Got interest in a home, office, lot or land?

When buying, building, or remodeling, visit: Floodmaps.LSUAgCenter.com

Overlay Preliminary FIRM on Effective FIRM

See how a map change will affect your property.

Point 1 is in the SFHA, but will be “out” when the new map becomes Effective.

Point 2 is “out”, but will be in the SFHA when the new map becomes Effective.

BFE Scenarios

This tool in the What Does This Mean section illustrates the relationship between the Base Flood Elevation and Ground Elevation at your point of interest, and the exposure of your home during the base (100-year) flood.

http://maps.lsuagcenter.com/floodmaps/scenarios.html

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Effective FIRMs

- View Flood Insurance Rate Maps (FIRMs) over road maps or aerial photos
- Compare flood elevation to ground elevation to get depth of the 100-year flood.
- Overlay different FIRM versions to see how flood zones have changed or are about to change.
- Get the Basic Wind Speed at your site for building “to code.”

Proposed FIRMs

Learn how flood risk affects insurance, loans & construction
When you’re buying, building, remodeling or restoring

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1 Search for the property
by address: enter a street address and zip code. example: 900 N 3rd St, 70802
by latitude, longitude: enter geographic coordinates example: 29.97736, -90.35307
Whatever method you use, the system will drop a pin at that location and provide information relative to that point.

2 Make sure the pin-point is in the right place
It is important that you verify that the pin has been dropped at the right place. Location by address can be very unreliable, especially in less developed areas. Choose “Hybrid” view in the Layers tool to see the roads over an aerial photograph. Find the property by rooftop, driveways, or other familiar references and place the pin exactly where you want it.

3 Select the FIRM version you need
Pink SFHA: Preliminary or Future FIRM
Blue SFHA: Digital Effective FIRM
Gray SFHA: May be Effective or Historical

For help, email FloodMaps@AgCenter.LSU.edu

Always use an Effective FIRM when rating flood insurance or enforcing mandatory purchase.

Choose the FIRM version and Base Map that meets your needs. Read the Point Data.

FloodMaps.LSUAgCenter.com displays first the FIRM version that has the most updated flood risk information. A Preliminary FIRM or Future FIRM is NEVER used for insurance or mortgage compliance purposes.

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