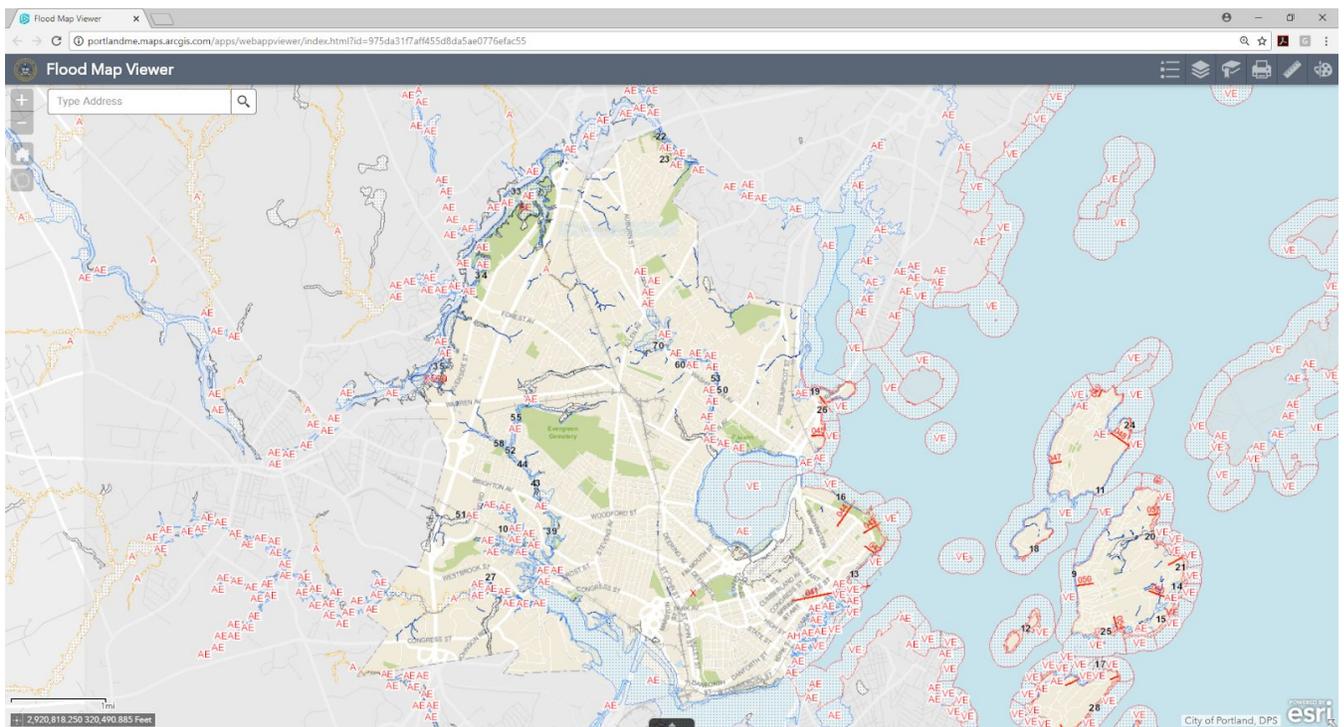


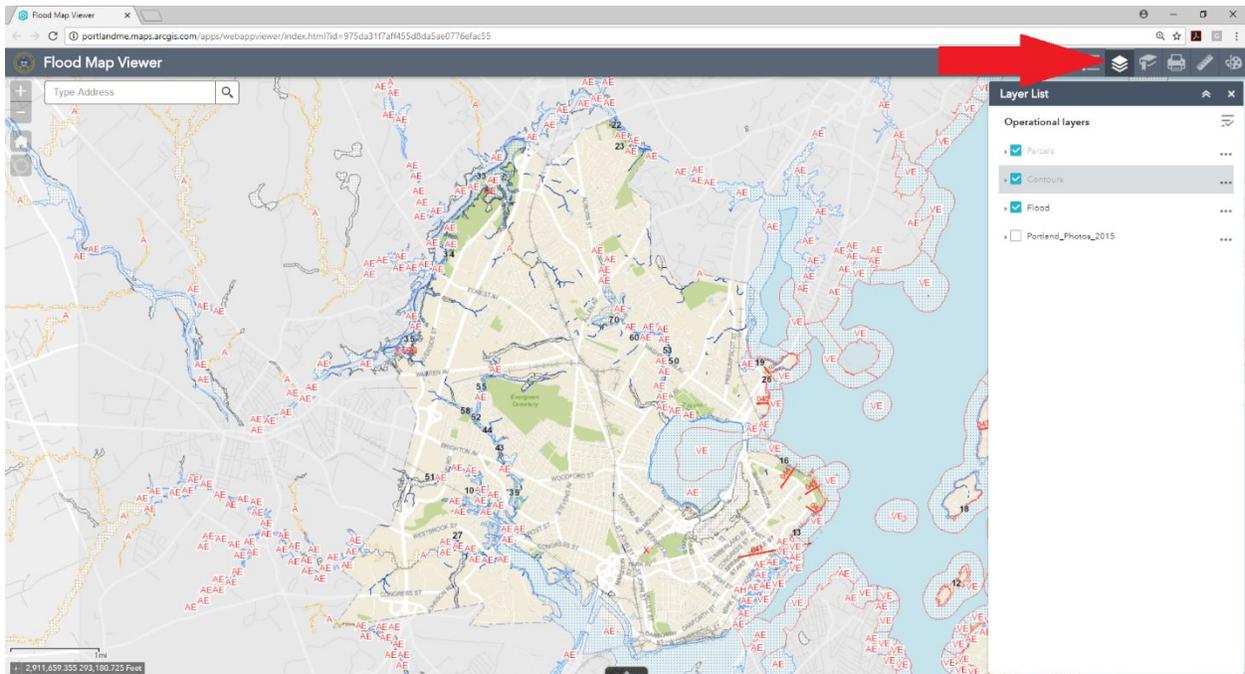
The City of Portland’s Flood Map Viewer shows data from FEMA’s Flood Insurance Rate Maps in the City of Portland. You can view the current maps which are labeled “Flood Zones 1986 Effective” the new proposed maps which are labeled “Flood Zones 2017 Advisory – Not Yet Adopted”. You may choose