

Steps on How to Make a Wetlands Map

Step 1. Go to the National Wetlands Inventory (NWI) [website](#) and select Wetlands Mapper V2.

The screenshot shows the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service National Wetlands Inventory website. The header includes the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service logo and the text "U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service National Wetlands Inventory Ecological Services". Below the header is a Google Custom Search bar and a navigation menu with links: ES Home, About Us, Species, Wildlife and Habitat Conservation, Development and Energy, FWS Regions, Library, and Newsroom.

The main content area is titled "Wetlands Mapper" and contains the following text:
The Wetlands mapper is designed to deliver easy-to-use, map like views of America's Wetland resources. It integrates digital map data along with other resource information to produce current information on the status, extent, characteristics and functions of wetlands, riparian, and deepwater habitats. The Wetland Mapper fulfills the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's strategic plan for the development, revision and dissemination of wetlands data and information to resource managers and the public. This information is intended to promote the understanding and conservation of wetland resources through discovery and education as well as to aid in resource management, research and decision making.

The wetlands displayed on the Wetlands Mapper show wetland type and extent using a biological definition of wetlands. There is no attempt to define the limits of proprietary jurisdiction of any Federal, State, or local government, or to establish the geographical scope of the regulatory programs of government agencies.

The page includes a numbered list of instructions:
1. Read the [Disclaimer](#), [Data Limitations](#), [Exclusions and Precautions](#), and the [Wetlands Geodatabase User Caution](#).
2. Refer to the following links for documentation and instructions:
• [Wetlands Mapper Documentation and Instructions Manual \(PDF\)](#)
• [VIDEO: How to find and use the U.S Fish and Wildlife Service's Wetlands Mapper](#)
3. Open an Mapper by clicking on the map icons below (best viewed by maximizing your browser window):

Three map icons are displayed:
• **Wetland Mapper V2**: NWI V2 data desktop/mobile viewer; data last modified 25 May 2018. This icon is circled in yellow.
• **Projects Mapper V2**: Recent wetland data additions and active wetland mapping projects.
• **Wetland Mapper V1**: NWI V1 data desktop viewer; data last modified 25 May 2018.

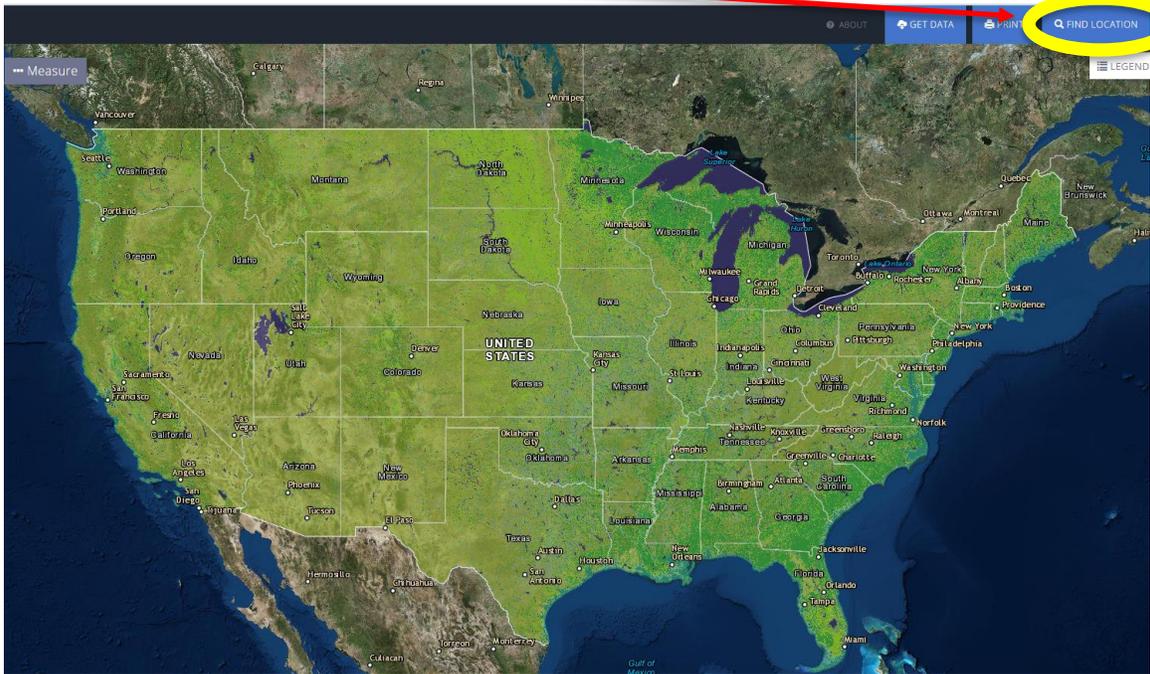
Please note:

