



How to Use FEMA's Map Service Center Site

to find Official Floodplain Data

There is no cost to view these maps or documents. You do not need to log in

What is at the MSC Site? msc.fema.gov

- See the official FEMA maps that show the high risk floodplain areas (where flood insurance is mandatory for federally-backed loans)
- See other digital products available, and a link to an interactive map (if that county has a newer – 2003 or later – maps)
- Products available through MSC site include copies of FEMA maps, flood insurance studies, letters of map change (i.e., letters of map amendments, or LOMAs). You can get the digital files for a specific site, a community, a county, or an entire state.

Step 1: Go to [FEMA's Map Service Center \(link above\)](http://msc.fema.gov) or search "FEMA MSC"

FEMA Flood Map Service Center : Welcome!

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.

About Flood Map Service Center

The FEMA Flood Map Service Center (MSC) is the official public source for flood hazard information produced in support of the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP). Use the MSC to find your official flood map, access a range of other flood hazard products, and take advantage of tools for better understanding flood risk.

Announcements

Step 2: Enter address, community name or county name (including state).

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

500 Lafayette rd, st paul, mn

Search

The flood map for the selected area is number **27123C0104G**, effective on **06/04/2010** [?](#)

VIEW MAP **SAVE MAP** **INTERACTIVE MAP**

Show all products for this area

Search Results—Products for ST. PAUL, CITY OF

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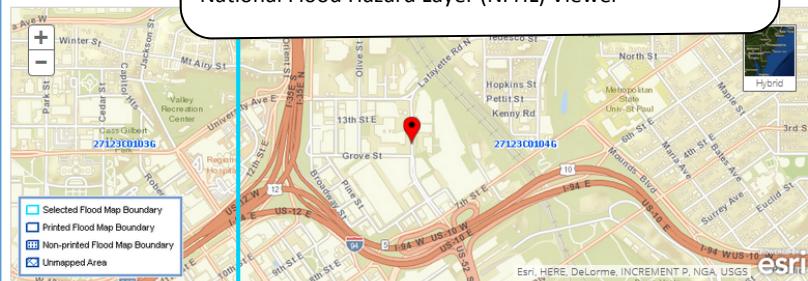
Show all products for this area

Revisions (0) [?](#)

Amendments (3) [?](#)

Revalidations (0) [?](#)

Locator Map



Step 3b: Use this icon if it appears. This will show up in areas with maps created after 2003. Will link to a very useful interactive map. See info sheet on "Using FEMA's National Flood Hazard Layer (NFHL) Viewer"

Step 3c: Link to the digital products for this community. See step 4.

Step 3a: Link to the FEMA map panel shown in the map below. You can navigate to other neighborhoods on that map. Here, you can also make "FIRMettes", which are official printable floodplain maps.

Using FEMA's Map Service Center (MSC) Site (Continued)

Example of what you'll see after clicking  for a community.

FEMA Flood Map Service Center : Search All Products

Choose one of the three search options below and optionally enter a posting date range.

Jurisdiction	Jurisdiction Name	Product ID 
State	Jurisdiction Name or FEMA ID <input type="text" value="ST. PAUL, CITY OF"/> <small>(Ex: Fairfax County-wide or 51059C)</small>	Product ID <input type="text"/> <small>(Ex: Panel Number, LOMC Case Number)</small>

[Filter By Posting Date Range \(Optional\)](#)

[Search](#) [Clear All Fields](#)

Search Results for ST. PAUL, CITY OF

[Click subscribe to receive email notifications when products are updated.](#)

Please Note: Searching All Products by county displays all products for all communities within the county. You can refine your search results by specifying your specific jurisdiction location using the drop-down menus above.

 [Effective Products \(26\) !\[\]\(331831374f10e8c7fe483c7fa2c6e388_img.jpg\)](#)

-  [FIRM Panels \(19\) !\[\]\(f7d0469f5f606ed760feb4851784f3d8_img.jpg\)](#)
-  [FIS Reports \(1\) !\[\]\(3356a7c089b4e6b11ecdbb76cf615f86_img.jpg\)](#)
-  [LOMR \(4\) !\[\]\(18d8124dbd79d50477e4ccb4ddbbb16b_img.jpg\)](#)
-  [LOMA \(3\) !\[\]\(ae107592657bcf73ca64e1b525ea519c_img.jpg\)](#)

Product ID	Effective Date	Download
11-05-3890A-275248	04/28/2011	 
13-05-7968A-275248	10/31/2013	 
14-05-4449A-275248	04/03/2014	 

Show 100 entries Showing 1 to 3 of 3 entries Previous 1 Next

-  [Revalidations \(1\) !\[\]\(eda4b5c3f25f89b9786ecfd7b9b4818b_img.jpg\)](#)
-  [NFHL Data-State \(1\)](#)
-  [NFHL Data-County \(1\)](#)
-  [Preliminary Products \(0\) !\[\]\(4e505288adbc31aacc1fd91ffc2d87c6_img.jpg\)](#)
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-  [Historic Products \(41\) !\[\]\(082481a7c6eee010838bbec4b1c2570d_img.jpg\)](#)
-  [Flood Risk Products \(0\) !\[\]\(64b0a75e56a76280d44a3da65e86a4f0_img.jpg\)](#)

Step 5: Click on folders and then expand subgroups to view and download data.

Step 6: Download individual files or groups of files

Definitions

- Letters of Map Change (LOMCs) include all the types of map changes, including: LOMAs, LOMR-Fs, LOMRs, etc.
- Letters of Map Amendment (LOMAs) are issued when a structure is shown in the Special Flood Hazard Areas (SFHA) but more accurate elevation data show the lowest natural ground touching the structure (i.e., the lowest adjacent grade) is actually higher than the Base Flood Elevation (the “100-year flood elevation”). LOMAs are issued for individual or multiple lots. Note: the SFHA is the 1% annual chance (“100-year flood) floodplain.
- Letters of Map Revision based on Fill (LOMR-Fs) involve filling to get the lowest floor and lowest adjacent grade above the base flood elevation.
- Letters of Map Revision (LOMRs) are issued for larger changes to the maps.
- Revalidation Letters are sent to the chief elected officials just before new maps become effective. The letter lists the LOMAs, LOMR-Fs, etc., that were issued in the past, and that are still valid on the new maps. These cases are automatically “revalidated” the day after the new map dates, and those landowners do NOT need to apply.