to toggle between the two maps to see if your area of interest has a change. Continue through this document for step-by-step instructions

**To explore the Flood Map Viewer go to:**

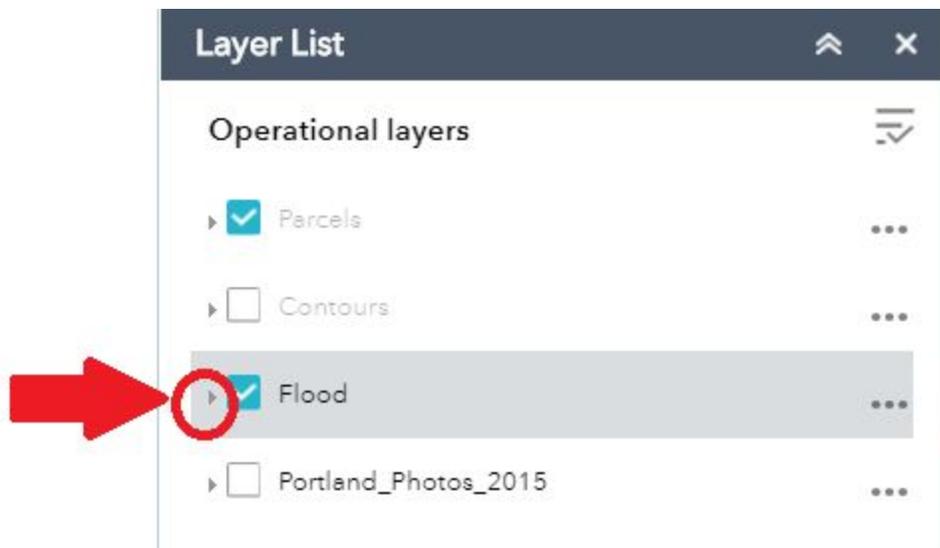
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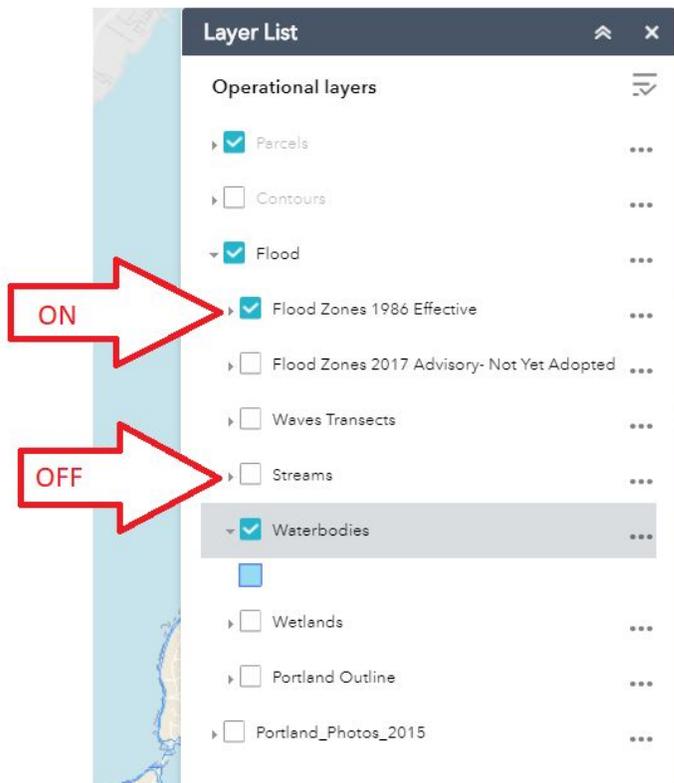
You can view the layers by clicking on the Layer List



