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How to Print a FIRMette and Download a FIRM Panel

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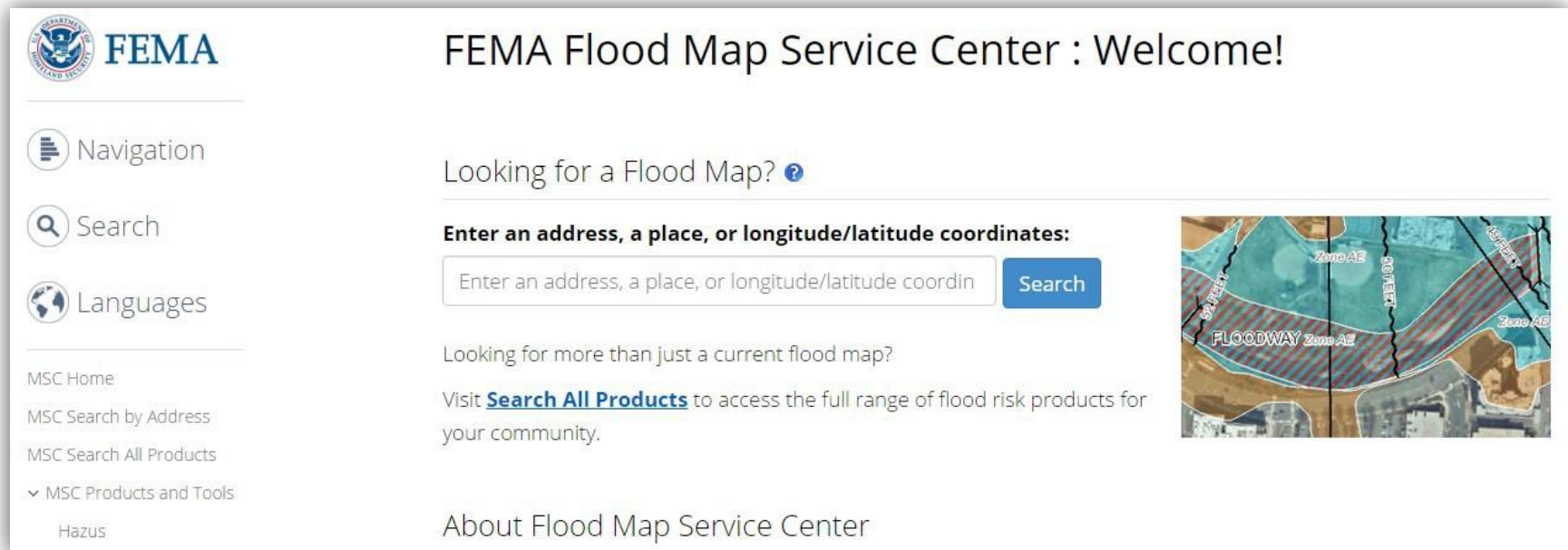
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Getting Started

First, navigate to the FEMA Flood Map Service Center (MSC), <http://msc.fema.gov>.



The screenshot shows the FEMA Flood Map Service Center (MSC) website. On the left is a navigation menu with the FEMA logo and links for Navigation, Search, Languages, MSC Home, MSC Search by Address, MSC Search All Products, MSC Products and Tools, and Hazus. The main content area features a welcome message, a search prompt "Looking for a Flood Map?", a search input field with a "Search" button, and a link to "Search All Products". A small map on the right shows flood zones labeled "Zone AE" and "FLOODWAY Zone AE".


- 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

To find 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.

Looking for a Flood Map? 

Enter an address, a place, or longitude/latitude coordinates:

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Search

Looking for more than just a current flood map?

Visit [Search All Products](#) to access the full range of flood risk products for your community.



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.

Enter an address, place, or coordinates: [?](#)


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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 »](#)



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


Step Two

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.

