

Interim Status Report:
Update and Development of Wind Speed Line Maps for the Florida Building Code, 8th Edition (2023)

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The State of Florida Department of Business and Professional Regulation
Florida Building Commission
and

University of Florida, GeoPlan Center

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1. Introduction

In this project, the University of Florida (UF) GeoPlan Center is providing Geographic Information System (GIS) technical assistance for creating updated Florida statewide Ultimate Design Wind Speed line maps for the 8th Edition (2023) update to the Florida Building Code (FBC). Updates to Figures: 1609.3(1), 1609.3(2), 1609.3(3) and 1609.3(4) will be based on the standards set forth in Chapter 26 of the American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE), the Minimum Design Loads and Associated Criteria for Buildings and Other Structures (ASCE/SEI 7-22).

In addition, the GeoPlan Center shall provide GIS technical assistance in preparing local wind speed line maps for each building code jurisdiction that is impacted and dissected by the wind speed contours as updated and depicted in the draft Florida Building Code, 8th Edition (2023) Figures 1609.3(1-4) Risk Categories I - IV Buildings and Structures.

This interim report addresses details of the project's progress to date on each task listed in the scope of work. In summary, Task 1 is complete, and Task 2 is in progress.

2. Task Progress

a. Task 1: Update Statewide Maps for the 8th Edition (2023) update to the Florida Building Code (Complete).

In this task, the UF GeoPlan Center created updated statewide maps for use in the 8th Edition (2023) update to the Florida Building Code for the following Figures: 1609.3(1), 1609.3(2), 1609.3(3) and 1609.3(4), as well as the Wind-borne Debris Region Map.

Status: Task 1 is complete, with the following work conducted:

- The UF GeoPlan Center worked with Lauren Mudd PhD, PE (lmudd@ara.com). Senior Engineer at Applied Research Associates, IntraRisk to obtain the GIS data (line work) for the ASCE 7-22 GIS contours for Risk Categories I-IV.
- Using the GIS data obtained above, UF GeoPlan created updated statewide maps for use in the 8th Edition (2023) update to the Florida Building Code for the following Figures: 1609.3(1), 1609.3(2), 1609.3(3), 1609.3(4) as well as the Wind-borne Debris Region Map.
- These five JPEG maps as submitted to Mo Madani, Technical Director, are displayed at the end of this document in **Appendix A** - Statewide Maps for the 8th Edition (2023) update to the Florida Building Code. Figures: 1609.3(1), 1609.3(2), 1609.3(3) and 1609.3(4)

b. Task 2: Develop Local Wind Speed Line Maps (In Progress)

In this task, the UF GeoPlan Center is creating local wind speed line maps for impacted jurisdictions utilizing GIS maps and relevant data. This task has three subtasks (Parts 1, 2, and 3). In Part 1, the UF GeoPlan Center is creating preliminary local wind speed line maps for impacted jurisdictions utilizing GIS maps and relevant data. GIS datasets from the Florida Geographic Data Library (such as major roads, canals, rivers, and lakes) will be used for determining the exact location of the local wind speed lines. In Part 2, the UF GeoPlan Center is working with jurisdictions that require GIS support to make changes or updates to their local wind speed line maps. In Part 3, the UF GeoPlan Center will provide digital copies of the local wind speed line maps to the Department of Business and Professional Regulation in the following format: (1) Raster: .jpg file (2) Raw: ArcGIS file, and (3) Vector: Adobe PDF file.

Status: Task 2 is in progress, with the following work completed.

Task 2, Part 1 (Complete)

- Using the GIS data obtained above, UF GeoPlan created 268 Countywide Risk Category I-IV wind speed line maps. These maps are currently referred to as “preliminary” and can be found at the following web address:
 - https://ad hoc.geoplan.ufl.edu/downloads/kate/windspeed_2023/Preliminary_County_PDFs_Draft_20230322/
 - Alachua County Examples of the Risk Category I-IV Preliminary Countywide PDF Maps are displayed at the end of this document in **Appendix B**.