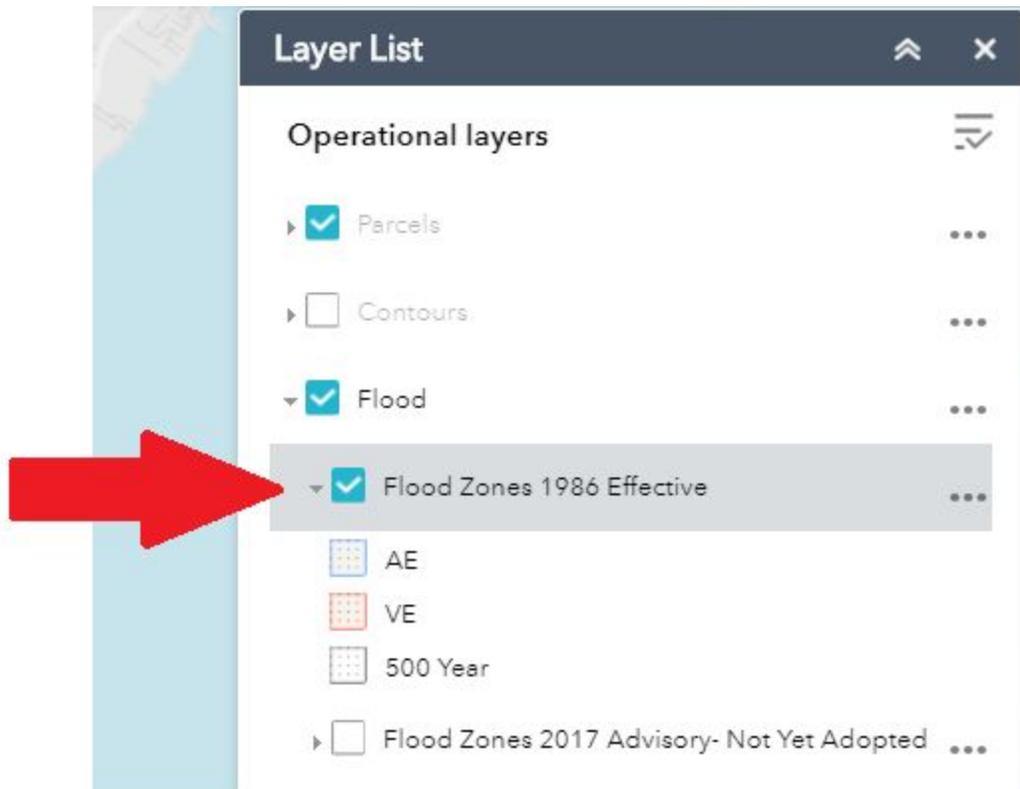
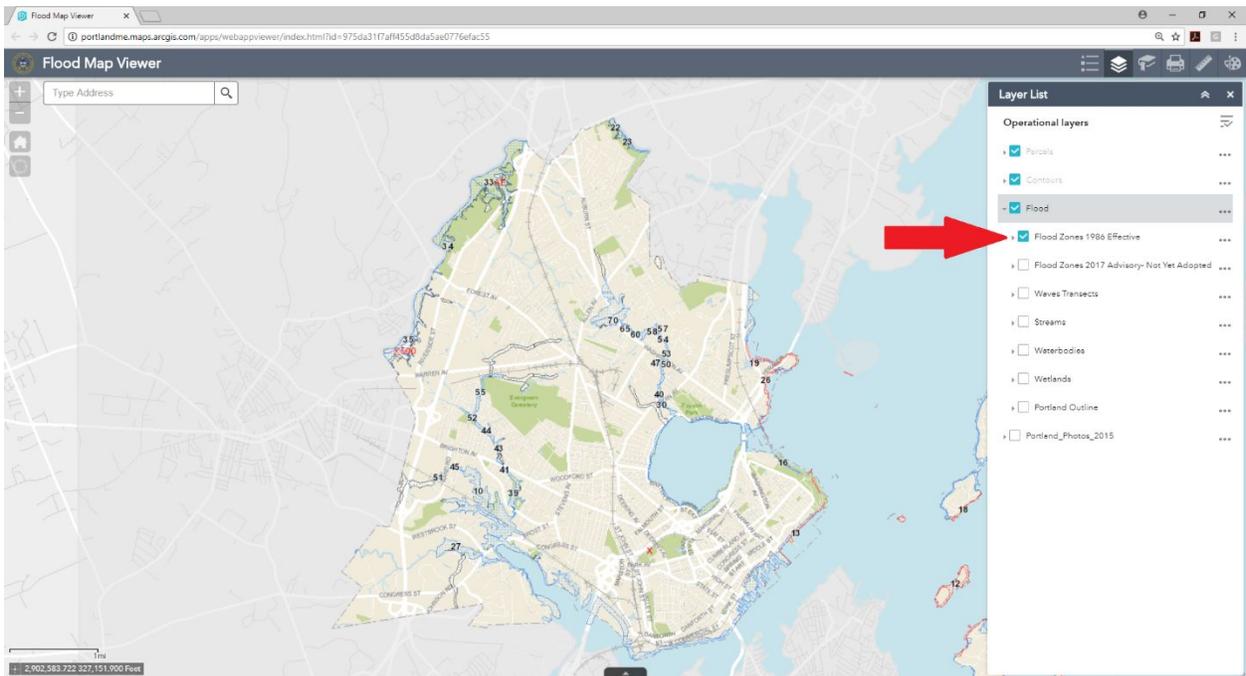
You can click the small arrows to drop down the menus.



