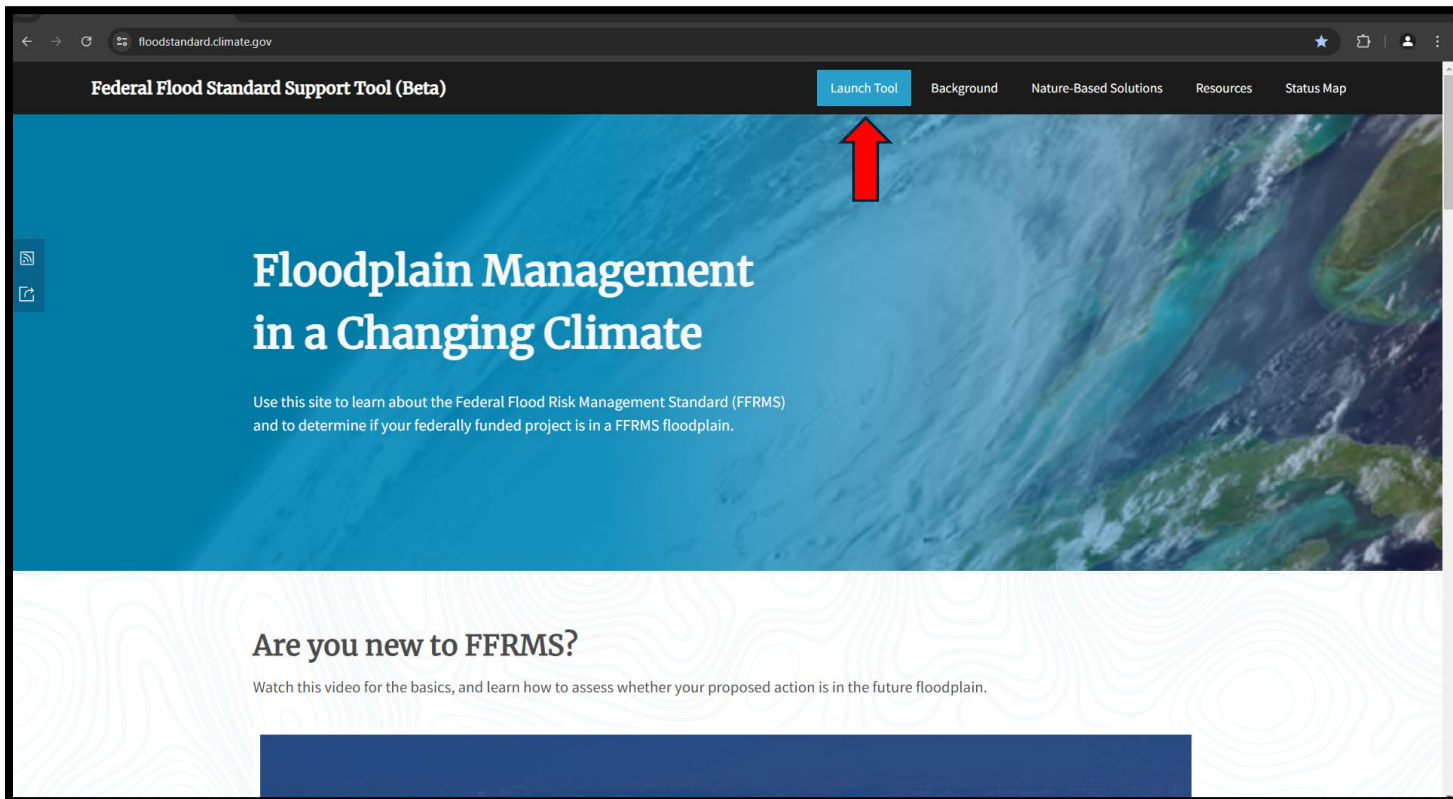
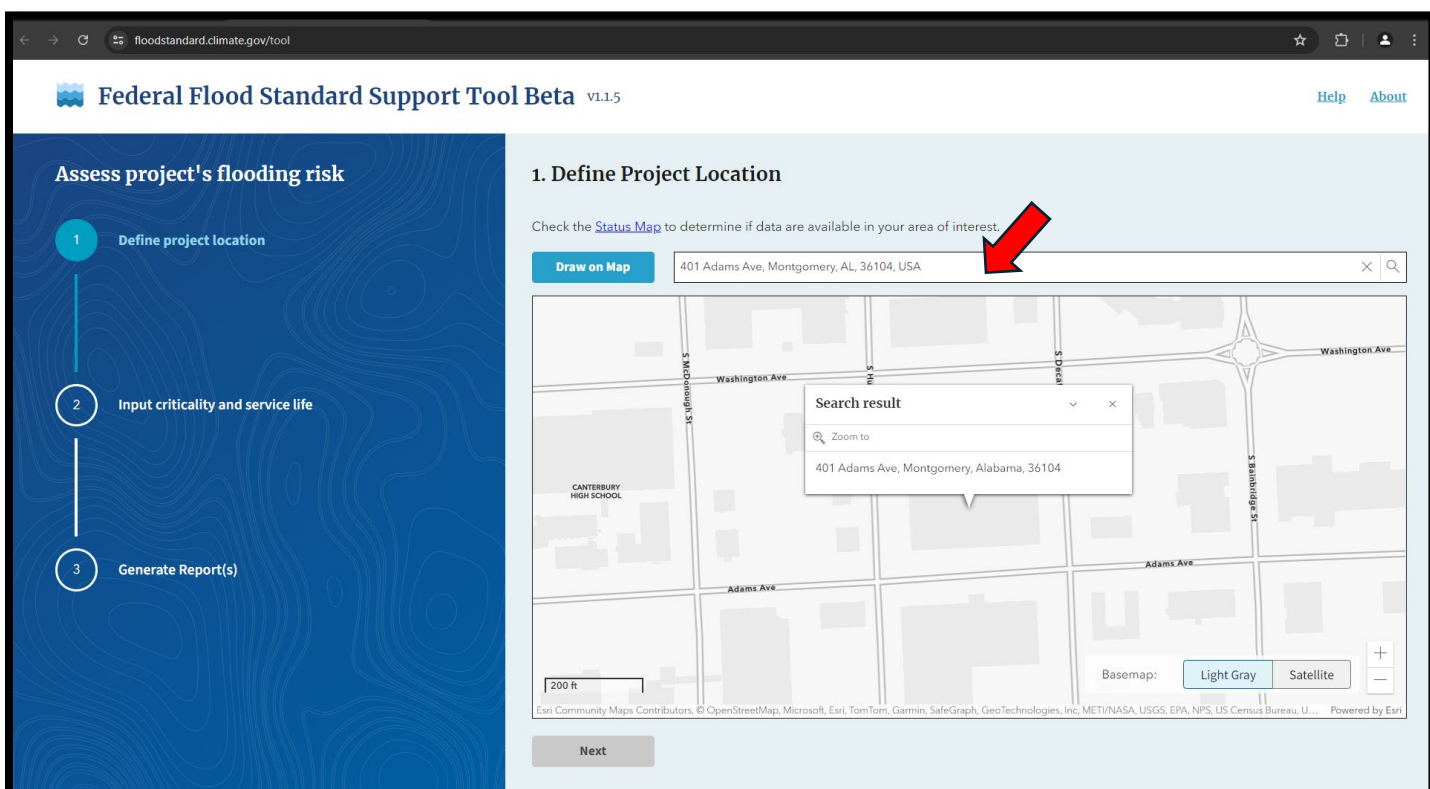