Task 2, Part 2 (In progress)

- UF GeoPlan Center emailed all 67 County Building Code Officials to notify them of the preliminary maps and to offer free assistance to update/modify existing line work and maps to better align with on the ground landmarks.
 - A copy of the email is displayed at the end of this document in **Appendix C**.
 - An initial follow-up phone call to the email has been placed to 62/67 counties.

- c. The UF GeoPlan Center created an ArcGIS Online (AGOL) web map viewer to facilitate the creation of updated local wind speed maps based off local landmarks. Additionally, the AGOL web map viewer is being used to track the status of each county’s wind speed map adoption. The web map viewer can be accessed at following URL:
 - <https://ufl.maps.arcgis.com/apps/mapviewer/index.html?webmap=3a5d5dd7d44744eeb9537b76534a72a9>
- d. The UF GeoPlan Center created a supporting document for the web map viewer, Ultimate Design Wind Speeds, Vult, For Risk Categories I-IV Buildings and Other Structures Map Viewer (2023) Manual.
 - This document contains instructions on how to access and use the Ultimate Design Wind Speeds Map Viewer to compare 2020 and 2023 wind speed lines (pages 1-3), how to use the ASCE 7 Hazard Tool to look up design parameters (page 4), and how to download wind speed data (page 5).
 - The contents of the PDF manual are displayed at the end of this document in **Appendix D**.
- e. The following 5 counties wish to adopt the preliminary maps “As Is.”: Bay, Bradford, Hillsborough, Martin, and Nassau.
- f. The following 2 counties want help modifying the preliminary line work to better align with local landmarks: Hendry and Levy.
- g. The following 3 counties want to develop their own modified version of the preliminary line work to better align with local landmarks: Indian River, Santa Rosa, Sumter
- h. The following 12 counties are still determining how they would like to move forward with their map. Broward, Calhoun, Desoto, Gulf, Hendry, Leon, Monroe, Orange, Polk, St Lucie, Suwannee, and Walton.
- i. The progress of Task 2 Part 2 is displayed at the end of this document in **Appendix E**.

3. Plans for Completing Task 2

The UF GeoPlan Center is continuing to contact the remaining counties by phone to determine how best to assist them. UF GeoPlan reviewed the remaining preliminary maps to determine which counties might need minimal line work modifications to place the entire county within one wind speed zone. Previously, this has been the preference of most building officials whose county have just barely been clipped by a wind speed line.

Once Task 2 Part 2 is completed, the UF GeoPlan Center will move forward with Task 2 Part 3 and work with Mo Madani to provide the final product to the State of Florida.

Appendix A - Statewide Maps for the 8th Edition (2023) update to the Florida Building Code. Figures: 1609.3(1), 1609.3(2), 1609.3(3) and 1609.3(4)