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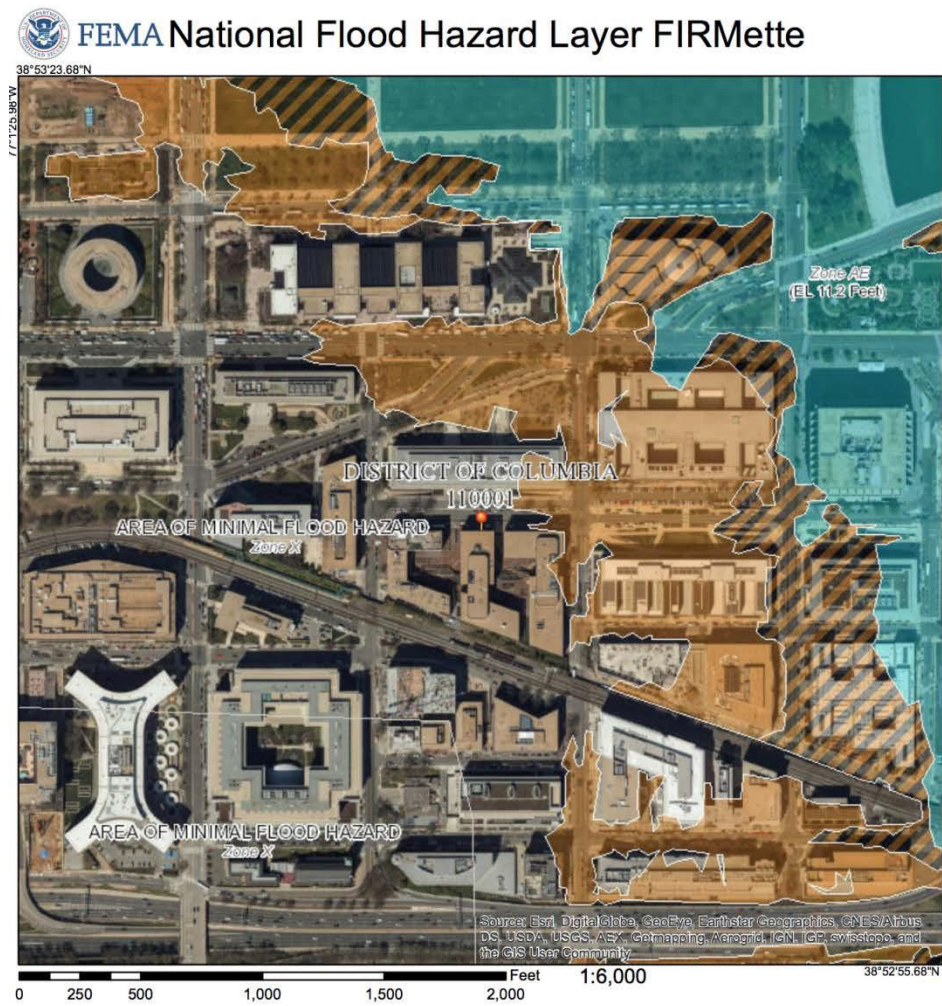


NOTE: If digital data is not available, the available buttons will be slightly different. See the instructions for using FIRMette Web later in this document.

Step Two

Option A - Print a FIRMette Legend

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

SEE FIS REPORT FOR DETAILED LEGEND AND INDEX MAP FOR FIRM PANEL LAYOUT

SPECIAL FLOOD HAZARD AREAS	Without Base Flood Elevation (BFE) Zone A, V, A99
	With BFE or Depth
	Regulatory Floodway Zone AE, AO, AH, VE, AR
OTHER AREAS OF FLOOD HAZARD	0.2% Annual Chance Flood Hazard, Areas of 1% annual chance flood with average depth less than one foot or with drainage areas of less than one square mile Zone X
	Future Conditions 1% Annual Chance Flood Hazard Zone X
	Area with Reduced Flood Risk due to Levees. See Notes. Zone X
	Area with Flood Risk due to Levee Zone D
OTHER AREAS	Area of Minimal Flood Hazard Zone X
	Effective LOMRs
GENERAL STRUCTURES	Channel, Culvert, or Storm Sewer Levee, Dike, or Floodwall
OTHER FEATURES	Cross Sections with 1% Annual Chance Water Surface Elevation
	Coastal Transact Base Flood Elevation Line (BFE)
	Limit of Study
	Jurisdiction Boundary
	Coastal Transact Baseline
	Profile Baseline
	Hydrographic Feature
MAP PANELS	Digital Data
	Unmodeled Maps
	Unmapped

This map complies with FEMA's standards for the use of digital flood maps. The base map shown complies with FEMA's base map accuracy standards.

