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How to Find Your FIRM and Make a FIRMMette

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Getting Started

- A Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM) is an official flood map used in the National Flood Insurance Program.
- A FIRMette is a full-scale section of a FIRM that you create yourself.

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

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Welcome to FEMA's Flood Map Service Center!

Looking for a Flood Map?

Enter an address or a place:
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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.

Step One

Find Your Flood Map

- There are several ways to find and access a FIRM.
- The quickest way to find a specific FIRM is through [Search by Address](#), while [Search All Products](#) is useful for finding multiple FIRMs.
- The [MSC Products and Tools page](#) has more information about FIRMettes.

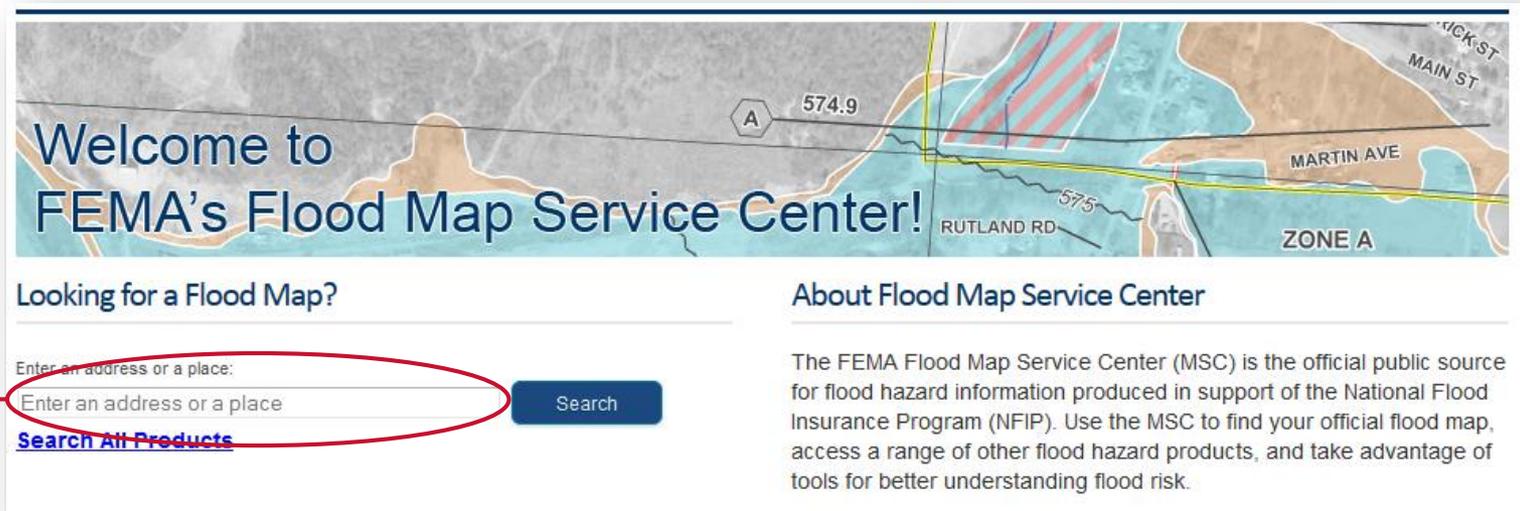
The screenshot shows the FEMA Flood Map Service Center (MSC) website. At the top, it features the FEMA logo and navigation links for 'About', 'Contact Us', 'FAQs', and 'Languages'. Below the header is a search bar. A navigation menu includes 'Plan, Prepare & Mitigate', 'Disaster Survivor Assistance', 'Response & Recovery', 'Topics & Audiences', 'Blog, Newsroom, Videos & Photos', and 'About FEMA'. The main content area is titled 'Flood Map Service Center' and includes a 'Need Help?' button and navigation links for 'MSC Home', 'MSC Search', 'MSC Products and Tools', 'MSC How-To', and 'MSC Email Subscriptions'. A large map displays a flood hazard area with labels for 'WELCOME TO FEMA'S FLOOD MAP SERVICE CENTER!', '574.9', 'RUTLAND RD', '575', 'MARTIN AVE', 'ZONE A', 'MAIN ST', and 'LICK ST'. Below the map, there is a search section with the text 'Looking for a Flood Map?' and a search bar with the placeholder 'Enter an address or a place'. A 'Search' button and a link to 'Search All Products' are also present. To the right, a section titled 'About Flood Map Service Center' provides information about the MSC's role as the official public source for flood hazard information. At the bottom, there is an 'Announcements' section.