- Adobe Flash™ is required to access the Wetlands Mapper V1. Please visit the [Adobe Flash Player website](#) to download the latest version of the player. Adobe Flash is a trademark from Adobe Systems Incorporated.

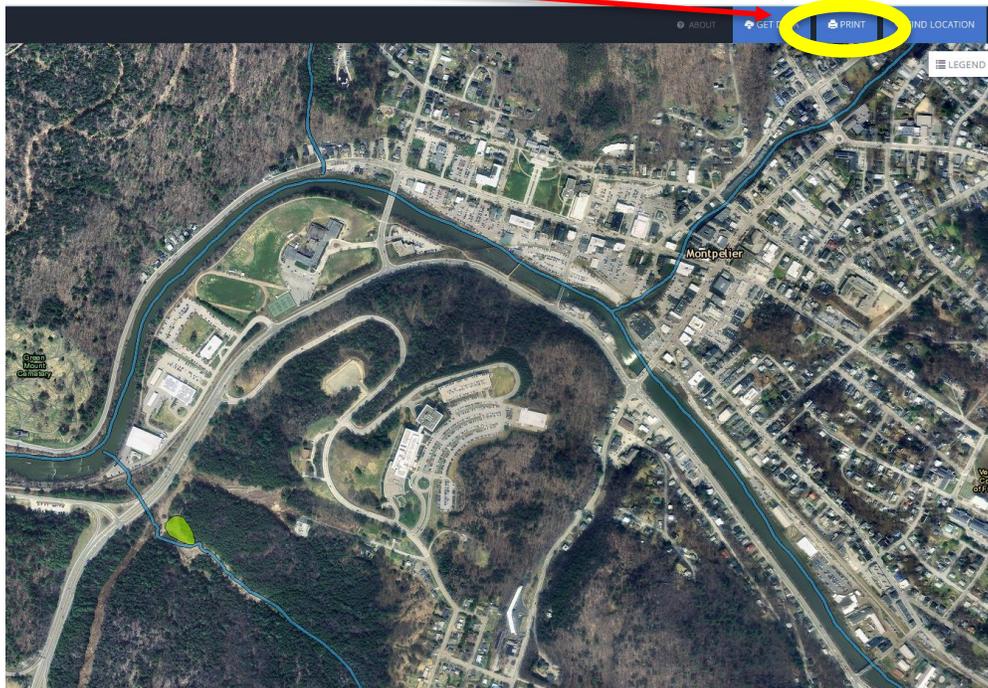
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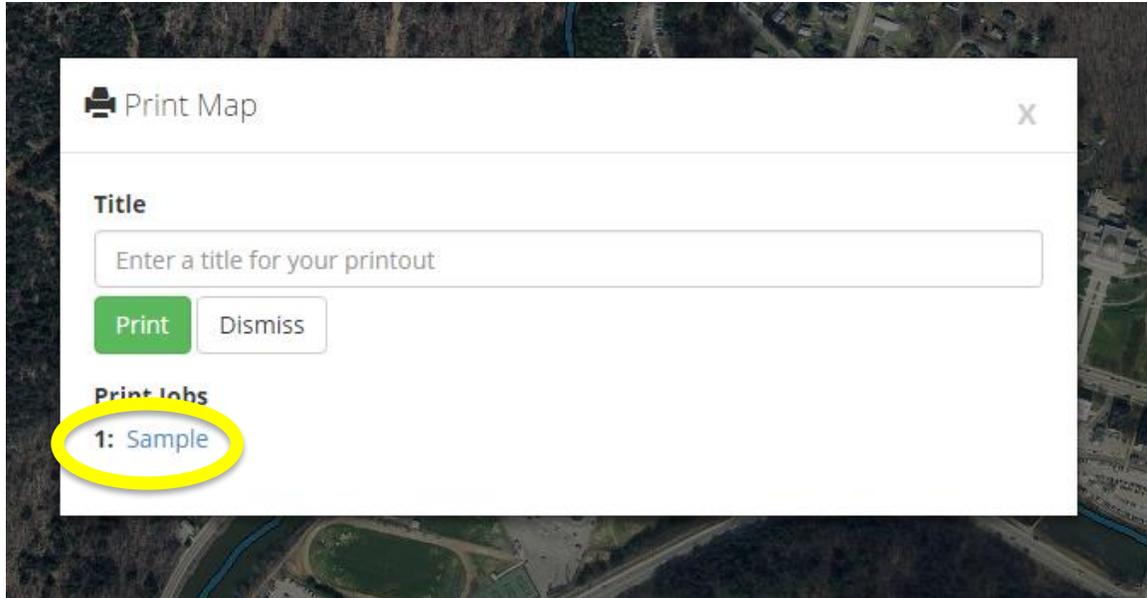
Step 2. After accepting the terms and conditions, the following page will populate. Select Find Location and input the project location.



