How to Print a FIRMette and Download a FIRM Panel

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Getting Started

First, navigate to the FEMAFlood Map Service Center (MSC), http://msc.fema.gov.

- A Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM) is an official flood map used in the National Flood Insurance Program.
- Most FIRMs are divided into FIRM panels. The panels are large (2ft x 3ft) and difficult to print.
- You can create a FIRMette which is an easy to print full-scale section of a FIRM

Step One
Search by Address

Tofind a flood map for a specific address or landmark, you may type an address in the search bar or use the Address Search option on the left side of the MSC homepage.

Enter an address or a place of interest and select the "Search" button.

Step Two

Option A - Print a FIRMette

Most search results include 2 options and a map that displays your location and the flood zones for the area*
The first option creates a printable FIRMette from FEMA's dynamic digital flood data.

NOTE: If digital data is not available, flood zones will not display, only the FIRM boundaries.

Option A - Print a FIRMette

Select "Print Map/FIRMette" This will create a FIRMette in pdf format. This printable map is created dynamically using the current effective FIRM, plus any letters of map revision issued since.

Enter an address, place, or coordinates: ❓

Federal Emergency Management Agency 500 C St. S.W. | Search

Whether you are in a high risk zone or not, you may need flood insurance because most homeowners insurance doesn't cover flood damage. If you live in an area with low or moderate flood risk, you are 5 times more likely to experience flood than a fire in your home over the next 30 years. For many, a National Flood Insurance Program's flood insurance policy could cost less than $400 per year. Call your insurance agent today and protect what you've built.

Learn more about steps you can take to reduce flood risk damage.

Search Results—Products for **DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA** | Show ALL Products »

The flood map for the selected area is number **1100010019C**, effective on **09/27/2010** ❓

DYNAMIC MAP
PRINT MAP/ FIRMette

MAP IMAGE
DOWNLOAD FIRM PANEL

Changes to this FIRM ❓
📁 Revisions (4)
📁 Amendments (3)
📁 Revalidations (1)

You can choose a new flood map or move the location pin by selecting a different location on the locator map below or by entering a new location in the search field above. It may take a minute or more during peak hours to generate a dynamic FIRMette. If you are a person with a disability, are blind, or have low vision, and need assistance, please contact a map specialist. | Go To NFHL Viewer »

Zone AE (EL 11.2 Feet)

Streets

NOTE: If digital data is not available, the available buttons will be slightly different. See the instructions for using FIRMette Web later in this document.

Step Two

Option A - Print a FIRMette

And you're done!
After a few moments, the FIRMette will open in a new browser tab and be centered on the approximate location from Address Search. Here's an example FIRMette.
Once opened, you can save the documents or use the "Print to PDF" option to print the documents