Step One

Option A: Search by Address

To find a FIRM for a specific address or landmark, you may use the Address Search on the left side of the MSC homepage.

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



The screenshot displays the FEMA Flood Map Service Center homepage. At the top, a map shows a flood hazard area with a red and white striped pattern, labeled 'ZONE A'. The map includes street names like 'RUTLAND RD', 'MARTIN AVE', 'MAIN ST', and 'WICK ST', and a marker 'A' with the number '574.9'. Below the map, the text 'Welcome to FEMA's Flood Map Service Center!' is visible. The main content area is divided into two columns. The left column is titled 'Looking for a Flood Map?' and contains a search input field with the placeholder text 'Enter an address or a place:' and a blue 'Search' button. A red oval highlights the search input field and the 'Search' button. Below the search field is a link that says 'Search All Products'. The right column is titled 'About Flood Map Service Center' and contains a paragraph of text: '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.'

Searching by an address or landmark will display the result on a graphical map interface. Once on this interface, you will see the results of your search and can move around the map and make new selections.

Step One

Option A: Search by Address

Your selected FIRM panel will be shaded in blue in the display map.

Search by Address

Enter an address or a place:
C Street SW, Washington DC

You have selected a location in
DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

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

VIEW **DOWNLOAD**

View NFHL data on FEMA GeoPlatform

Letters of Map Change

- Revisions (2)
- Amendments (0)
- Revalidations (1)

Get additional products for **DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA**

Legend:

- Selected Flood Map Boundary
- Printed Flood Map Boundary
- Non-printed Flood Map Boundary
- Unmapped Area

Map: A map of Washington, D.C. showing flood map boundaries. A red pin is located at the intersection of C Street SW and D Street SW. A legend in the bottom left corner identifies the boundary types. A red arrow points from the 'VIEW' button in the left panel to the map.

To create a [FIRMette](#) of the current Effective FIRM, select “View.” This will take you to the *FIRMette Web* tool for your selected FIRM.

Step One

Option A: Search by Address

If you would like to find any available Historic FIRMs for your selected community, select “Get Additional Products.” This will take you to a listing of all available products for your selected jurisdiction, including Historic FIRMs that you can then choose to [view in FIRMette Web](#).

You have selected a location in

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

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Search Results for 110001

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

Effective Products (36) ?

Preliminary Products (0) ?

Pending Product (0) ?

Historic Products (13) ?

FIRM Panels (9) [DL ALL](#)

Product ID	Effective Date	LOMC	Size	Download	View
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110001	11/01/1974		2 MB	DL	VIEW
110001A	10/10/1975		5 MB	DL	VIEW
1100010005B	11/15/1985		1 MB	DL	VIEW
1100010010B	11/15/1985	LOMC	1 MB	DL	VIEW
1100010015B	11/15/1985		5 MB	DL	VIEW
1100010020B	11/15/1985		1 MB	DL	VIEW
1100010025B	11/15/1985	LOMC	9 MB	DL	VIEW
1100010030B	11/15/1985	LOMC	6 MB	DL	VIEW

Step One

Option B: Search All Products

You may find any Effective and Historic FIRMs available for your community, as well as a listing of all other available flood hazard products, using the “[Search All Products](#)” feature.



Once you have used one of the available search functions to locate the FIRMs of interest, select “View” to [load a FIRM in FIRMette Web and make a FIRMette](#).