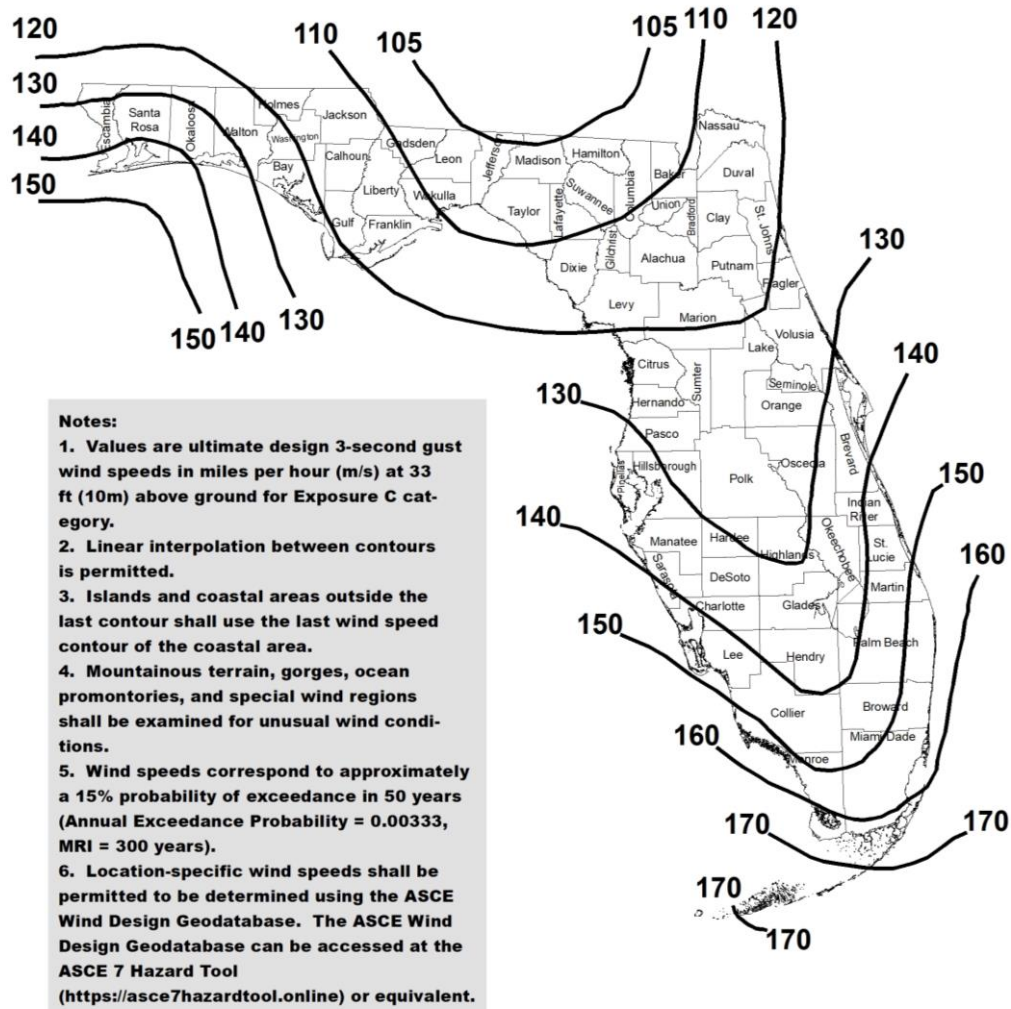


FIGURE 1609.3(4)
 ULTIMATE DESIGN WIND SPEEDS, V_{ULT} , FOR RISK CATEGORY