Legend

Creation Date

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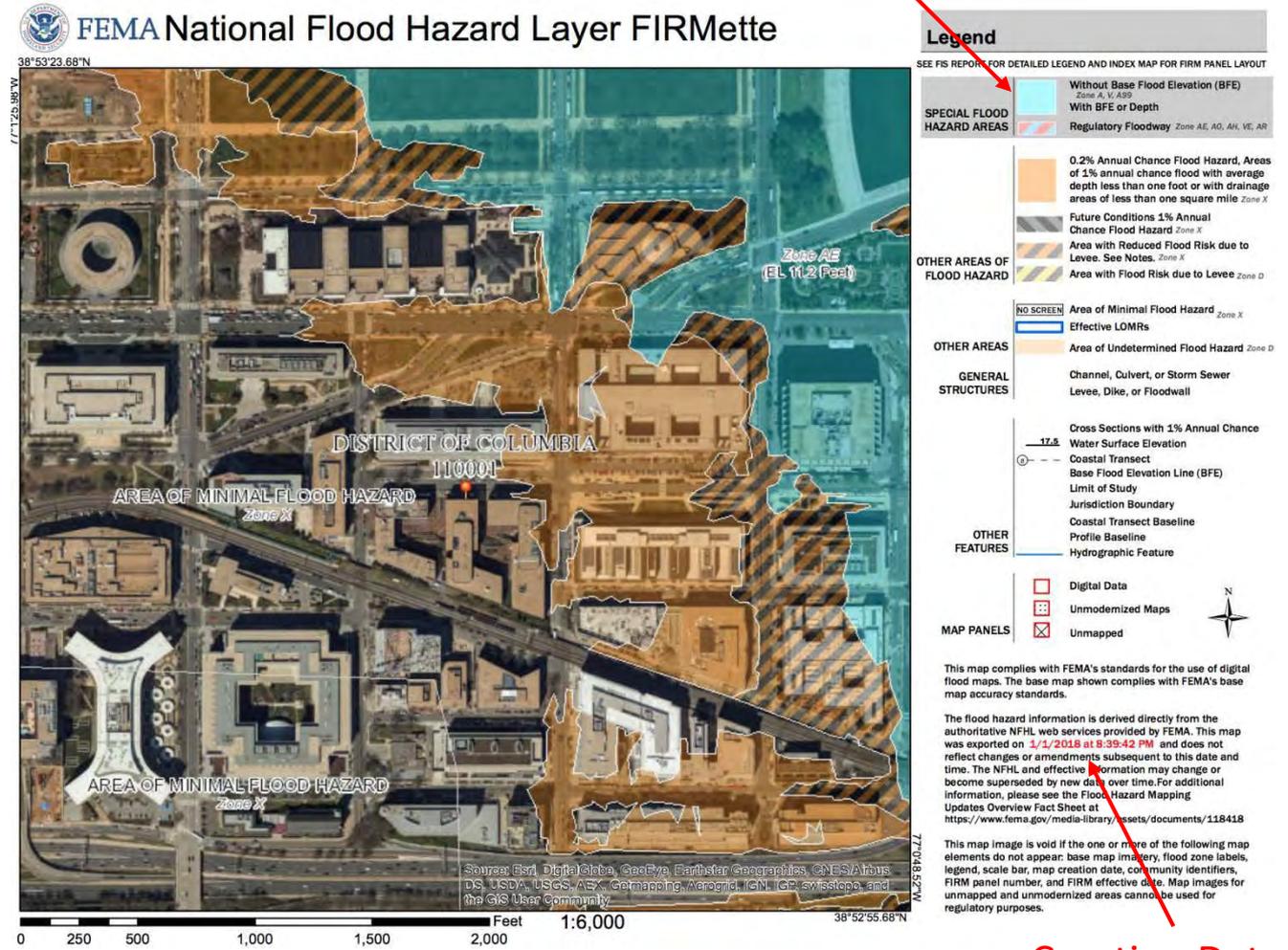
Option B - Download a FIRM Panel

Select "Download FIRM Panel" for a copy of the original full-size FIRM. Since these static map images show the FIRM as it was published on the original effective date, also check if there any updates under "Changes to the FIRM"

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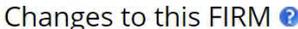
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Areas without Digital Data:
Making FIRMettes in *FIRMette Web*

If there is no dynamic Digital Data for your location, the result page is slightly different. To create a FIRMette of the current Effective FIRM, select "VIEW/PRINT FIRM" Option

NOTE: Be sure to check if there have been any changes to the FIRM by selecting the Revisions, Amendments, and Revalidations options under "Changes to this FIRM".

Areas without Digital Data:
Making FIRMettes in *FIRMette Web*

A new window will appear, containing the *FIRMette Web* tool, which will display the selected FIRM panel.

