

Using FEMA's Map Service Center Site

(NOTE: This references the MSC site updated as of 12/13/15)

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

What Is at the MSC Site? www.msc.fema.gov

- See the official FEMA maps that show the high risk floodplain areas (where flood insurance is mandatory for federally backed loans).
- Enter an address and see: (1) link to the FEMA map panel, (2) links to other digital products in that community, and (3) link to an interactive map (if that county has a newer - 2003 or later - map update).
- Get digital 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 \(link\)](http://www.msc.fema.gov) or search "FEMA MSC"

Note: Navigation & search for the main FEMA site at www.FEMA.gov

Note: Navigation for the Map Service Center (MSC) site.

Step 2a (search for specific address or community): Enter address, community name or county name (including state).

Step 2b (search for products): Search for specific or groups of FEMA maps, Flood Insurance Studies or Letters of Map Change (i.e., LOMAs).

Step 3a: Link to the FEMA map panel number shown for that location. See info sheet on making "FIRMettes"

Step 3b: Interactive map icon will be shown for counties with Digital Flood Insurance Rate Maps (DFIRMs). 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.

Click in other map panel area to be able to link to the adjoining panel in step 3a.

Click here to toggle between aerial and map.



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Step 4: Example of what you'll see after clicking

Show all products for this area



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	Product ID
-- Select --	ST. PAUL, CITY OF <small>(Ex. Fairfax County-wide or 51059C)</small>	 <small>(Ex. Panel Number, LOMC Case Number)</small>
<p>> Filter By Posting Date Range (Optional)</p> <p>Search Clear All Fields</p>		

Step 4a: Search for digital products in another location, or search for a specific letter of map change (LOMC).

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)

- ▶ FIRM Panels (19)
- ▶ FIS Reports (1)
- ▶ LOMC (4)
 - ▶ LOMR (0)
 - ▶ LOMA (3)

Show 100 entries

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	

- ▶ Revalidations (1)
- ▶ NFHL Data-State (1)
- ▶ NFHL Data-County (1)
- Preliminary Products (0)
- Pending Product (0)
- Historic Products (41)
- Flood Risk Products (0)

Step 5: Click on folders to see expanded information. (e.g., Example shows expanded Effective Products, expanded LOMC, & expanded LOMA folders.)

Step 4b: The bottom portion is specific to the community that was active when "Show All Products for This Area"

Step 6: Download individual files (i.e., case) or groups of files (e.g., LOMAs).

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.