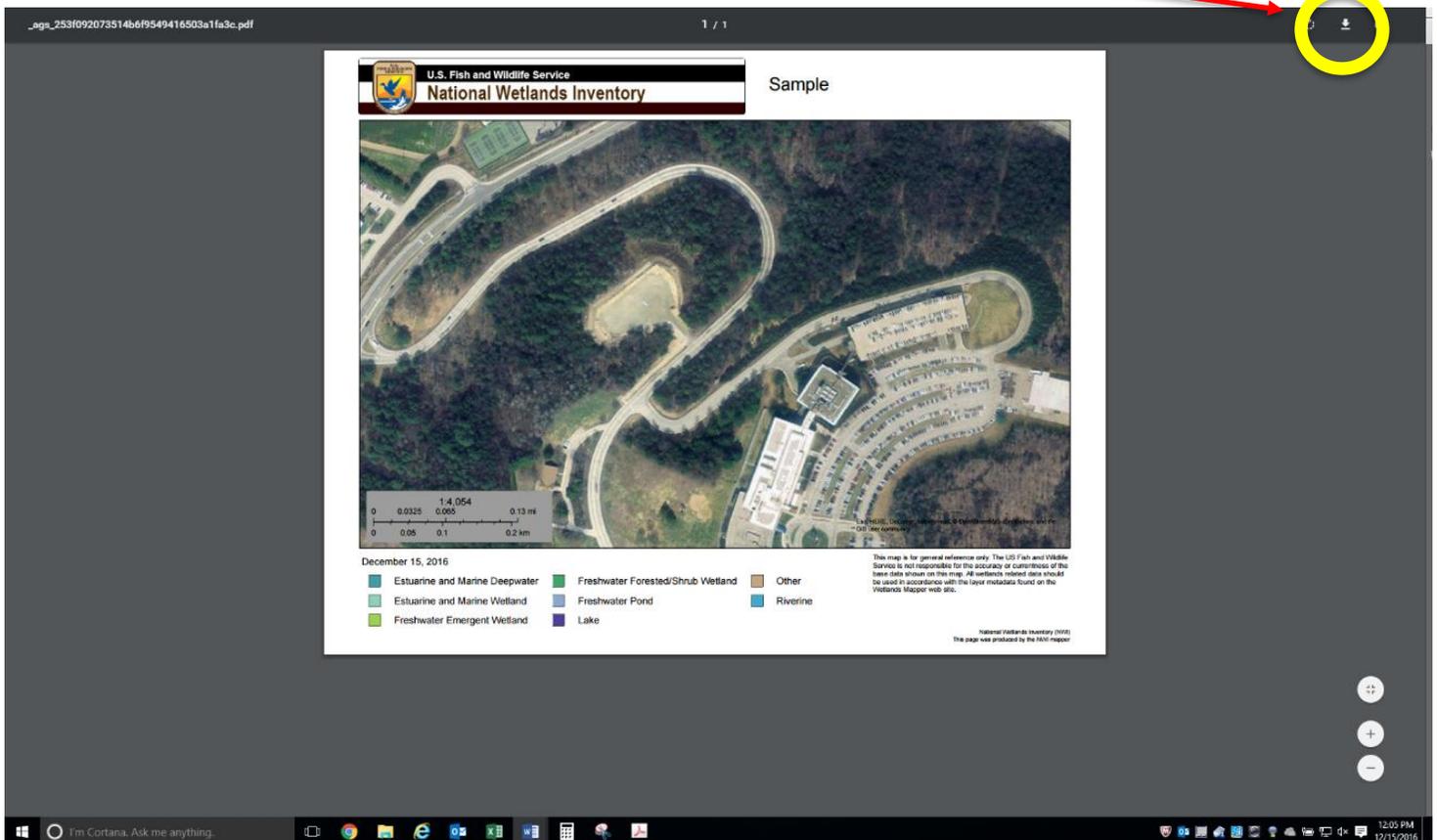
Step 3. The following page will populate, you can adjust the project extent if desired. Select Print.