Move around the map to locate the area of interest by clicking the map and dragging in the desired direction.
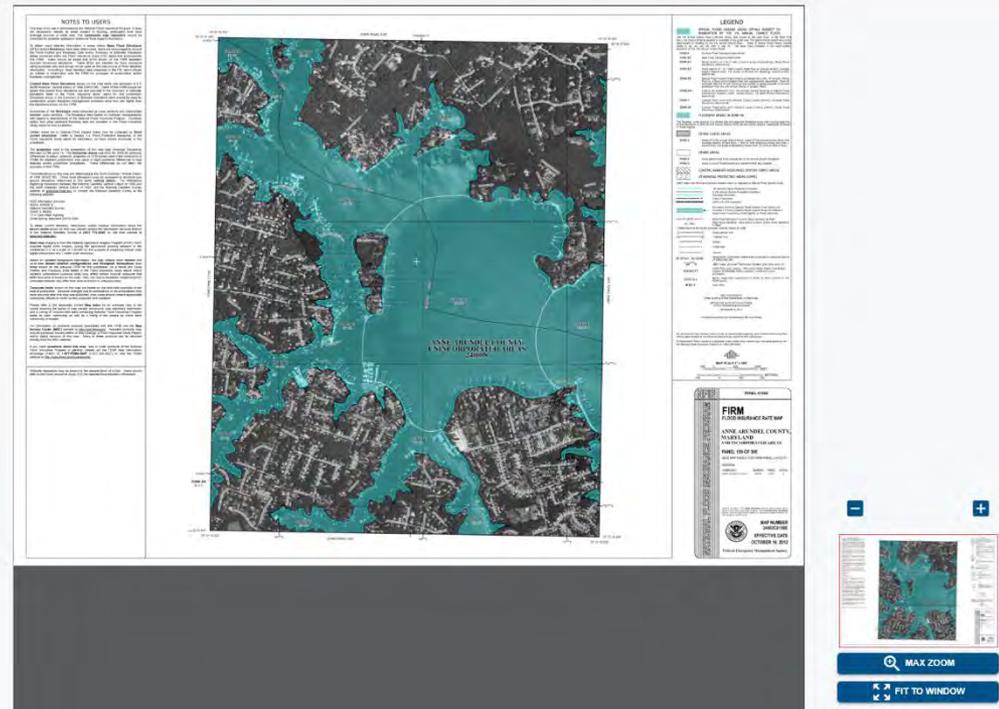
Use the Zoom in/out functions to zoom in or out on the image.
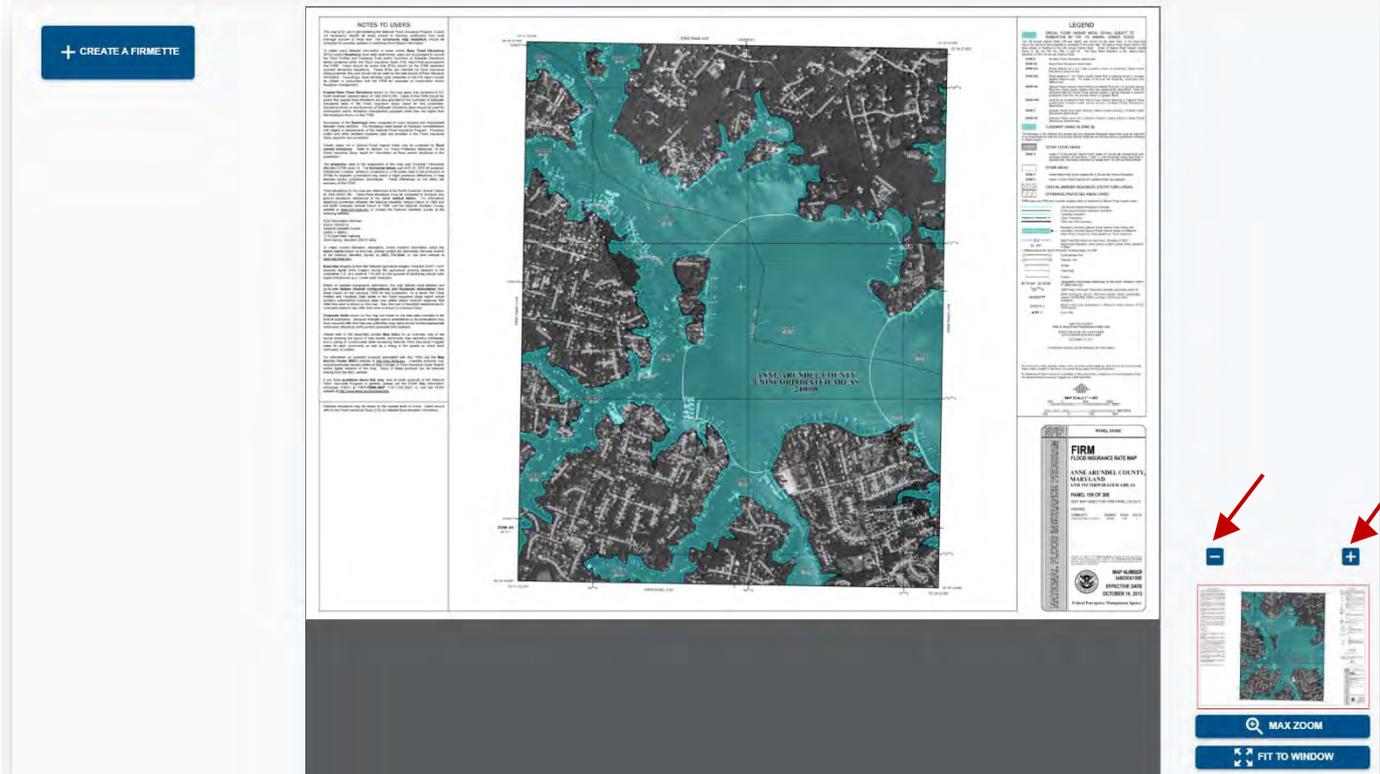
Areas without Digital Data:
Making FIRMettes in *FIRMette Web*

