  + Trash, waste water, and raw sewage storage/treatment
  + Shelter (homes, apartments, communities, etc.)
  + Power supply
  + Hospitals/clinics
  + businesses and/or industries
* You decide to hire a team of environmental land-use experts to help you determine the location of the required infrastructure (listed above). On your Google Earth image, your team indicates the location of each type of development, using dry-erase markers.
* Be prepared to justify your development plan to the Bailout committee in order to receive your funding.

(Adapted from: ‘A River Runs Through It’ by Elizabeth Joyner and Katie Giacalone, Clemson University Carolina Clear Program, 2010)