

# How to use the Maine Flood Hazard Map

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The Maine Flood Hazard Map is a representation of the flood zones. It does not replace the official Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM). For all regulatory uses the currently effective FIRM **must** be used. To get a copy of the official currently effective FIRM go to the FEMA Map Service Center, [FEMA Flood Map Service Center | Welcome!](https://www.fema.gov/flood-map-service-center), and make a FIRMETTE.

## ALWAYS CONFIRM WITH THE OFFICIAL FLOOD INSURANCE RATE MAP

1. Go to the Maine Floodplain Management Program home web page.  
<http://www.maine.gov/dacf/flood/index.shtml>
2. Click on the Floodplain Mapping Resources link on the left side of the page.



3. Click on the Maine Flood Hazard Map link. The map application will open.



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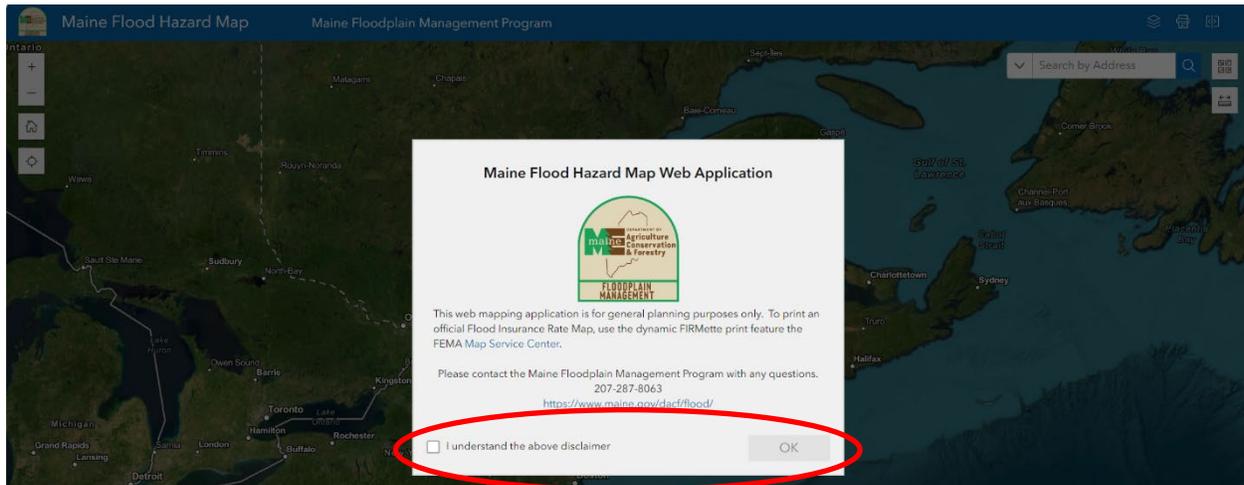
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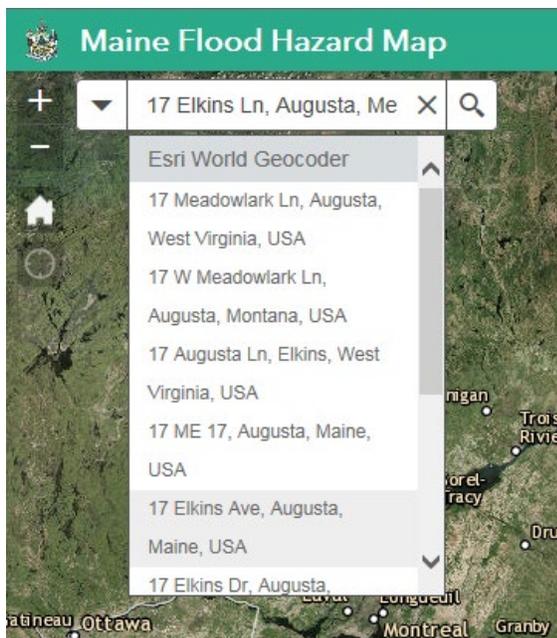
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- Read the disclaimer information, check the box, and click OK.



4. Enter an address and click on the magnifying glass or hit the return key, the map will zoom to that location. Confirm that the correct location is displayed.