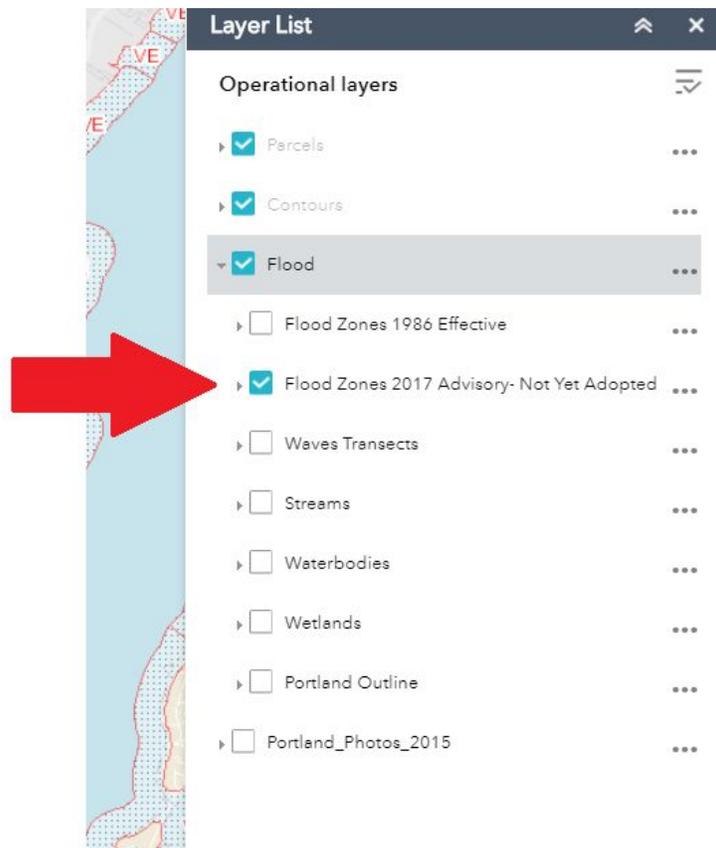
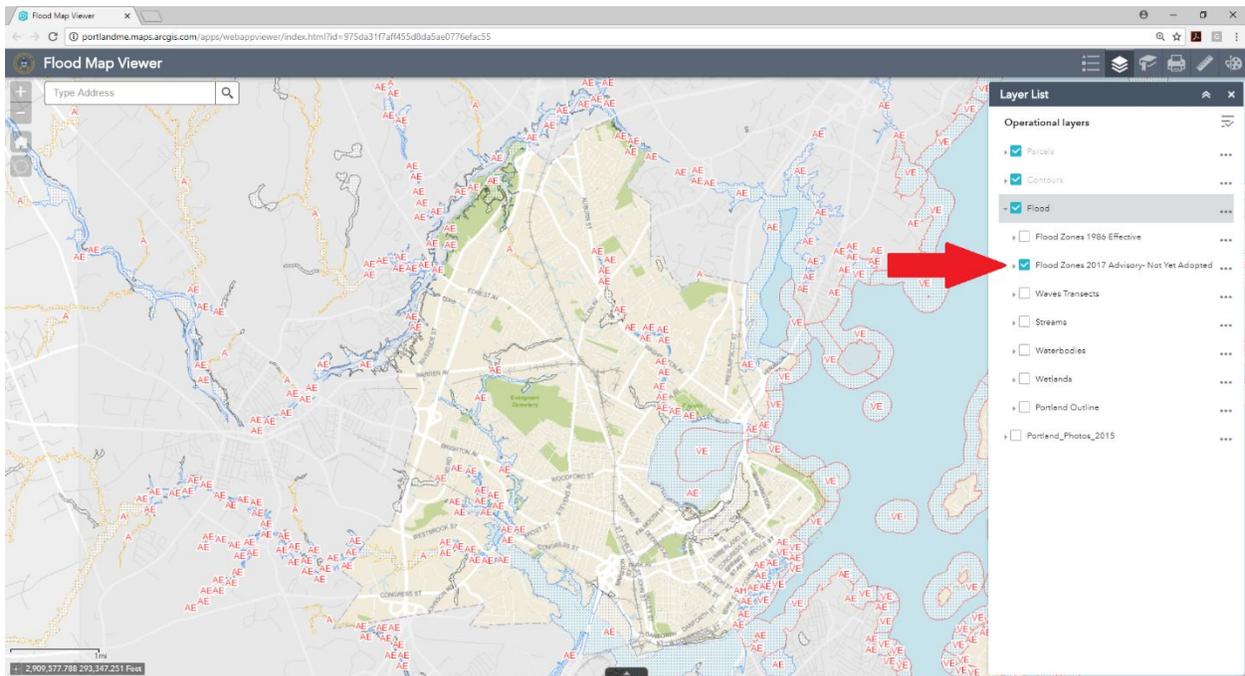
To turn the layers on and off, click the box next to the layer. A blue box with check mark means the layer is turned on.