## How to Complete an FFRMS Assessment

Step 1: Go to [floodstandard.climate.gov](https://floodstandard.climate.gov). Click the “Launch Tool” button at the top of the screen.



Step 2: Follow the prompts provided by the tool. Provide the address of the project location in the search box provided. The tool will locate the address you provided. Verify that this is the correct location.



Step 3: Use the “Draw on Map” button to encircle your project location. Once you have done this the tool will reset the map for you indicating the project area. Once you are satisfied with the project location, click the “Next” button.

The screenshot shows the web application interface for the Federal Flood Standard Support Tool Beta v1.1.5. On the left, a sidebar titled "Assess project's flooding risk" contains a vertical progress indicator with three steps: 1. Define project location (highlighted in blue), 2. Input criticality and service life, and 3. Generate Report(s). The main content area is titled "1. Define Project Location" and includes a search bar with the address "401 Adams Ave, Montgomery, AL, 36104, USA" and a "Clear Drawing" button. Below the search bar is a map of Montgomery, Alabama, with a yellow square indicating the project location. A red arrow points to the "Next" button at the bottom of the map area.

Step 4: The next screen asks for service criticality and life for the project. Provide whether your project is deemed a critical action or non-critical action. See 24 CFR 55.2(b)(3) for assistance in determining if an action is critical or non-critical. Provide the expected service life expiration year, or closest to it. Once you have answered the questions, click the “Next” button. The tool will now prepare your report.

The screenshot shows the web application interface for the Federal Flood Standard Support Tool Beta v1.1.5. On the left, the sidebar "Assess project's flooding risk" shows step 2, "Input criticality and service life", highlighted in blue. The main content area is titled "2. Input Criticality and Service Life" and contains two dropdown menus. The first is labeled "Service Criticality" and has "Non-critical" selected; a red arrow points to it. Below it is a question: "Is the action critical or non-critical?" with a link to "What is the difference between a critical and non-critical federally funded action?". The second dropdown is labeled "Service Life" and has "2050" selected; a red arrow points to it. Below it is a question: "What is the expected service life?" with a link to "How to determine service life". At the bottom, there are "Back" and "Next" buttons, with a red arrow pointing to the "Next" button.

**Step 5: Download the report for your records and filing by clicking the “Download Freeboard Value Approach Report”.**

**Step 6: Review the report to determine if your project is in an FFRMS floodplain. If it is determined that your project is “NOT” in an FFRMS floodplain, your review is complete. File this report as documentation. If it is determined that your project “IS” in an FFRMS floodplain, then you must complete the 8/5 Step Process detailed at 24 CFR 55.20**