The flood hazard information is derived directly from the authoritative NFHL web services provided by FEMA. This map was exported on 1/2/2018 at 9:39:42 PM and does not reflect changes or amendments subsequent to this date and time. The NFHL and effective information may change or become superseded by new data over time. For additional information, please see the Flood Hazard Mapping Updates Overview Fact Sheet at <https://www.fema.gov/media-library/assets/documents/118418>

This map image is void if the one or more of the following map elements do not appear: base map imagery, flood zone labels, legend, scale bar, map creation date, community identifiers, FIRM panel number, and FIRM effective date. Map images for unmapped and unmodeled areas cannot be used for regulatory purposes.

Creation Date

Step Two

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”

Enter an address, place, or coordinates: ?

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Search Results—Products for **DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA** [Show ALL Products »](#)

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DYNAMIC MAP **MAP IMAGE** **Changes to this FIRM** ?

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- Amendments (3)
- Revalidations (1)

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[Go To NFHL Viewer »](#)



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

Enter an address, place, or coordinates: ?

burkshire ma Search

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Search Results—Products for **PITTSFIELD, CITY OF** Show ALL Products »

The flood map for the selected area is number **2500370020C**, effective on **02/19/1982** ?

MAP IMAGE

[VIEW/PRINT FIRM](#) [DOWNLOAD FIRM](#)

Changes to this FIRM ?

- Revisions (0)
- Amendments (48)
- Revalidations (0)

Locator Map

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”.

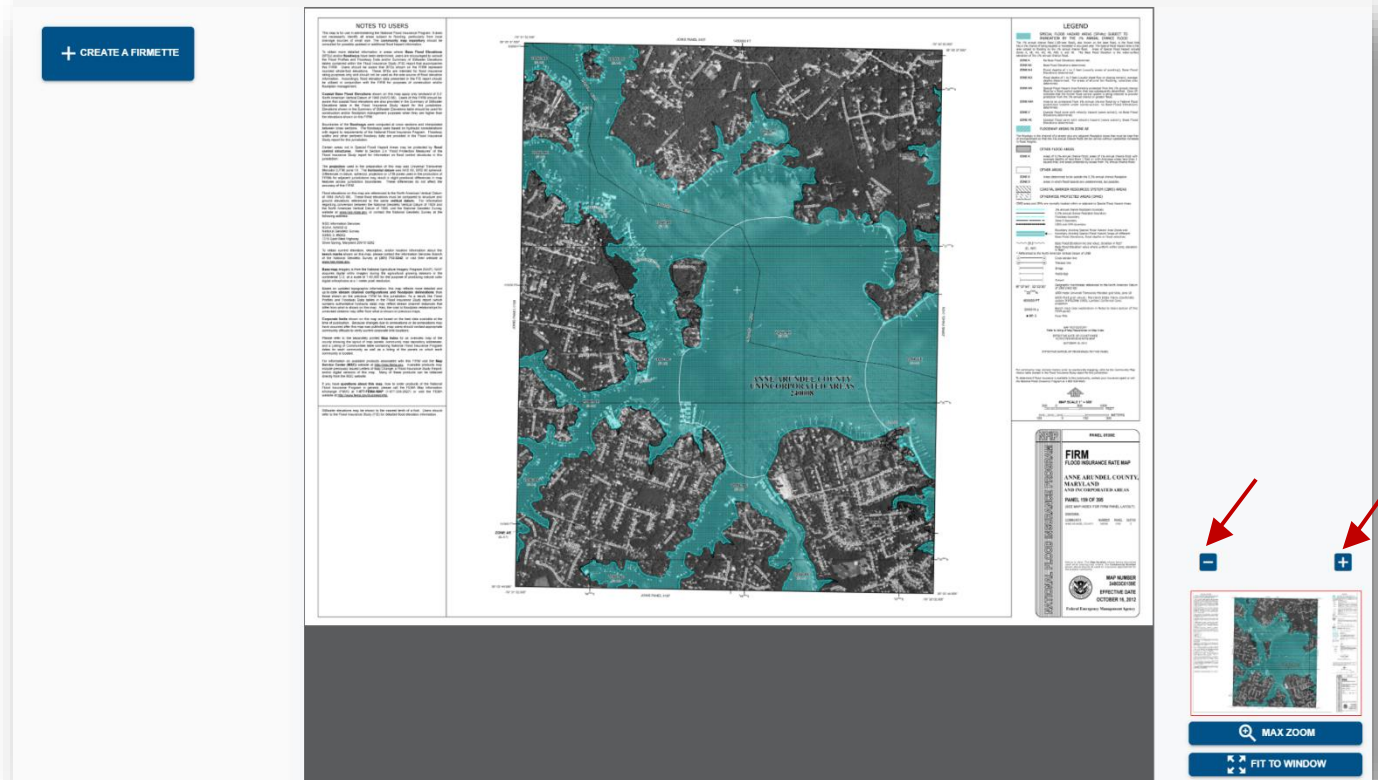
Areas without Digital Data:

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.

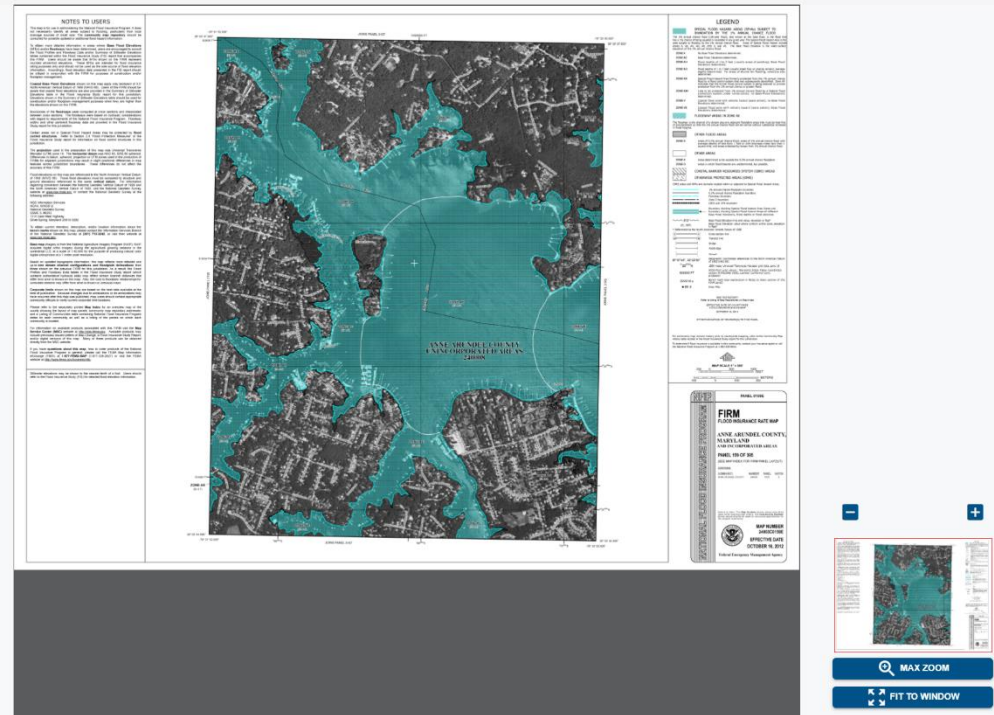
Use the Zoom in/out functions to zoom in or out on the image.



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.

Areas without Digital Data:

Making FIRMettes in *FIRMette Web*

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

The screenshot displays the 'FEMA Flood Map Service Center: FIRMette Web' interface. On the left, a 'Create A FIRMette' sidebar contains a numbered list of steps: 1. Select Page Size (with radio buttons for Letter 8.5X11, Legal 8.5X14, and Tabloid 11X17, and a 'NEXT' button), 2. Select Print Area, 3. North Arrow, 4. Title Block and Scale, and 5. Preview FIRMette. The main area shows a map with a green selection box over a portion of the flood zone. A legend is visible on the right. At the bottom right, a preview of the final FIRMette document is shown, with red arrows pointing to the title block and scale area.