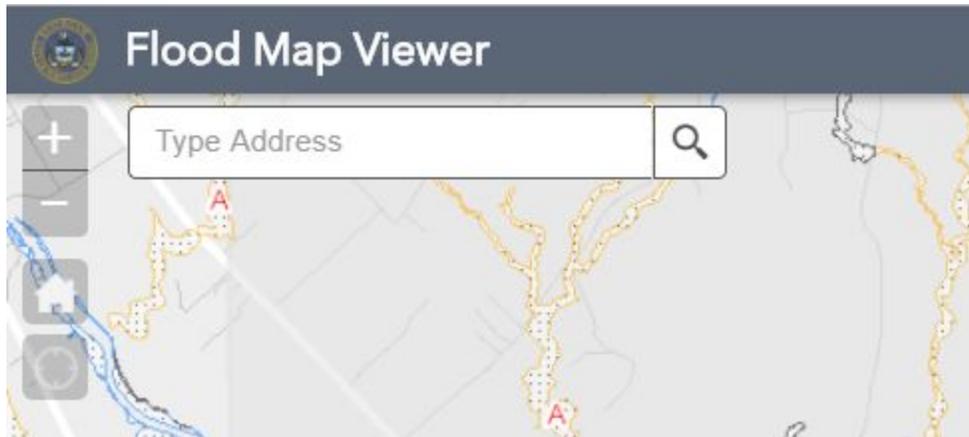
To view the current effective maps, select only the layer “Flood Zones 1986 Effective”



