



How to Read the New Preliminary Online Flood Zone Maps

On the Hillsborough County website at www.hillsboroughcounty.org, select the “Mapping the Risk: Flood Map Update” link, next select the “Proposed Flood Map Viewers” link in the left-hand navigation bar. On that page, there are two ways to view the new preliminary flood maps. The first option is an online searchable flood map which allows you to type in your address or property folio number to see your parcel on an interactive map in relation to the high-risk flood areas. The second option is a file download feature that lets you view the actual paper flood map panels in Adobe Acrobat format that you want to research. Below is an explanation on how to use each map option and what the maps mean:

OPTION 1

Parcel Map Viewer:

You will go to a web page that allows you to search a property by entering the street address or the folio number. **See example below:**

Department Homepage	<p>Online Searchable Flood Map</p>
Community Planning	<p>Parcel Map Viewer</p>
Hazard Mitigation	<p style="text-align: center;">SEARCH BY ADDRESS</p> <p style="text-align: center;">To search for flood map information at a particular address, please follow the instructions below.</p>
Flood Map Update Project	<p style="text-align: center;">ENTER ADDRESS, THEN CLICK PROCESS</p> <p>STREET NUMBER: <small>(required)</small> <input type="text"/> STREET NAME: <small>(required)</small> <input type="text"/></p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Proposed Flood Map Viewers • Meeting Information • Insurance Information • Effects on Homeowners • Effects on Realtors • Effects on Construction • Hurricane Evacuation Zones • Glossary of Terms • Community Partners • Public Comment Period • Flood Risk Protest/Appeal Status • Fact Sheets and Applications • Contact Us 	<p>Narrow the search by using the fields below.</p> <p>STREET SUFFIX (rd, st etc.): <input type="text"/></p> <p>STREET DIRECTION (N, S, W, E etc.): <input type="text"/></p> <p style="text-align: center;"> <input type="button" value="Process"/> <input type="button" value="Clear"/> </p> <p style="color: red; font-size: small;"> The more information included in the form the more accurate the search results will be. If the search fails try using one word instead of two or a partial spelling of the street name. If the suffix or direction do not match they are ignored and if no parcel is found, the search will attempt to locate the road segment nearest the address. </p>
Transportation	<p style="text-align: center;">Find by Folio</p>
Zoning	<p>Folio - Find a parcel by entering the folio number (property identifier number). example: 001234-1234 please enter 1234.1234 leaving off the zeros and dash. Partial folio numbers can be entered.</p>
Impact Fee Program	<p>FOLIO: <input type="text"/></p> <p style="text-align: center;"> <input type="button" value="Process"/> <input type="button" value="Clear"/> </p>
Land Development Review and Permitting	

Once you enter the search address or folio number, Select “Process”, to view the requested parcel level map for the property or area that you entered. The property you requested will be highlighted with a blue outline.

Understanding the Legend:

