



Find Areas of Flood Risk Change (Using the Changes Since Last FIRM dataset)

Step 4: View Upcoming Changes and Preliminary Flood Zones

In areas where updated flood studies have been issued as 'Preliminary', you can view the updated flood zones, as well as the Changes Since Last FIRM dataset (where available).

Click the 'Preliminary Flood Zones' button to swap the effective flood zones for the preliminary flood zones with Changes Since Last FIRM overlay.

These datasets are viewable at the Panel Zoom Level and Address Zoom Level. Use the Zoom Level slider on the left of the map viewer to zoom to these levels.

The image below illustrates how to access or determine the changes in flood risk for your location. For a better understanding of what the Changes Since Last FIRM dataset is, please read the description on the right.

Understanding the Changes Since Last FIRM dataset

The Changes Since Last FIRM (CSLF) dataset helps communities understand changes to their flood maps and prepare for the upcoming flood map adoption process.

The dataset captures areas where the floodplain and floodway have increased or decreased, as well as areas where the flood zone designation has changed (e.g., A to AE). Below is a description of each change category.

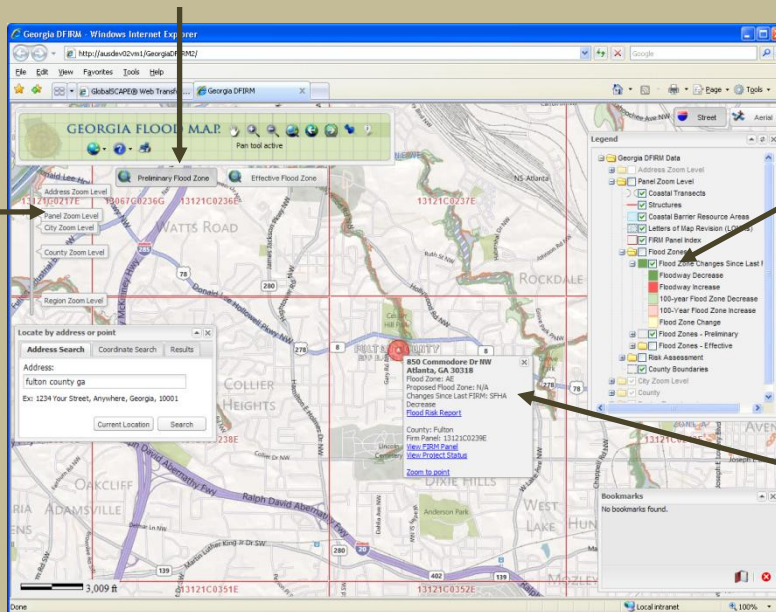
Category	Description
FW Decrease	Areas where the regulatory Floodway has decreased horizontally
FW Increase	Areas where the regulatory Floodway has increased horizontally
SFHA Decrease	Areas where the regulatory Special Flood Hazard Area has decreased horizontally
SFHA Increase	Areas where the regulatory Special Flood Hazard Area has increased horizontally
Zone Change	Areas where the Flood Zone designation has increased regulatory level. Ex Zone A --> Zone AE

Preliminary Flood Zones

This button swaps the effective flood zone layer for the preliminary and Changes Since Last FIRM layers.

Zoom Slider

Select the Panel Zoom Level or the Address Zoom Level to view preliminary flood zones and the Changes Since Last FIRM layer



Legend

Expand the legend by clicking the '+' signs next to the folder. Below are the Changes Since Last FIRM symbols.

- Floodway Decrease
- Floodway Increase
- 100-Year Flood Zone Decrease
- 100-Year Flood Zone Increase
- Zone Change

Pop-Up

The effective and proposed flood zone designations are displayed along with the Changes Since Last FIRM classification.