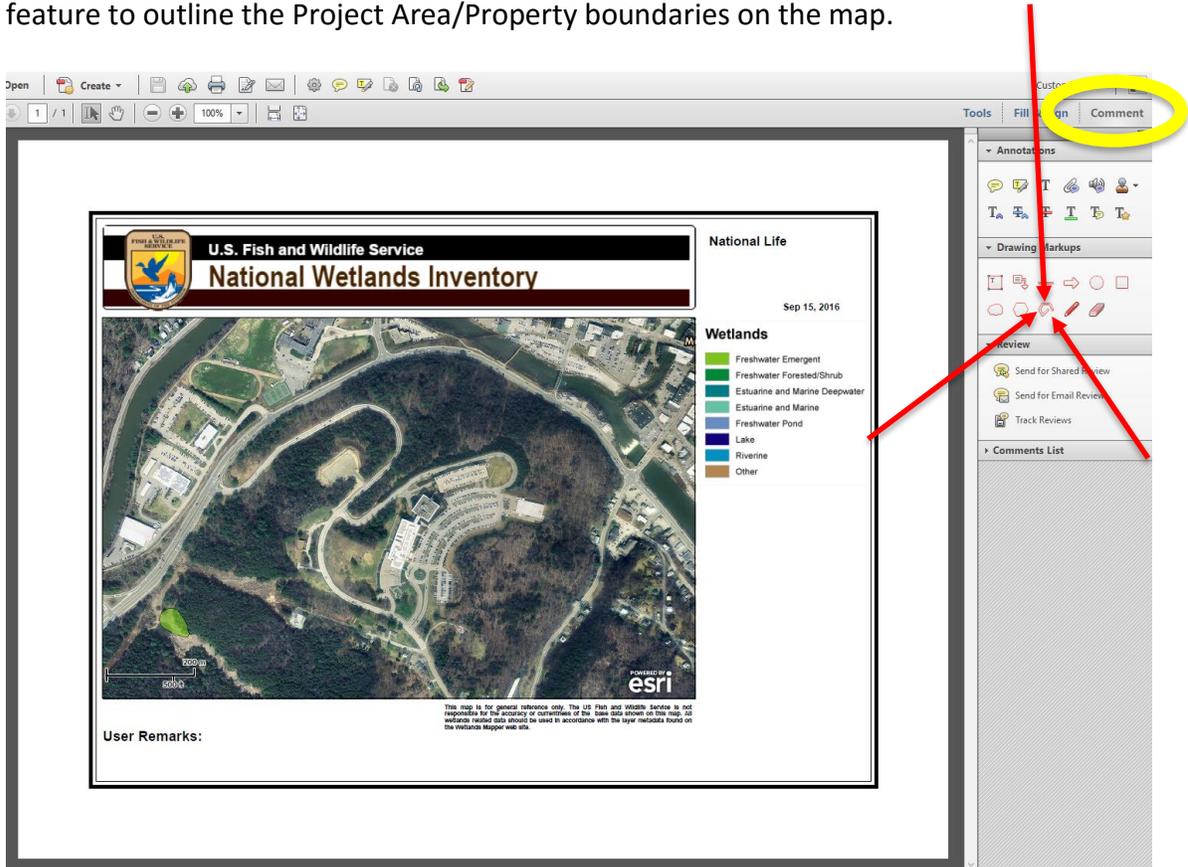
Step 4. You will be prompted to Enter the title of the project, select print and then wait for the project title to appear in the “Print Jobs’ list. Click on the project title in the list.



