

## John Charbonneau

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**From:** Bailey, A.Colleen (DCR) <a.colleen.bailey@state.ma.us>  
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Hi John-

Here are some of the important links to know:

Here is the application form for the LOMA. It's known as the MT-EZ form. This link provides a complete set of instructions (many pages) along with the actual application, which is only the last three pages. Not everyone needs all of the instructions, but in case they are interested, those are included. [http://www.fema.gov/media-library-data/20130726-1551-20490-4345/mt\\_ez\\_complete\\_rev\\_06\\_2012\\_.pdf](http://www.fema.gov/media-library-data/20130726-1551-20490-4345/mt_ez_complete_rev_06_2012_.pdf) (Just a side note: Do not be concerned that the OMB date in the upper right corner of the application has expired. FEMA's website specifically states, "Note: Expired MT-EZ, MT-1, and MT-2 forms may be used until further notice. Please proceed to use these forms when completing your Letter of Map Change (LOMC) application.") For homeowners who have difficulty with the application or have questions about the process, they can call 1-877-336-2627 (1-877-FEMA-MAP) and speak to a representative in the FEMA Map Information eXchange (FMIX). (FEMA loves acronyms!)

<http://msc.fema.gov/portal> This is the FEMA Map Service Center website. If you click on the link, you can see right in the middle of the page is the place to type in your address. That will show you what panel the address is on for the CURRENT effective maps only. FEMA should have sent you a set of paper maps and FIS report, along with a disc that has the GIS data and digital (.PNG) files of each of the maps to view on a computer. Hopefully you have that! FEMA mailed the products to the community on 2/26/2015.

Additionally, a more user friendly GIS based application from FEMA known as the GeoPlatform also provides visuals of the digital flood maps.

<http://fema.maps.arcgis.com/home/webmap/viewer.html?webmap=cbe088e7c8704464aa0fc34eb99e7f30&extent=-71.13283615917959,41.916793554822846,-71.01335984082037,41.98062956295913> (I particularly like this one! You can see the place to enter in an address is in the upper right corner. It's easy and people find this is more user friendly than the actual paper flood maps. You can zoom in and out and get a better feel for whether a structure or property is in the flood zone. Same as above, this only includes the current effective maps (so the 7/16/2015 maps will be included on 7/16 or 7/17. Usually they are pretty prompt and the data will be uploaded on the effective date of the maps.)

Here is what this looks like- just an example of what you might see on this site. It also includes any previously applied for LOMAs! That is handy, so homeowners can know whether neighbors have ever applied a LOMA. I put a little red arrow pointing to where you would type in an address.