The FIRMette Web tool allows you to generate an official flood map (FIRM) that can be printed on a standard office printer.

Once you have located the area of interest on the FIRM, if you want a print version you can create a FIRMette by selecting the "Create a FIRMette" button.

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Areas without Digital Data:
Making FIRMettes in *FIRMette Web*

Click, hold, and drag the green box to cover the map area you want in you FIRMette.

Choose your paper size.

To reposition the title block or scale and north arrow, click the appropriate button and drag the new green layer. These 3 selection boxes will be included on the FIRMette.

Areas without Digital Data:
Making FIRMettes in *FIRMette Web*

When ready click on "Preview" to view your FIRMette.
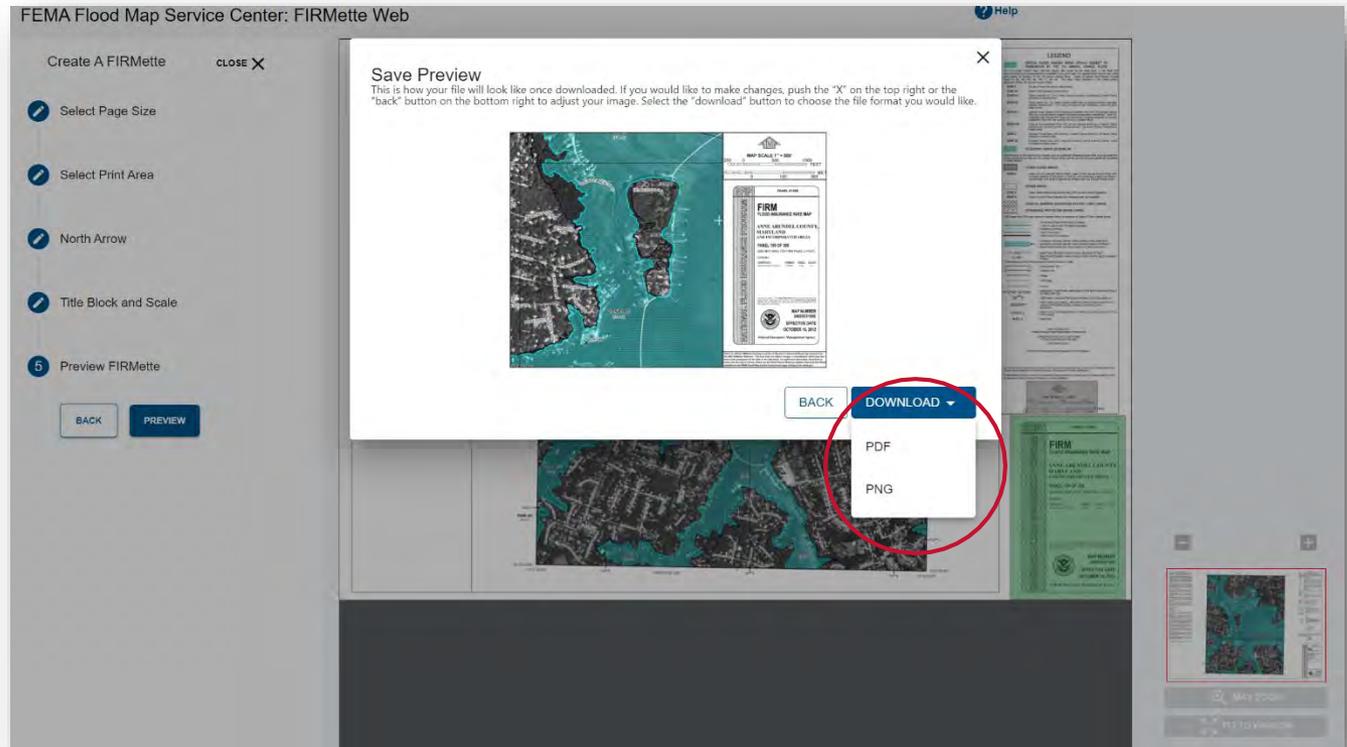
Areas without Digital Data:
# Making FIRMettes in *FIRMette Web*