Search Results for DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

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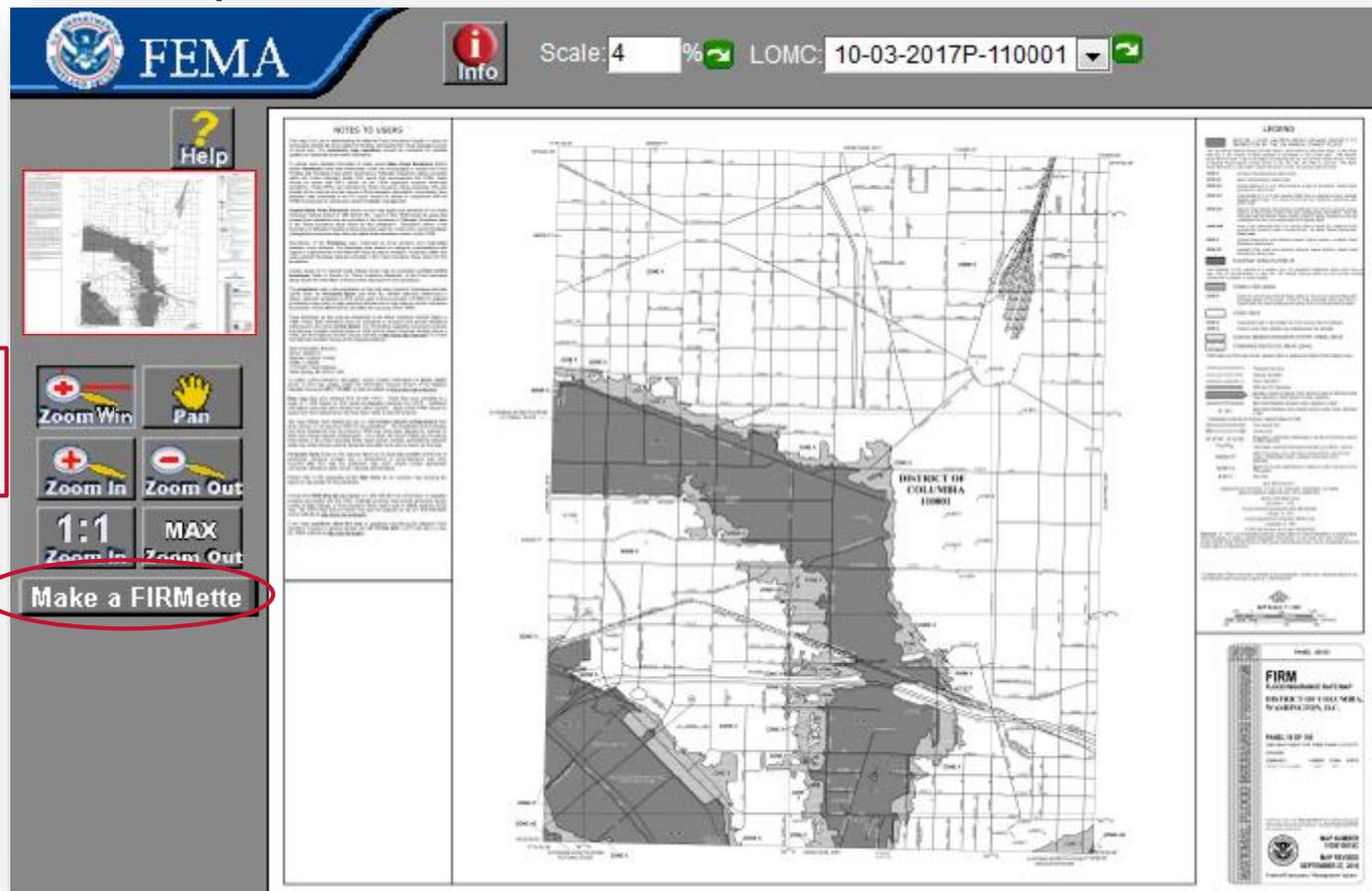
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1100010010B	11/15/1985	LOMC	1 MB	DL	VIEW
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1100010020B	11/15/1985		1 MB	DL	VIEW
1100010025B	11/15/1985	LOMC	9 MB	DL	VIEW
1100010030B	11/15/1985	LOMC	6 MB	DL	VIEW

- ▶ FIS Reports (0)
- ▶ LOMC (4)
- ▶ Flood Risk Products (0) ?