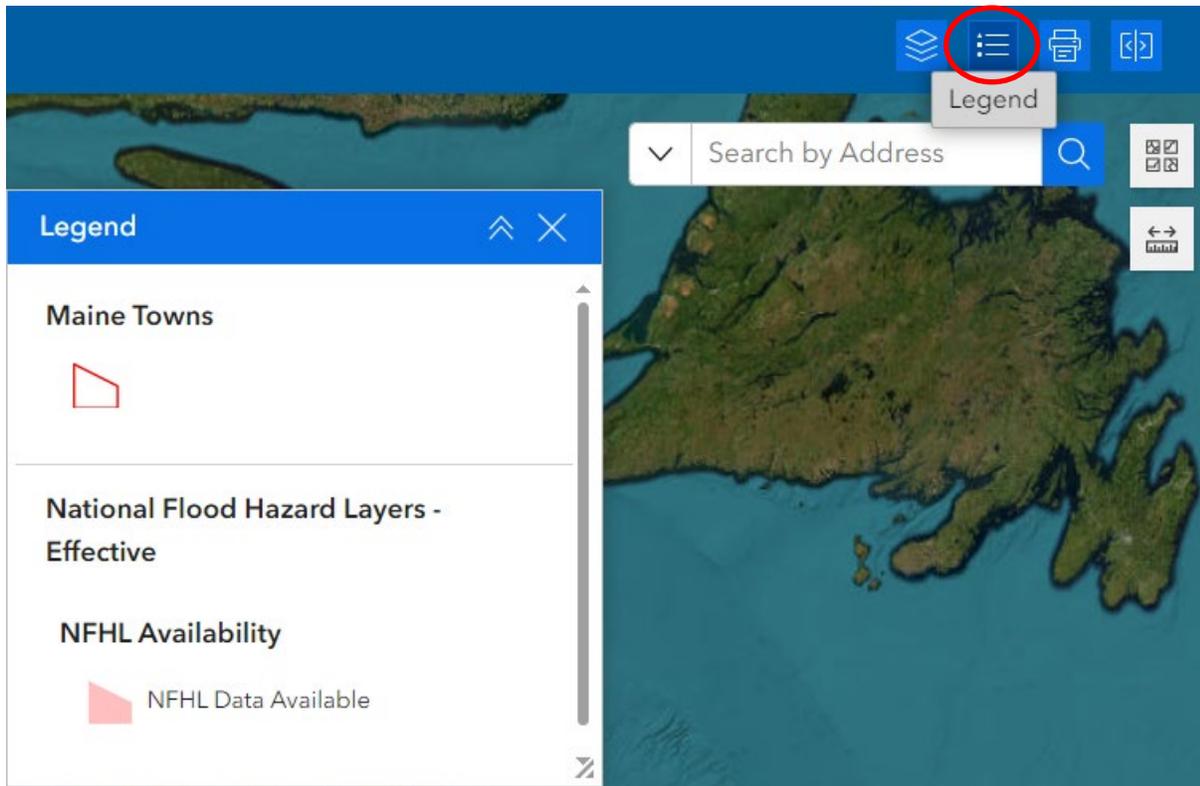
- Use the mouse wheel to zoom in and out or use the zoom buttons in the upper left corner of the map. Use the mouse to click and drag to pan around the map.
5. Click on the Legend icon on the right side of the banner bar to see the symbols for each map item.
    - Map layer must be turned on to see it in the legend.

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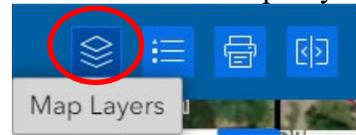
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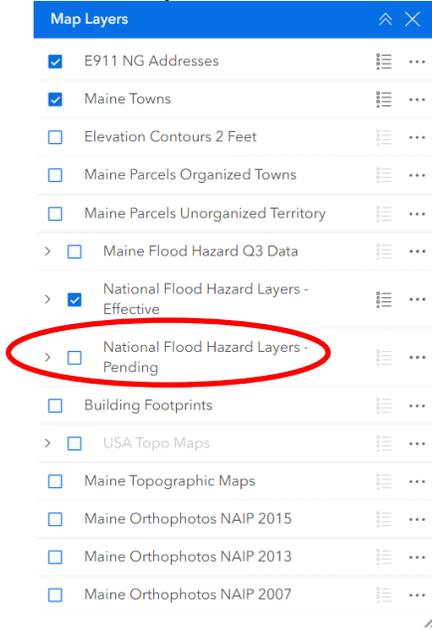
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6. Click on the Map Layers icon in the upper right side of the banner bar. The Map Layers



box will open.