Your FIRMette will appear and can be downloaded and saved to your hard drive as a PDF file or PNG file.

You can also go back and make additional FIRMettes from the same panel.

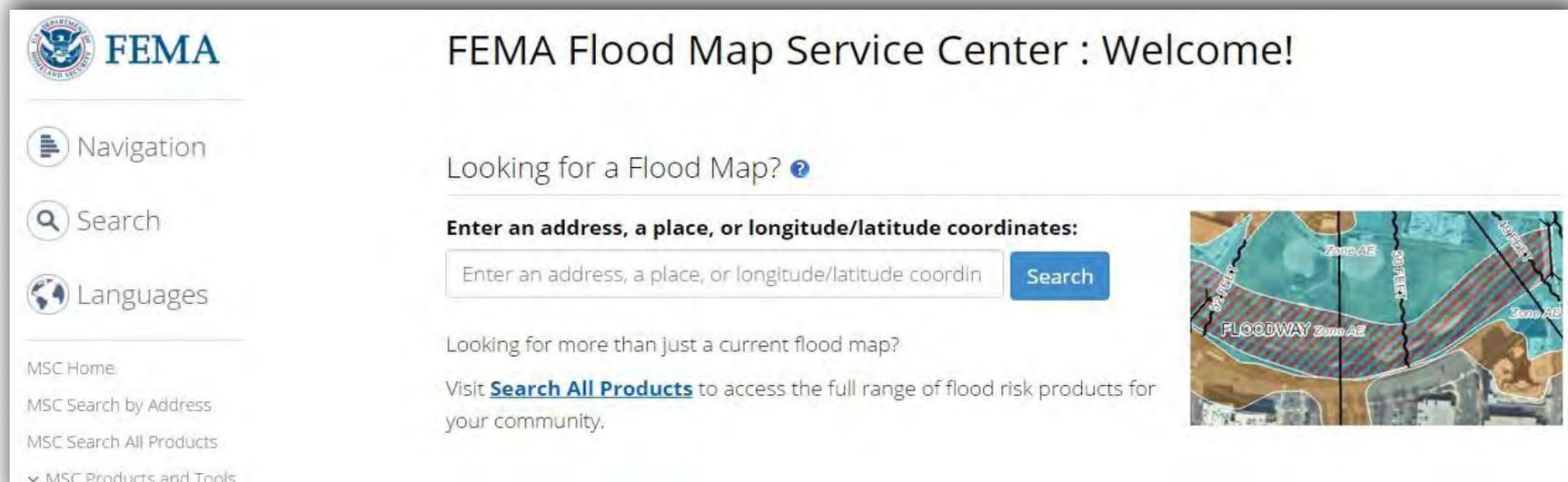# Areas without Digital Data:
Making FIRMettes in *FIRMette Web*