I BUILDINGS AND OTHER STRUCTURES

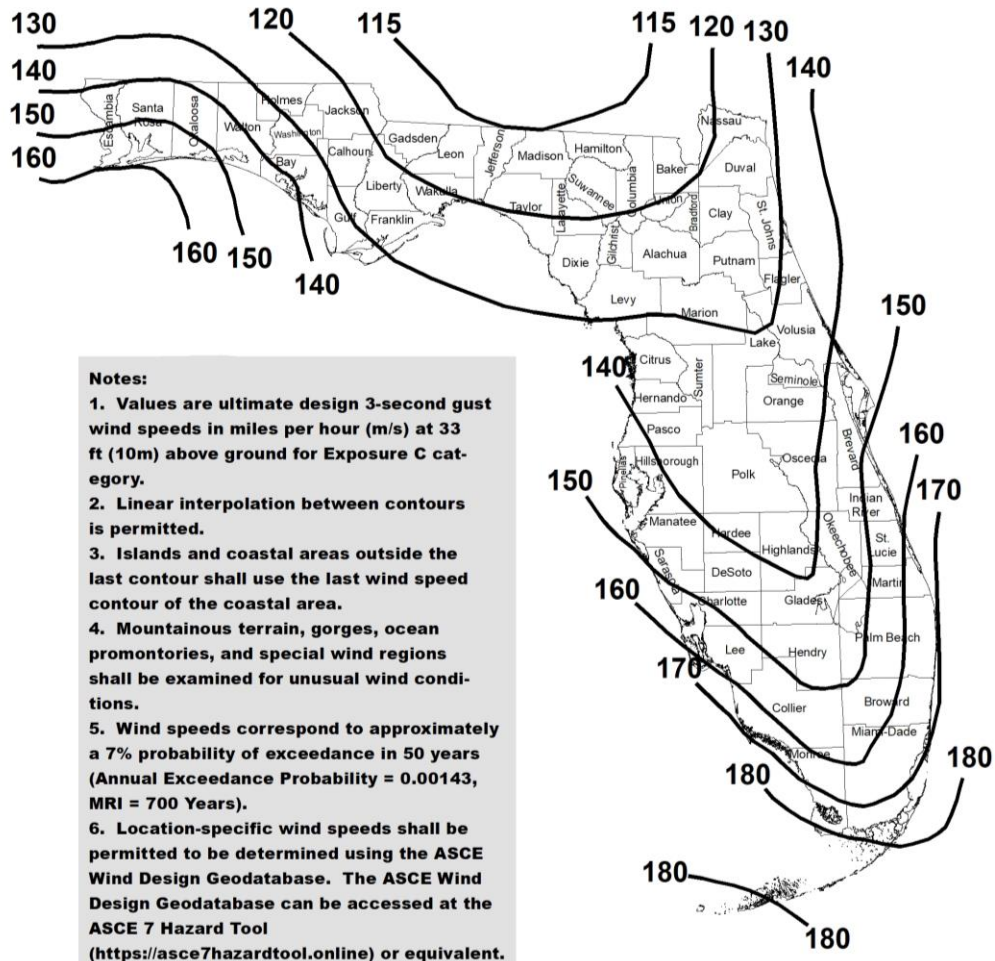
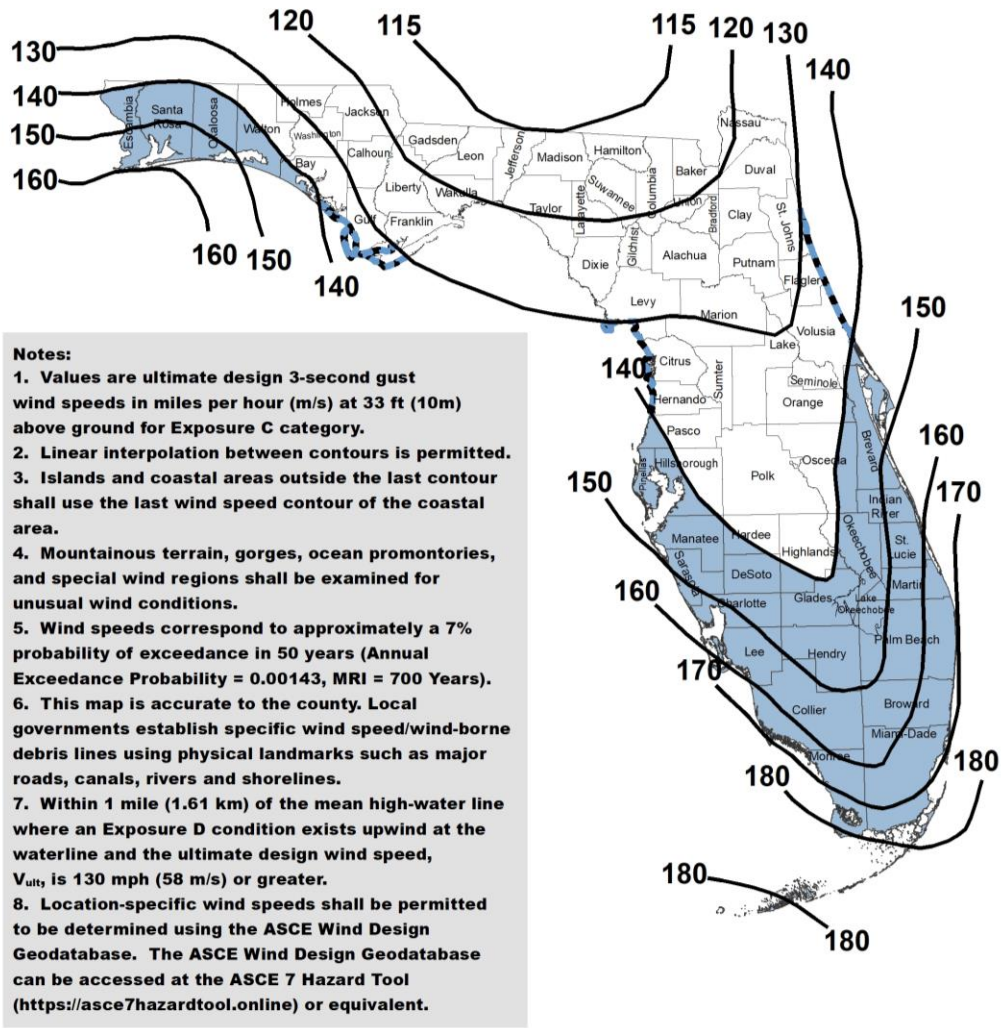