- Click on the arrow to the left of a layer name to expand the list of additional data, click on the box to turn the layer on or off.
  - NEW! Building footprints!
- Note the relevant flood data layers:
  - Q3 data is approximate with incomplete coverage for the state.
  - The National Flood Hazard Layer (NFHL) is currently effective.
  - Preliminary maps are subject to change. Preliminary maps move to Pending when the final map date has been set.
  - Pending maps are due to become final within 6 months.

The area below displays the currently effective NFHL data:

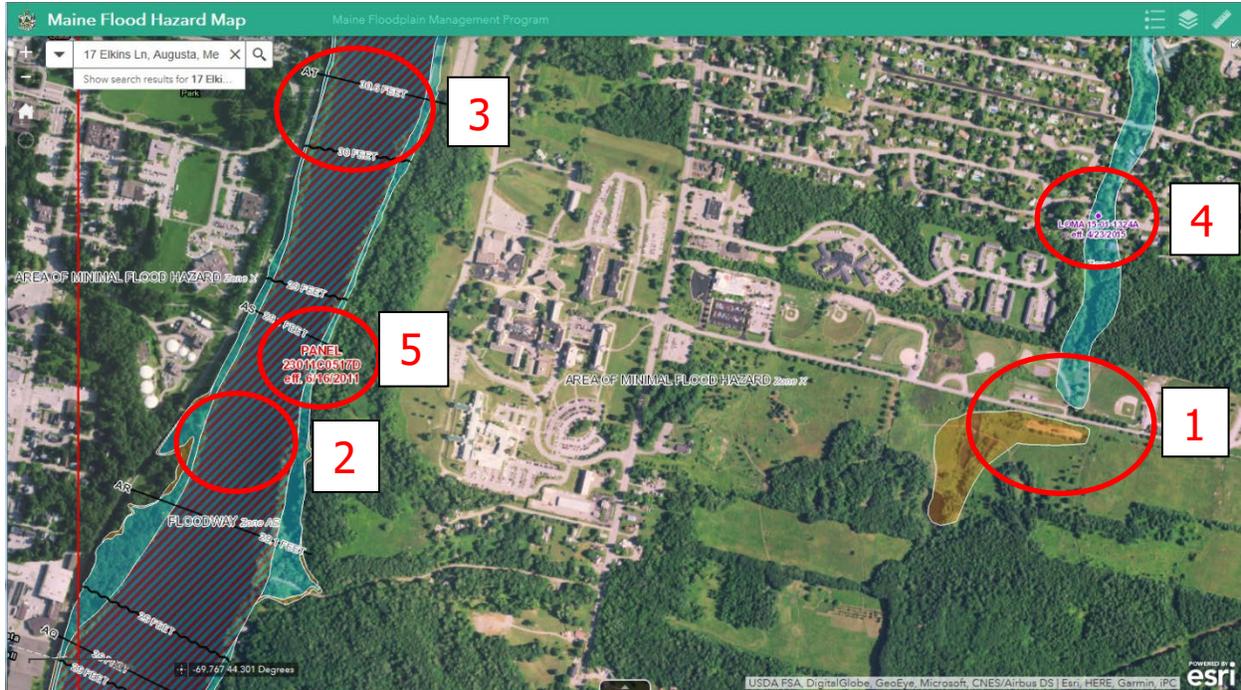
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1. Flood zones are shaded blue for 1% / 100 year annual chance flood or orange for .2% / 500 year annual chance flood.
2. Floodways are diagonally striped.
3. Transects and cross-sections are available, as are other engineering data layers.
4. LOMA locations and case numbers are identified. The LOMA can be downloaded from the Map Service Center.
5. Map panel numbers and date are displayed.
6. The flood map attribute data can be viewed by clicking on the map.