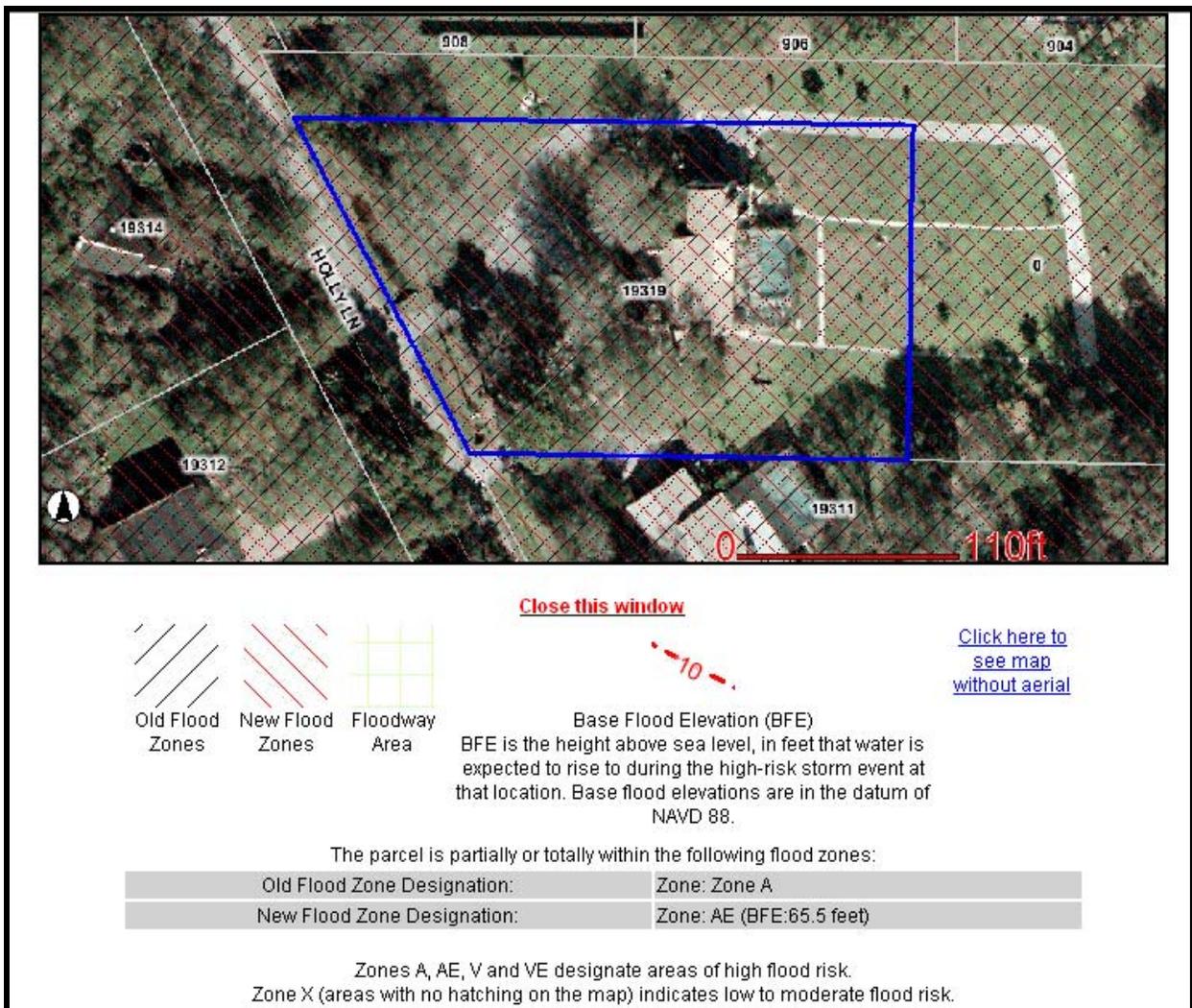
On the map, black-hatched (// /) areas represent the current high-risk flood area (identified as “old”) and the red-hatched areas (\\ \) represent the proposed high-risk flood area (identified as “new”). Please note that some areas will not list a Base Flood Elevation or BFE (height above sea level, in feet, that water is expected to rise to in a high-risk event).

How to Read the Parcel Maps:

The following are the four scenarios that could occur when you look at this map viewer:

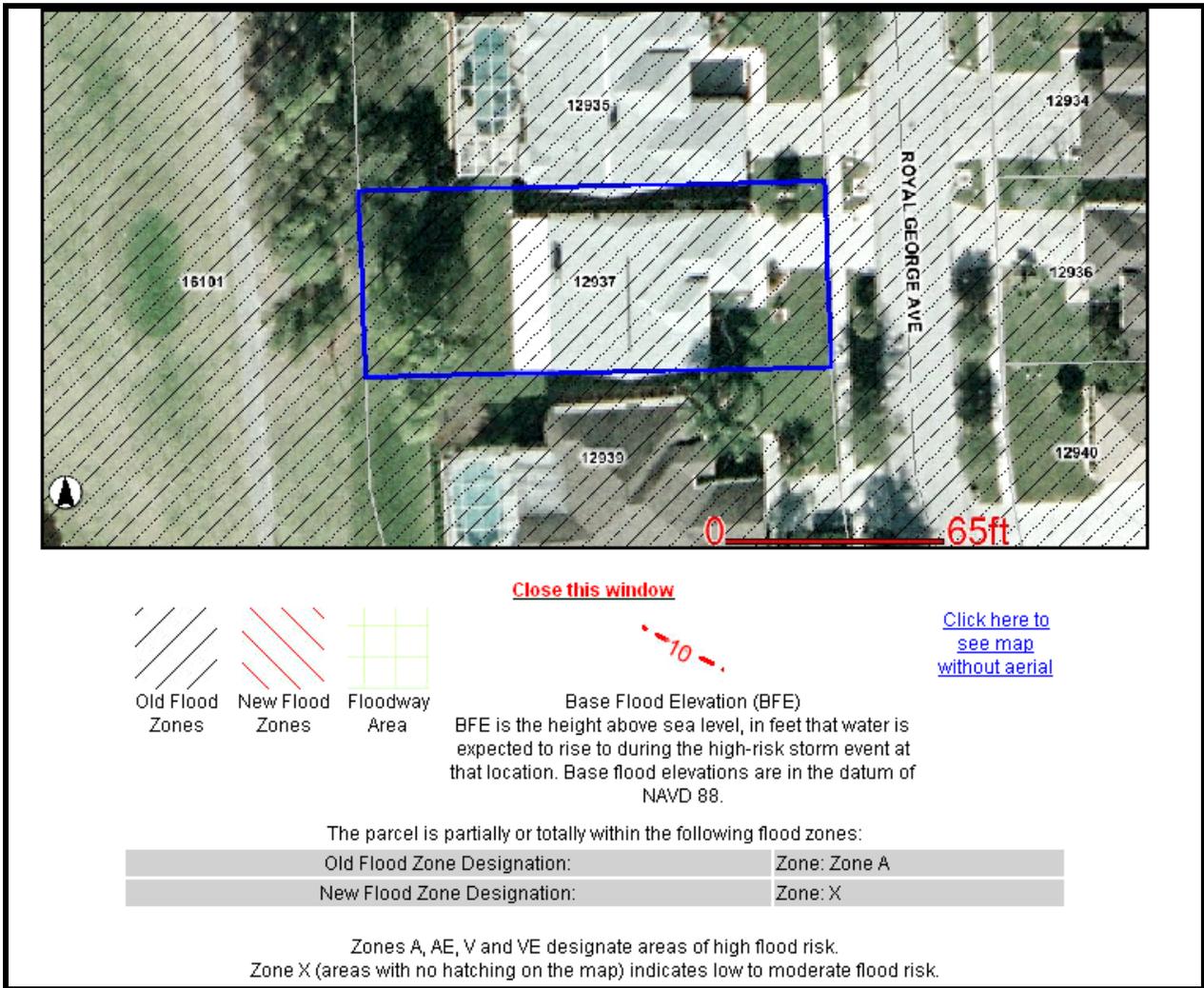
Case 1:

A **black-hatched (// /)** area is shown **AND** a **red-hatched (\\ \)** area is shown. This means that the flood hazard area is not proposed to be changed and the property will still be in the high risk flood zone if the maps are adopted as is. **See example of map below:**



Case 2:

A **black-hatched area (///)** is shown, but there is **NO red-hatched area (\\ \\)**. This means that the flood hazard area is proposed to be removed and the property will be out of the high risk area if the maps are adopted as is. *The risk is reduced, but not removed.* Flood insurance will be an optional item for the property owner and no longer mandatory (expected Fall of 2008). **See example of map below:**



Case 3:

A red-hatched area (\\) is shown, but there is **NO** black-hatched area (///) shown. This means that the property is now proposed to be within a high risk flood hazard area. Flood insurance will be mandatory (if the structure is within the high-risk area) if the new maps are adopted as is (expected Fall of 2008), but grandfathering options are available so that you can carry flood insurance at a rate of a property that is in a low-risk zone. **See example of map below:**



Case 4:

NO black-hatched area (/ /) is shown AND NO red-hatched area (\ \) is shown. The property is proposed to continue to be outside of the Special Flood Hazard Area. This is a low-risk area if the new maps are adopted as is, not a no-risk area. Flood insurance will be an optional item for the property owner and a preferred risk policy is available. **See example of map below:**



Reading the Table at the Bottom of the Maps:

Each map will have a table at the bottom of the map that lists the current flood zone designations and the new proposed flood zone designations. Zones A, AE, and VE are the high-risk flood zone designations. Zones X and X500 indicate areas of low to moderate risk where flood insurance is optional.

