Using Google Earth Pro to Find Current and Historical Aerial Photographs

FIRST you must download Google Earth Pro to your computer. It is a free download.
Note that you must have the "Pro" version, not just Google Earth.
1. Go to www.google.com/earth/desktop
2. Be sure you have **Google Earth Pro on Desktop**, then **Download**
3. When it has finished downloading the file, there may be a button at the bottom of the screen that says "GoogleEarthPro.exe". If there is, click it to begin installing the program. If you don't see anything:
    a. Open your File Explorer (the icon that looks like a file folder at the bottom of your screen)
    b. Under This PC, find the Downloads folder.
    c. Look for the file GoogleEarthProSetup. It should be at the top, but if it isn't, sort the list by name or date modified.
    d. Double click the file to begin the installation
4. Follow steps for installation on your computer.
    a. It will ask for the License Key which is GEPFREE. Click the box to **Enable Automatic Login** and you'll never have to enter it again.
5. Close File Explorer (if open) and your browser
6. The installation may have placed an icon for Google Earth Pro on your desktop. It looks like an earth.
    a. If it didn't, go to your list of apps and look for Google Earth
    b. Click Google Earth Pro to open

Once you have installed Google Earth Pro, you can start here

1. Open Google Earth Pro
2. In the **SEARCH** box (upper left of screen), enter an address (number, street, city, state). If you don't have an exact address, enter something nearby and drag the screen so the location you want is in the center.
    a. When the Hand icon is showing, use your mouse to drag the screen
    b. Or, use the arrow keys to move the screen to the location you want.
3. Zoom to the scale you want to view your parcel.
    a. Use the Page Up and Page Down keys to zoom
    b. Or, the roller on your mouse will also zoom, but it may also start to tilt the photo. To prevent the tilting, make this settings change:
        i. Go to Tools (left side of top menu bar), Options, Navigation
        ii. Check the box for **Do not automatically tilt while zooming**
        iii. Click **Apply,** then **OK**
    c. Don't zoom in so close that you lose clarity in the photo.
4. The photo that appears first will be the most recent one.
5. To see earlier photos, click the icon on the top bar that is a green arrow in a circle (in the center of the toolbar). When you hover over it, it says "Show historical imagery".
    a. A slider bar appears; an older photo exists at each date where there is a vertical line in the bar

     b. Click on one of the vertical lines or drag the slider to one them to view the various photos.

6. To save any image:
     a. Click the next to the last icon on the top bar, **Save image**
     b. Another line appears just below the top line with a button that says **Save Image**
     c. Before you save, you may wish to click the Map Options button and uncheck some of the boxes (Title & Description, Legend, Scale, Compass). DON'T click save in this box! Or you may wish to add a Title and Description in the box that pops up.
     d. Now click the **Save Image** button and choose the folder where you want it saved. JPG format is the only format available.
     e. You may want to use other photo software to crop the image you have downloaded.

This is only a brief, basic introduction. Google Earth Pro has many more features that you may want to explore