Step Two

Making FIRMettes in *FIRMette Web*

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



Select the “Make a FIRMette” button.

Step Two

Making FIRMettes in *FIRMette Web*

Click, hold, and drag the pink layer to cover the 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 newly pink layer.

The screenshot displays the FIRMette Web interface. At the top, the FEMA logo is visible on the left, and the scale is set to 6% with LOMC 10-03-2017P-110001. The main map area shows a grid with various zones labeled (e.g., ZONE A, ZONE B, ZONE C, ZONE D, ZONE E, ZONE F, ZONE G, ZONE H, ZONE I, ZONE J, ZONE K, ZONE L, ZONE M, ZONE N, ZONE O, ZONE P, ZONE Q, ZONE R, ZONE S, ZONE T, ZONE U, ZONE V, ZONE W, ZONE X, ZONE Y, ZONE Z). A pink selection layer is visible over the map. On the left side, there is a toolbar with buttons for Zoom Win, Pan, Zoom In, Zoom Out, 1:1, and MAX. Below the toolbar, there are instructions for selecting page size and creating the FIRMette. On the right side, there is a legend and a title block. A pink layer is also visible over the title block and legend area.

NOTES TO USERS:

LEGEND

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA 110001

FIRMETTE

Adobe PDF

Image File

Step Two

Making FIRMettes in *FIRMette Web*

- You may use the Zoom and Pan functions to more precisely identify the area you want in your FIRMette.
- However, you must be zoomed out all the way in order to make a FIRMette correctly.

The screenshot displays the FIRMette Web interface. At the top, there is a FEMA logo and a scale bar set to 6%. The main area shows a map of the District of Columbia with a green selection box. On the left side, there is a toolbar with various functions: Zoom Win, Pan, Zoom In, Zoom Out, 1:1 Zoom In, and MAX Zoom Out. Below the toolbar, there are instructions for selecting page size (Letter 8.5x11, Legal 8.5x14, Tabloid 11x17), selecting and moving areas, and creating the FIRMette. At the bottom left, there are options for output format: Adobe PDF and Image File. A red arrow points from the text 'When ready, click on your preferred output format, "Adobe PDF" or "Image File"' to the Adobe PDF and Image File buttons.

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Step Two

Making FIRMettes in *FIRMette Web*

- Your FIRMette will appear and can be saved to your hard drive.

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

The screenshot displays the FEMA FIRMette Web interface. At the top left is the FEMA logo. Below it are two buttons: "Save your FIRMette" and "Back". The main area shows a flood map of the District of Columbia, specifically the area around the Jefferson Drive SW and Virginia Avenue SW. The map is divided into several panels, with the current panel labeled "ZONE X". The map includes street names such as 420, 410, 310, 210, 110, 100, 90, 80, 70, 60, 50, 40, 30, 20, 10, 0, 100, 200, 300, 400, 500, 600, 700, 800, 900, 1000, 1100, 1200, 1300, 1400, 1500, 1600, 1700, 1800, 1900, 2000, 2100, 2200, 2300, 2400, 2500, 2600, 2700, 2800, 2900, 3000, 3100, 3200, 3300, 3400, 3500, 3600, 3700, 3800, 3900, 4000, 4100, 4200, 4300, 4400, 4500, 4600, 4700, 4800, 4900, 5000, 5100, 5200, 5300, 5400, 5500, 5600, 5700, 5800, 5900, 6000, 6100, 6200, 6300, 6400, 6500, 6600, 6700, 6800, 6900, 7000, 7100, 7200, 7300, 7400, 7500, 7600, 7700, 7800, 7900, 8000, 8100, 8200, 8300, 8400, 8500, 8600, 8700, 8800, 8900, 9000, 9100, 9200, 9300, 9400, 9500, 9600, 9700, 9800, 9900, 10000. The map also shows a railroad line and a school street. The map scale is 1" = 500'. The map is titled "FIRM FLOOD INSURANCE RATE MAP DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, WASHINGTON, D.C." and is panel 19 of 100. The map number is 1100010019C and it was revised on September 27, 2010. The map is part of the National Flood Insurance Program.