When No Address or FOLIO Can Be Found:

If you are looking for information about a mobile home or condominium, you may see the following language:

“Please note: We are not able to locate a particular unit within a multi-unit parcel, such as a condominium, apartment, mobile home park, etc. Please use the map to approximate the flood zone effects for your property.”

The computer will not be able to determine your approximate location in these instances. You can click the link to the “Map Download Viewer” and see the map panel for your area instead in Adobe Acrobat format and approximate where you think your property sits in relation to the flood zones. Directions of how to use the Map Download Viewer are below.

OPTION 2

Map Download Viewer:

You will go to a web page that allows you to select a map panel by entering the street address, or clicking a portion on the Hillsborough County grid map panels. This will allow you to view a scanned version in Adobe Acrobat format of an official Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) panel of the proposed Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM). See examples below:

Street Address

Map Download Viewer

You may choose from below to download or view a PDF file of the proposed flood maps for your area.

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Locate Map by Address

Street Number:

Directional:

* Street Name: ***Required Field**

Suffix:

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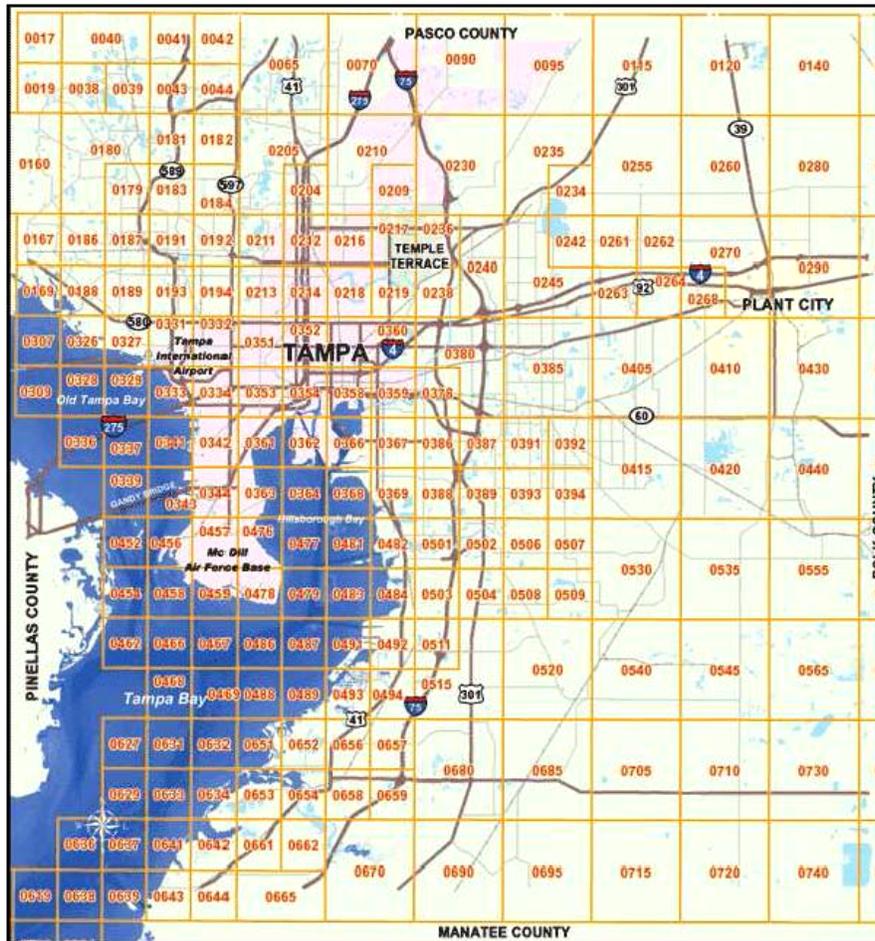
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Grid Map Panels



There are 173 Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) panels that cover the entire county.

If you need further assistance, please contact the Hillsborough County Citizen Action Center at 813-272-5900. Open 7 a.m. -11 p.m., seven days a week.