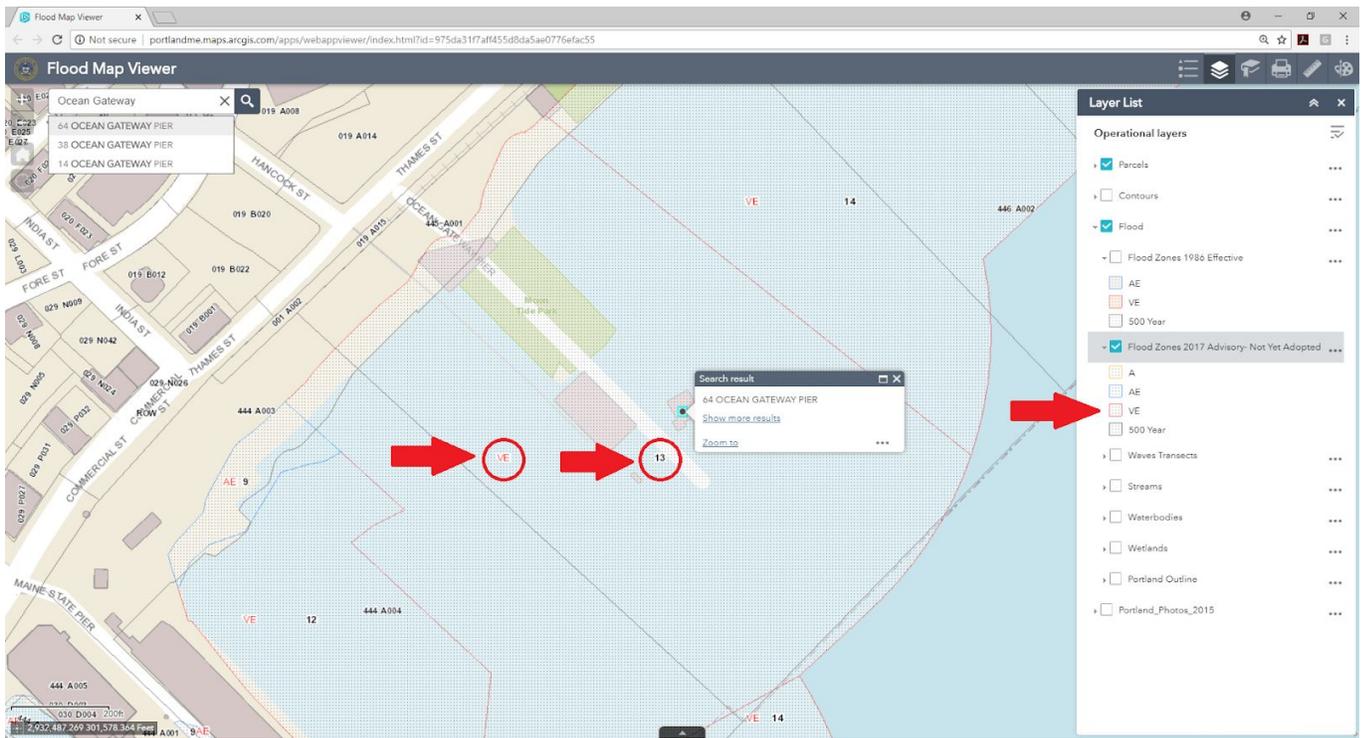
To view the Revised Preliminary Flood Insurance Rate Maps published in 2017, select only the layer “Flood Zones 2017 Advisory – Not Yet Adopted”