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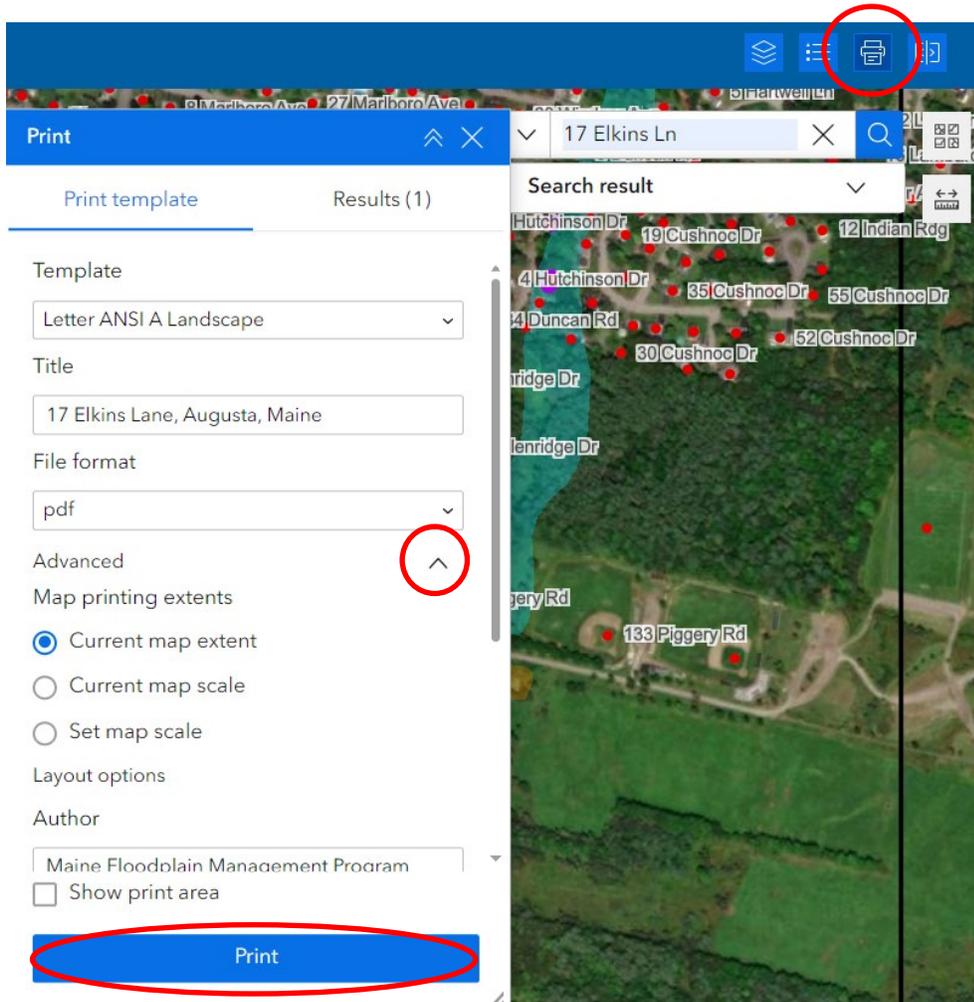
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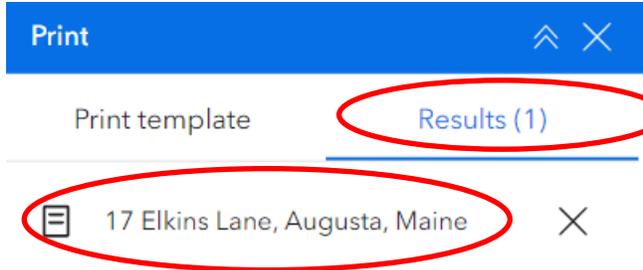
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- To print a map, click on the printer icon in the right corner of the banner bar. The print options box opens. Scroll down to see all settings.



- The template page size and file format can be changed.
- Enter the map title.
- Advanced printing options are available, click the drop down arrow.
- The map scale can be changed.
- The Author can be changed.
- The legend and north arrow are automatically turned on.
- Click the Print button.



- Click on the Results tab. Click on the link to open the map.
- The map opens in a web browser window. Save to your computer.

17 Elkins Lane, Augusta, Maine



Caveats

- ALWAYS CONFIRM WITH THE OFFICIAL FLOOD INSURANCE RATE MAP! This viewer does not take the place of the official FIRM. Always get the current FIRM.
- Q3 data is approximate and incomplete.
- At the edge of a county, overlapping county labels may cause confusion.
- Call us if there are any problems with the map.

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