Once you have saved and/or opened your FIRMette in your local image viewer, you can print it out on the appropriate-sized paper corresponding to your earlier selection.
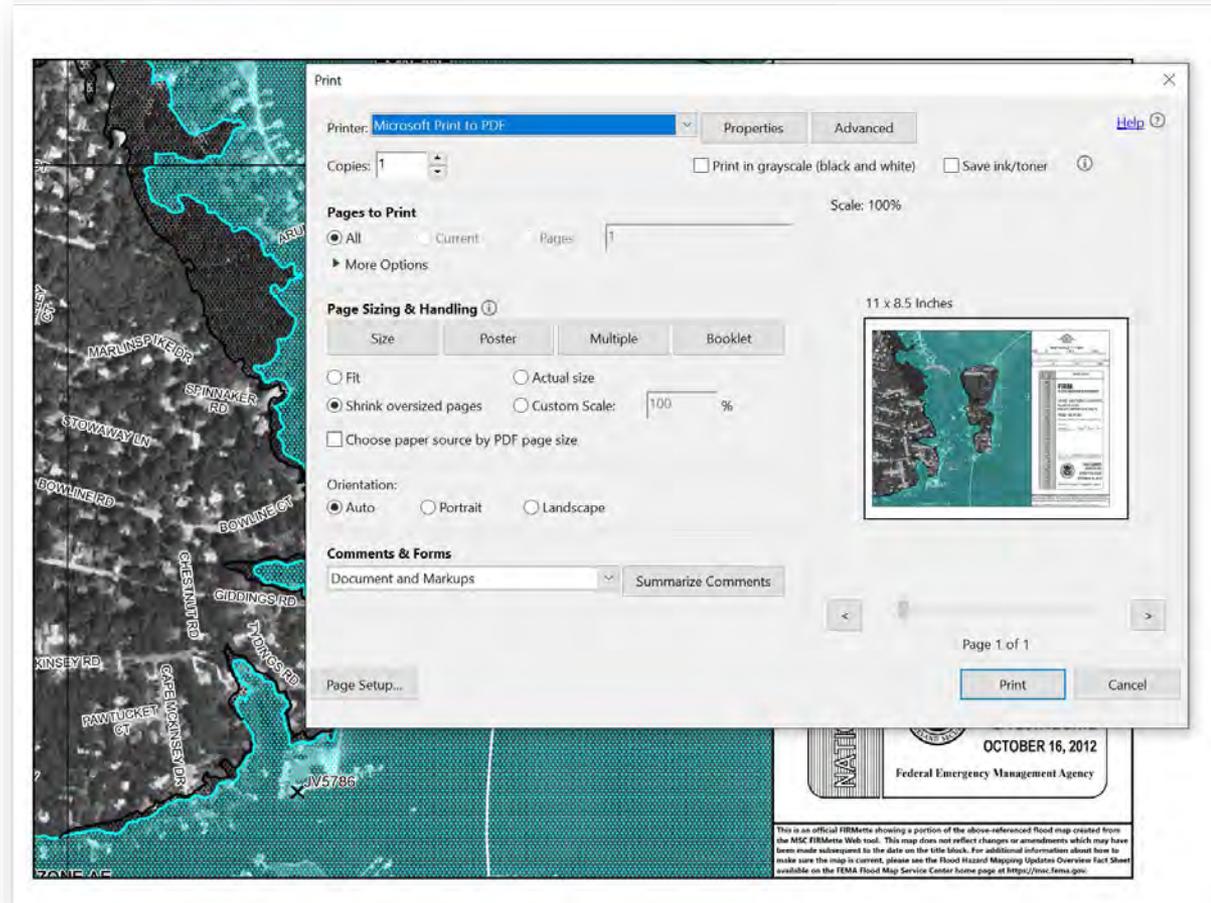
Search All Products

Search by Address is for finding the current effective map for your community. While Search All Products is useful for finding the full range of maps and Flood Risk Products Available for a location.

To search for additional products use the Search All Products option located on the MSC home page, in the left hand navigation of any MSC page, or from your Address Search Results..

Search All Products

Search all Products is a great resource for community officials looking to access Historic FIRM and other mapping products in one complete list for the community. Users can make a FIRMette from any FIRM in FIRMette Web by using the "View" option in the FIRM panel list

NOTE: FIRMette cannot be created for Preliminary FIRM panels since they are not yet official

Troubleshooting

For technical assistance, please use any of the "Help/?" features across any of the FIRM tools. Each of the "Help/?" will provide additional information and resources regarding the tools being used. OR contact a FEMA Map Specialist at:

1 (877) FEMA MAP

(1-877-336-2627)

or by email:

FEMA-FMIX@fema.dhs.gov
Visit the MSC FAQ for more general troubleshooting

The flood map for the selected area is number **5101540119E**, effective on **02/04/2005**

Letters of Map Change

FEMA Flood Map Service Center: FIRMette Web

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