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Save your FIRMette

Back

MAP SCALE 1" = 500'

0 500 1,000 FEET METERS

NFP

PANEL 0019C

FIRM
FLOOD INSURANCE RATE MAP
DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA,
WASHINGTON, D.C.

PANEL 19 OF 100
(SEE MAP INDEX FOR FIRM PANEL LAYOUT)

CONTAINS:
COMMUNITY NUMBER PANEL SUFFIX
DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA 11000 0019 C

NOTE TO USER: The Map Number shown below should be used when placing map orders; the Community Number shown above should be used on insurance applications for the subject community.

MAP NUMBER
1100010019C

MAP REVISED
SEPTEMBER 27, 2010

Federal Emergency Management Agency

This is an official copy of a portion of the above referenced flood map. It was extracted using F-Map On-Line. This map does not reflect changes or amendments which may have been made subsequent to the date on the title block. For the latest product information about National Flood Insurance Program flood maps check the FEMA Flood Map Store at www.msc.fema.gov

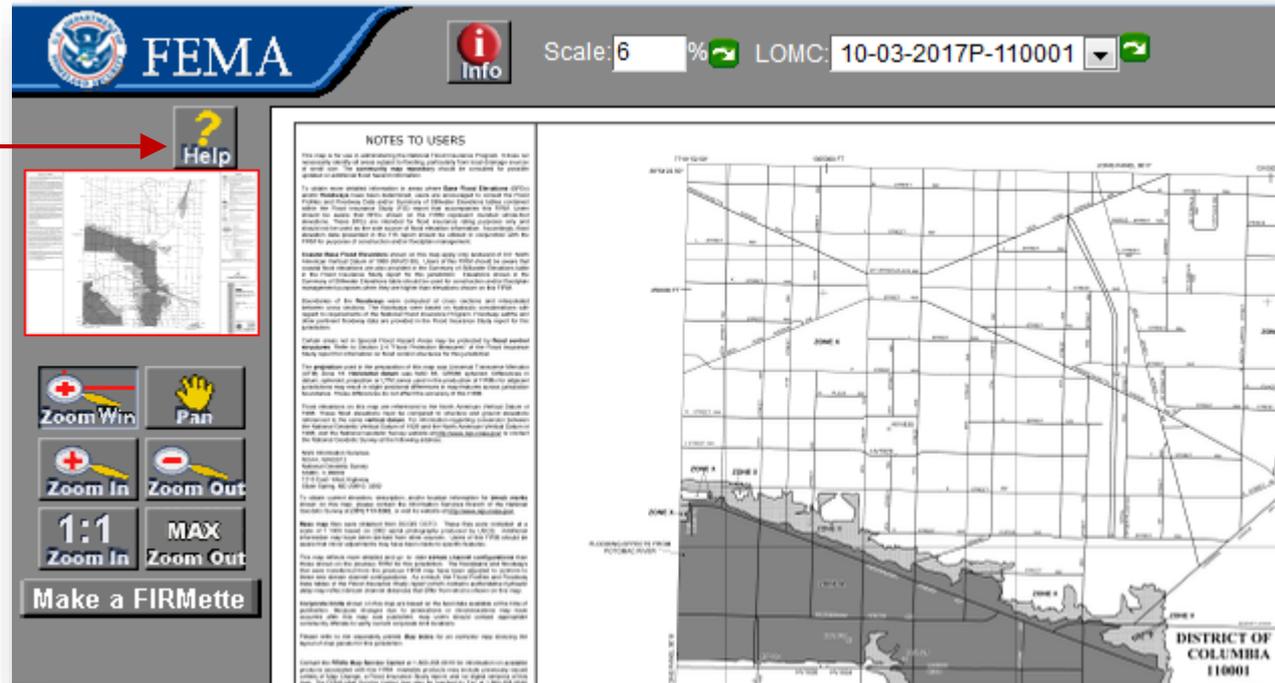
Troubleshooting

For technical assistance, please use the **“Help”** feature within the *FIRMette* Web tool or contact a FEMA Map Specialist by phone at:

1 (877) FEMA MAP
(1-877-336-2627)

or by email at:

FEMAMapSpecialist@riskmapcds.com



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