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

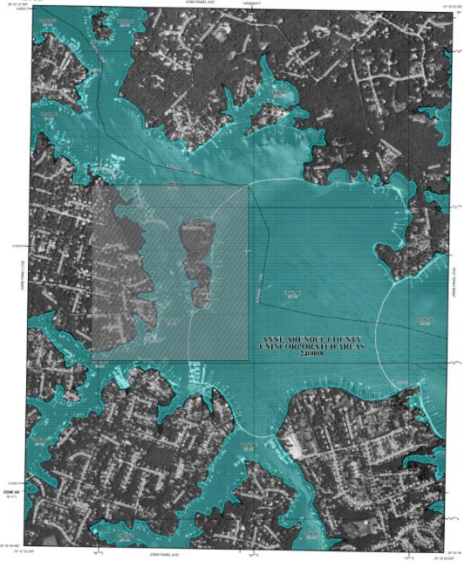
When ready click on "Preview" to view your FIRMette.

FEMA Flood Map Service Center: FIRMette Web Help

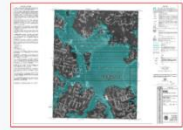
Create A FIRMette close X

- Select Page Size
- Select Print Area
- North Arrow
- Title Block and Scale
- 5** Preview FIRMette

NOTES TO USERS



LEGEND



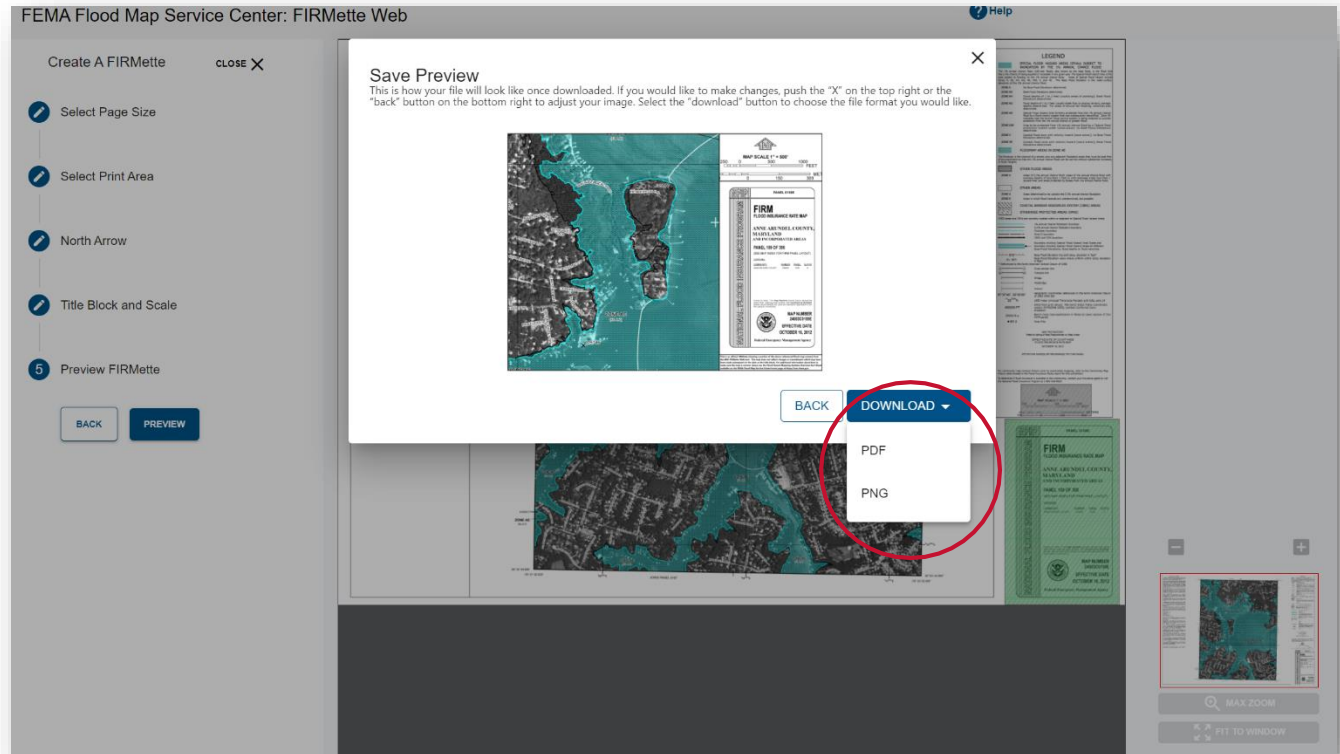
MAX ZOOM
FIT TO WINDOW

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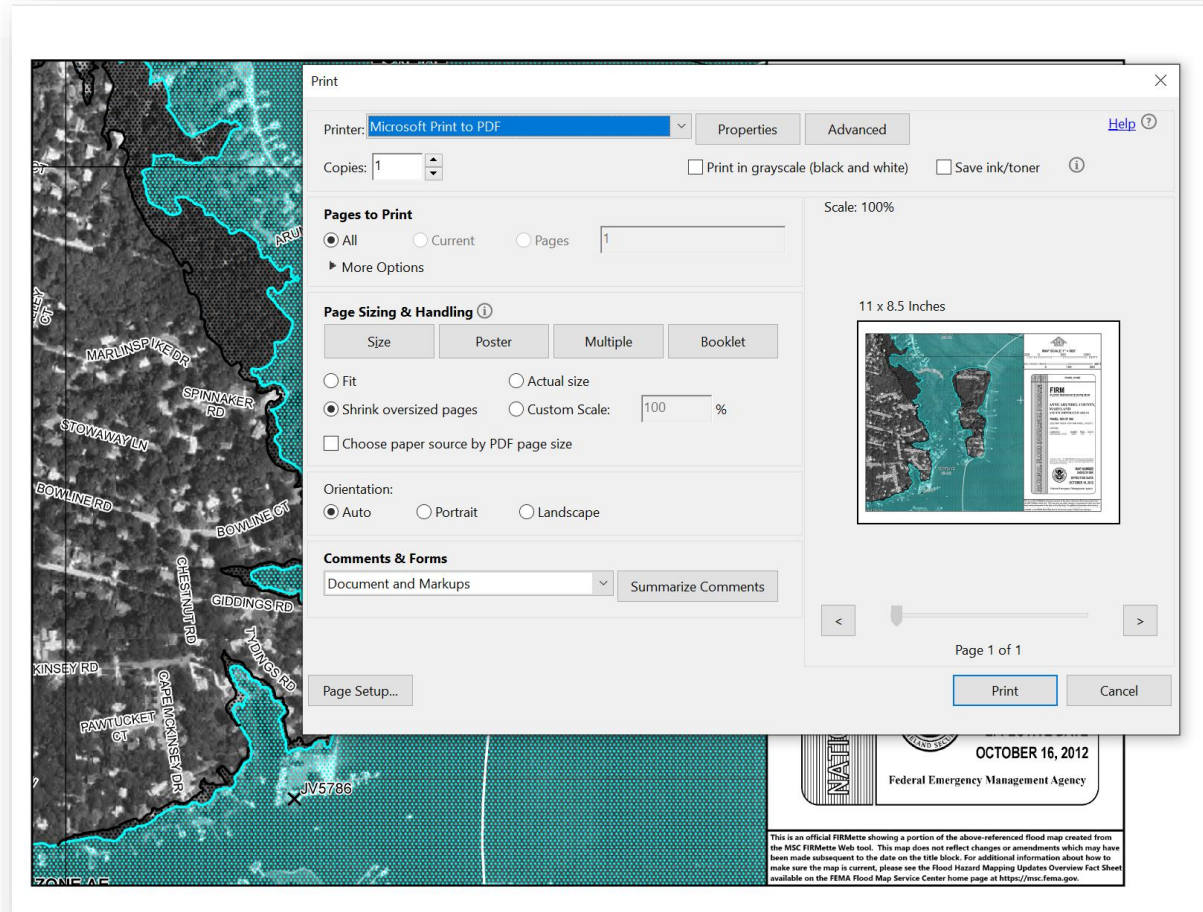
Your FIRMette will appear and can be downloaded and saved to your hard drive as a PDF file or PNG file.