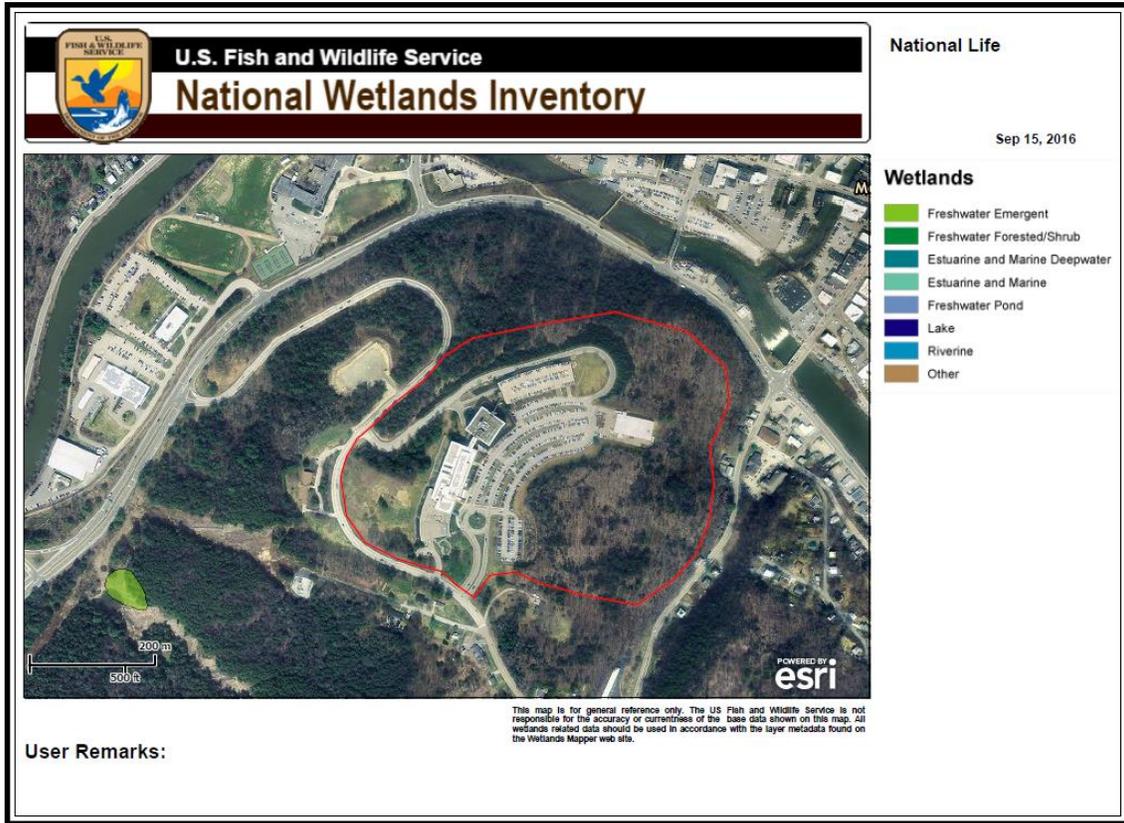
Step 5. The map will open in a new tab, select download in the upper right hand corner.



Step 6. The NWI map will then be saved as a pdf, open in Adobe Acrobat. Select the Comments feature on the upper right hand side, as shown below. Select the draw lines feature to outline the Project Area/Property boundaries on the map.



Step 7. It is very important to accurately define the project area AND the property boundary, if they differ. Please note: If you submit a NWI map without project boundaries, it will be returned for edits.



Step 8. Upload your labeled NWI map to the Supporting Documents page.

Step 9. Review the map to determine if there are any wetlands on or near the project area. Discuss in the Environmental Review checklist if wetlands are mapped by NWI near or on the site. In addition, be sure to discuss if wetlands were observed during a site visit, as this is required.