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LOMRs

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LOMAs



FIRM Panels



Flood Hazard Boundaries

Other Boundaries

Limit Lines

SFHA / Flood Zone Boundary

Flood Hazard Zones

1% Annual Chance Flood Hazard

Regulatory Floodway

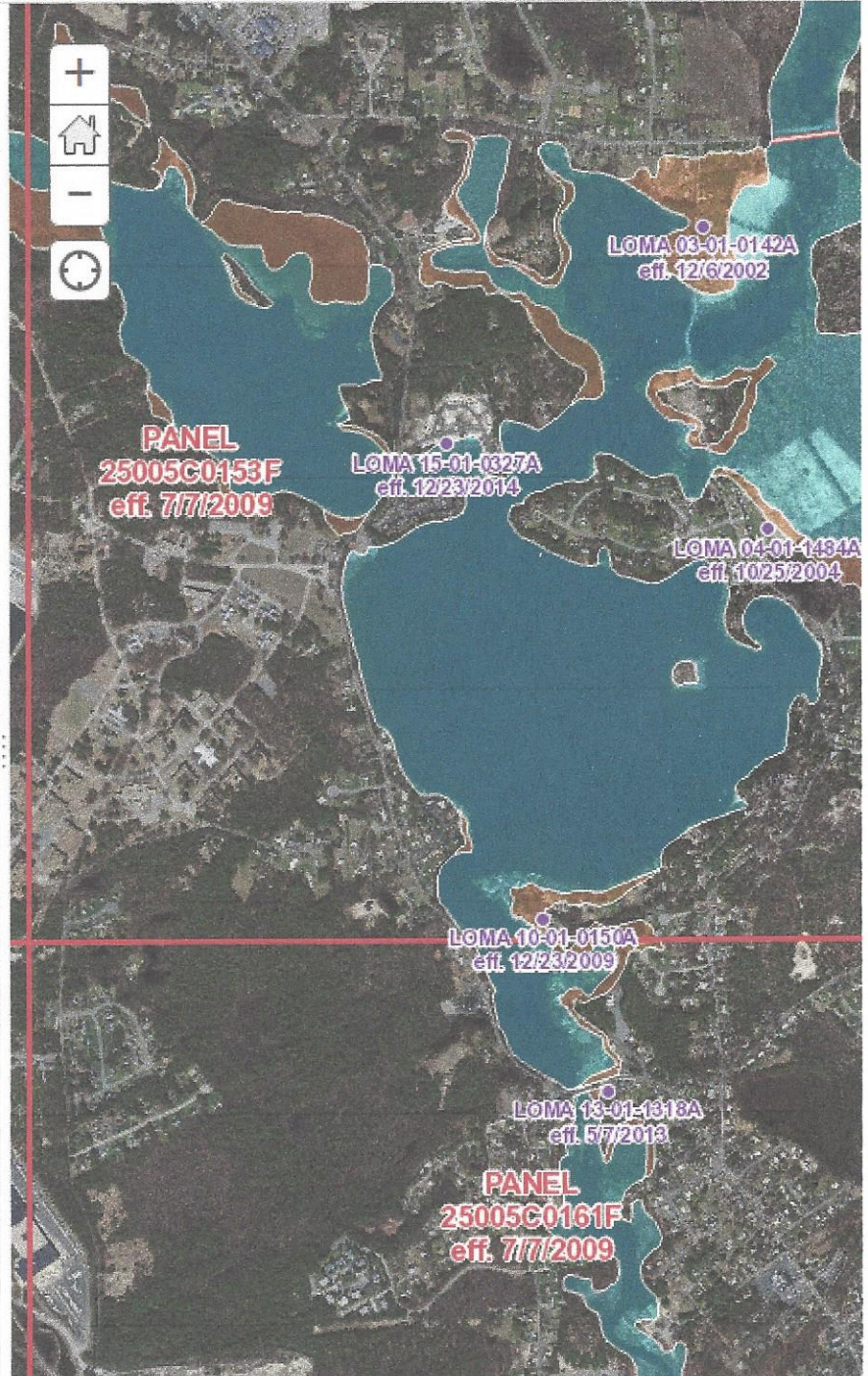
Special Floodway

Area of Undetermined Flood Hazard

0.2% Annual Chance Flood Hazard

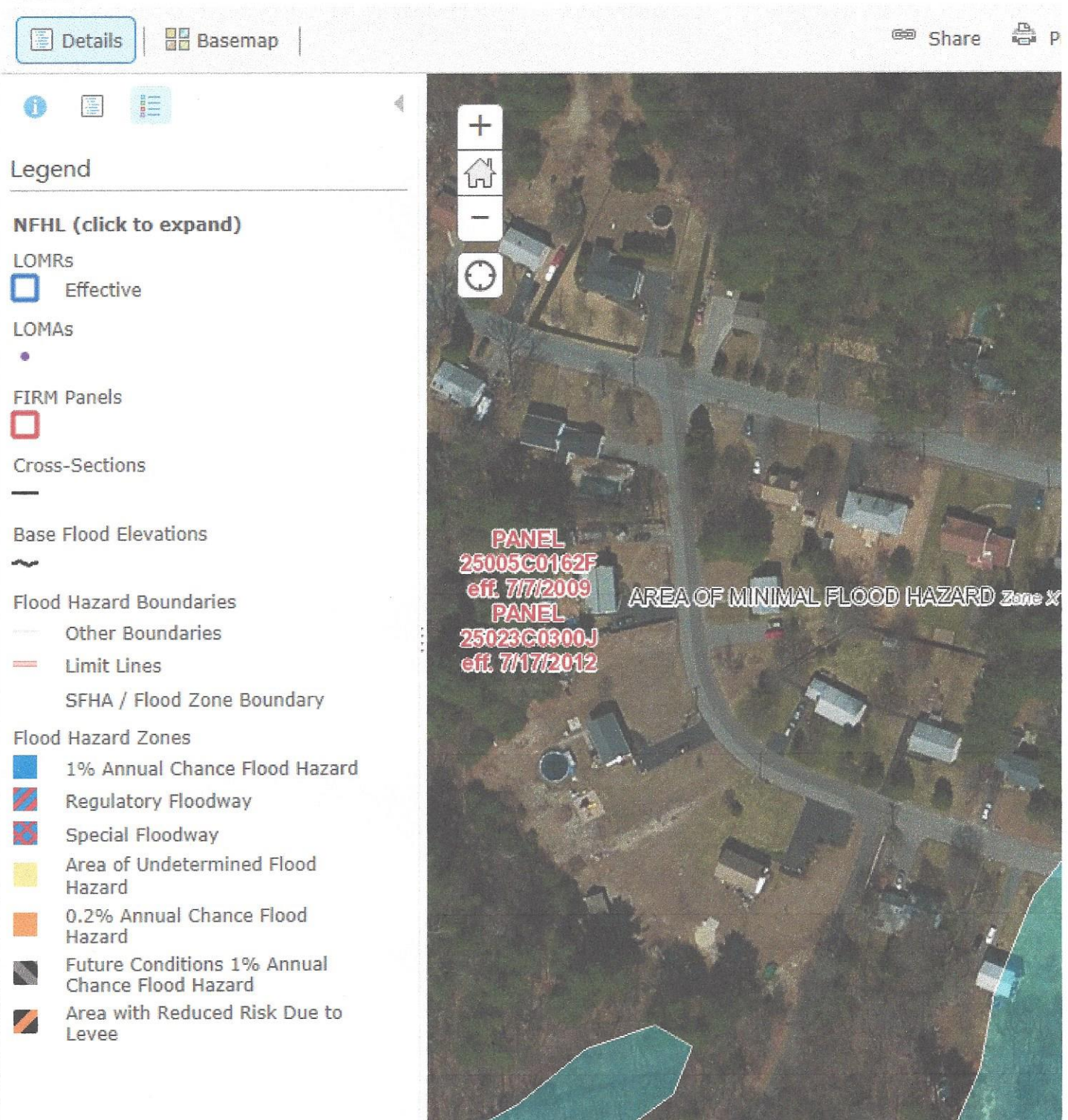
Future Conditions 1% Annual Chance Flood Hazard

Area with Reduced Risk Due to Levee



And here is a zoomed in section of town. I just wanted to show you that it is much easier to see with much better resolution!





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