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



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

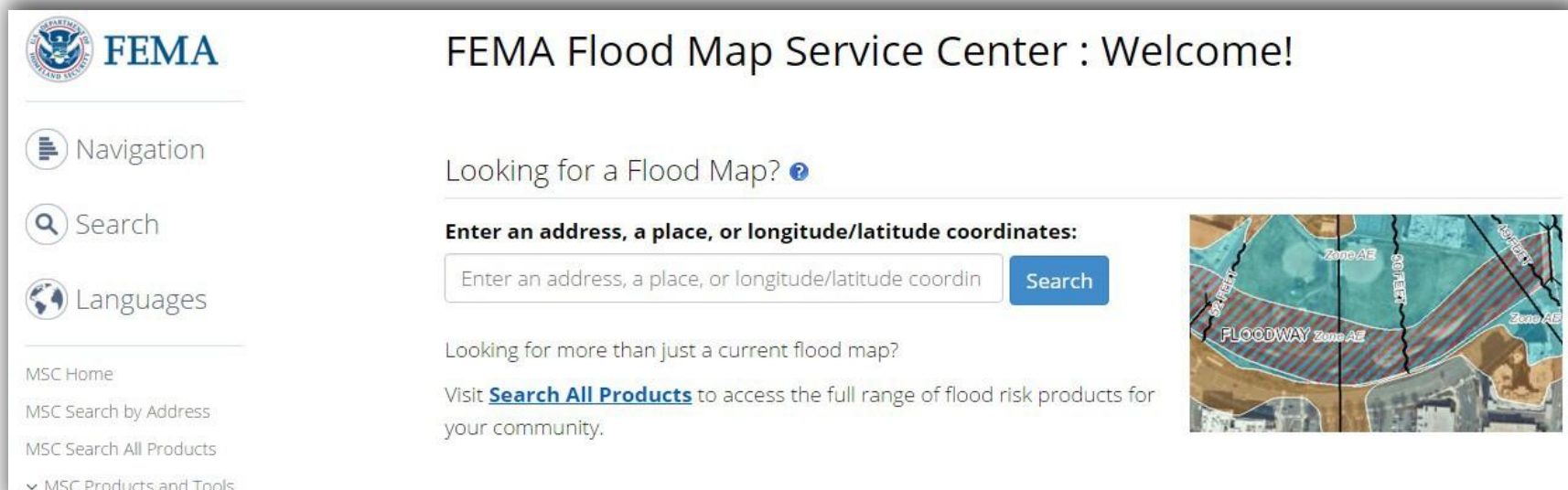
Once you have saved and/or opened your FIRMette in your local image viewer, you can print it out on the appropriate-sized paper corresponding to your earlier selection.



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..



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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

Effective Products (42) ?
Preliminary Products (0) ?
Pending Product (0) ?
Historic Products (13) ?

▼ **FIRM Panels (9)** [DL ALL](#)

Please note: Searches often result in many map files listed under a given section. You can determine the Product ID for the individual map panel needed by looking at the Map Index file. The index map files have "IND" within the Product ID and appear at the start of the list. These index files show an overview of a jurisdiction and how it is subdivided into map panels with the Product ID for each panel shown.

Show **100** entries Showing 1 to 9 of 9 entries Previous **1** Next

Product ID	Effective Date	LOMC	Size	Download	View
110001IND0	11/15/1985		1MB	DL	VIEW
110001	11/01/1974		2MB	DL	VIEW
110001A	10/10/1975		5MB	DL	VIEW
1100010005B	11/15/1985		1MB	DL	VIEW
1100010010B	11/15/1985	LOMC	1MB	DL	VIEW
1100010015B	11/15/1985		5MB	DL	VIEW
1100010020B	11/15/1985		1MB	DL	VIEW
1100010025B	11/15/1985	LOMC	9MB	DL	VIEW

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) FEMAMAP
(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 **02/04/2015** ?

Letters of Map Change ?

FEMA Flood Map Service Center: FIRMette Web