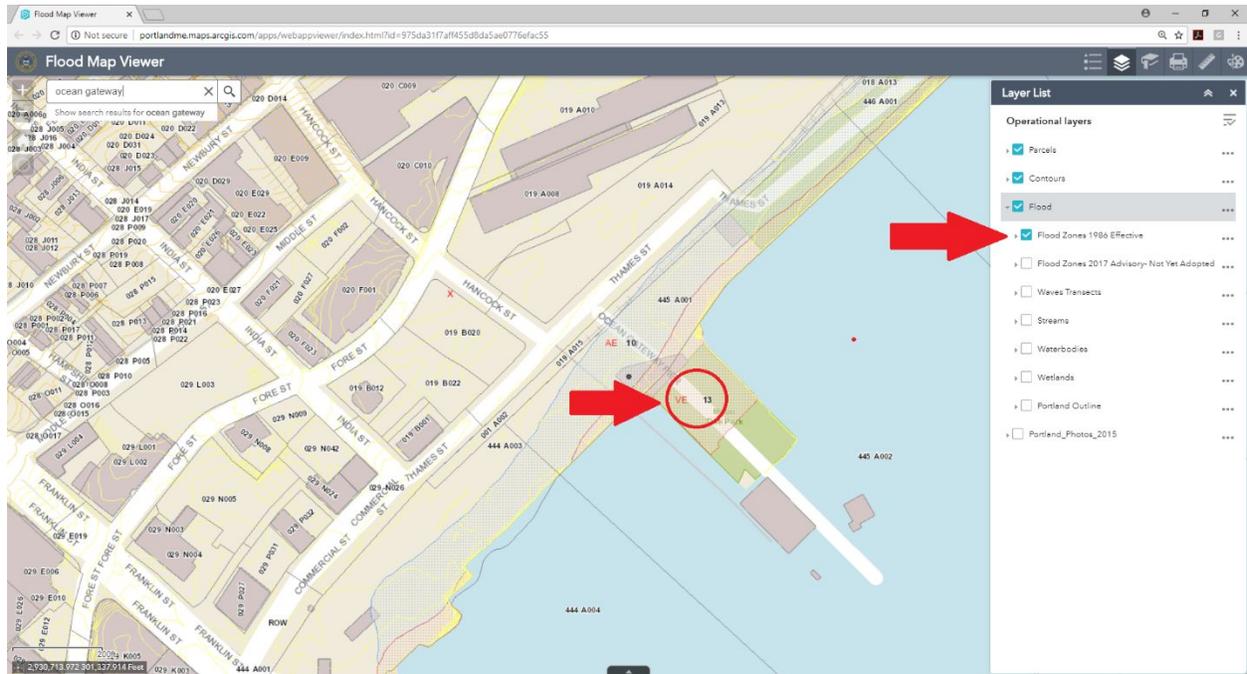
You can search for a specific address or location of interest by using the search bar



Here, you are looking at the Preliminary Flood Insurance Rate Maps, 2017, for Ocean Gateway. Using the legend to the right, you can see that it is in the VE Zone with a Base Flood Elevation (BFE) of 13



Here, you are looking at the current effective map for the same area. You can see that, for this location, the current map and the proposed preliminary maps show the same data, a VE Zone with BFE 13. For this location, there is no change from the current maps to the proposed maps.



FEMA's Floodplain Glossary can be found here, the zone definitions are on page D-11  
<https://www.fema.gov/media-library-data/20130726-1535-20490-7429/appxd.pdf>

(Also pasted on the following page)

Zone A: The Special Flood Hazard Area (except coastal V Zones) shown on a community's Flood Insurance Rate Map. Unit 3, Section F. There are five types of A Zones:

A: SFHA where no base flood elevation is provided.

A#: Numbered A Zones (e.g., A7 or A14), SFHA where the FIRM shows a base flood elevation in relation to NGVD.

AE: SFHA where base flood elevations are provided. AE Zone delineations are now used on new FIRMs instead of A# Zones.

AO: SFHA with sheet flow, ponding, or shallow flooding. Base flood depths (feet above grade) are provided.

AH: Shallow flooding SFHA. Base flood elevations in relation to NGVD are provided.

Zone B: Area of moderate flood hazard, usually depicted on Flood Insurance Rate Maps as between the limits of the base and 500-year floods. B Zones are also used to designate base floodplains of little hazard, such as those with average depths of less than 1 foot. Unit 3, Section F.

Zone C: Area of minimal flood hazard, usually depicted on Flood Insurance Rate Maps as above the 500-year flood level. B and C Zones may have flooding that does not meet the criteria to be mapped as a Special Flood Hazard Area, especially ponding and local drainage problems. Unit 3, Section F.

Zone D: Area of undetermined but possible flood hazard. Unit 3, Section F.

Zone V: The Special Flood Hazard Area subject to coastal high hazard flooding. There are three types of V Zones: V, V#, and VE, and they correspond to the A Zone designations. Unit 3, Section F.

Zone X: Newer Flood Insurance Rate Maps show Zones B and C (see above) as Zone X. Unit 3, Section F.