

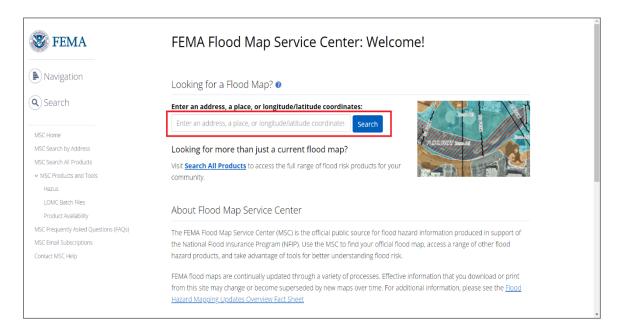
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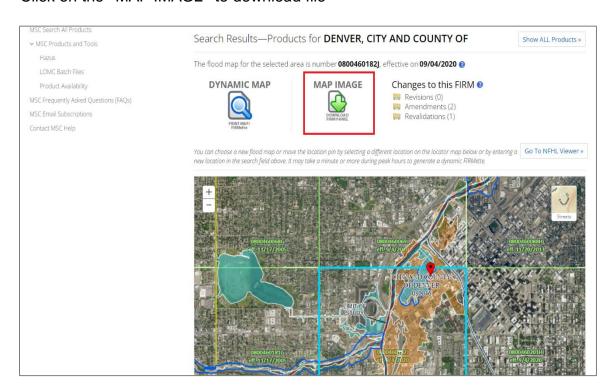
Flood maps show the areas that are at greatest risk during floods of varying magnitudes. A flood map is essential for assessing risk of flood damage at a building site. Flood maps for locations within the United States may be obtained from the Federal Emergency Management Agency's (FEMA) Flood Map Service Center. FEMAs website maintains the latest official regulatory floodplain maps for the United States. These maps are also used by insurance companies when they assess the flooding risk at a site. It is not uncommon in Colorado for a portion of a site to be within a regulatory floodplain, with a portion outside of the floodplain. Here's a step-by-step guide in obtaining a flood map:

Open the FEMA Flood Map Service Center (https://msc.fema.gov/portal/home)

Enter the site address in the search field (see image below)



Click on the "MAP IMAGE" to download file



A zipped folder will be downloaded, extract the folder and open the .png file. It will show the flood insurance rate map of the site address. Sample flood map is shown below