FIGURE 1609.3(1)
 ULTIMATE DESIGN WIND SPEEDS, V_{ULT} , FOR RISK CATEGORY II BUILDINGS AND OTHER STRUCTURES



Wind-borne Debris Region

--- 130 MPH and within 1 mile of the coast, * See Note 7.

■ Designated areas where the ultimate design wind speed, V_{ult} , is 140 mph (63.6 m/s) or greater.

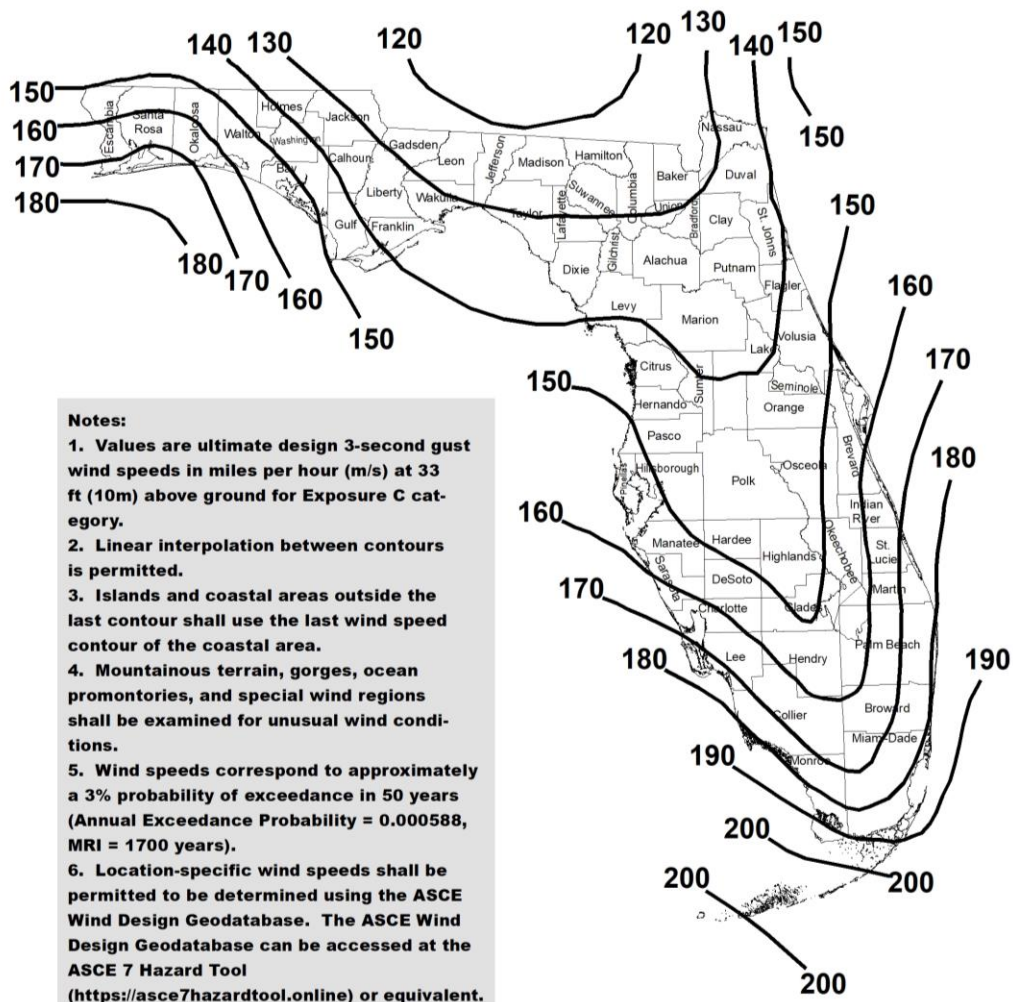


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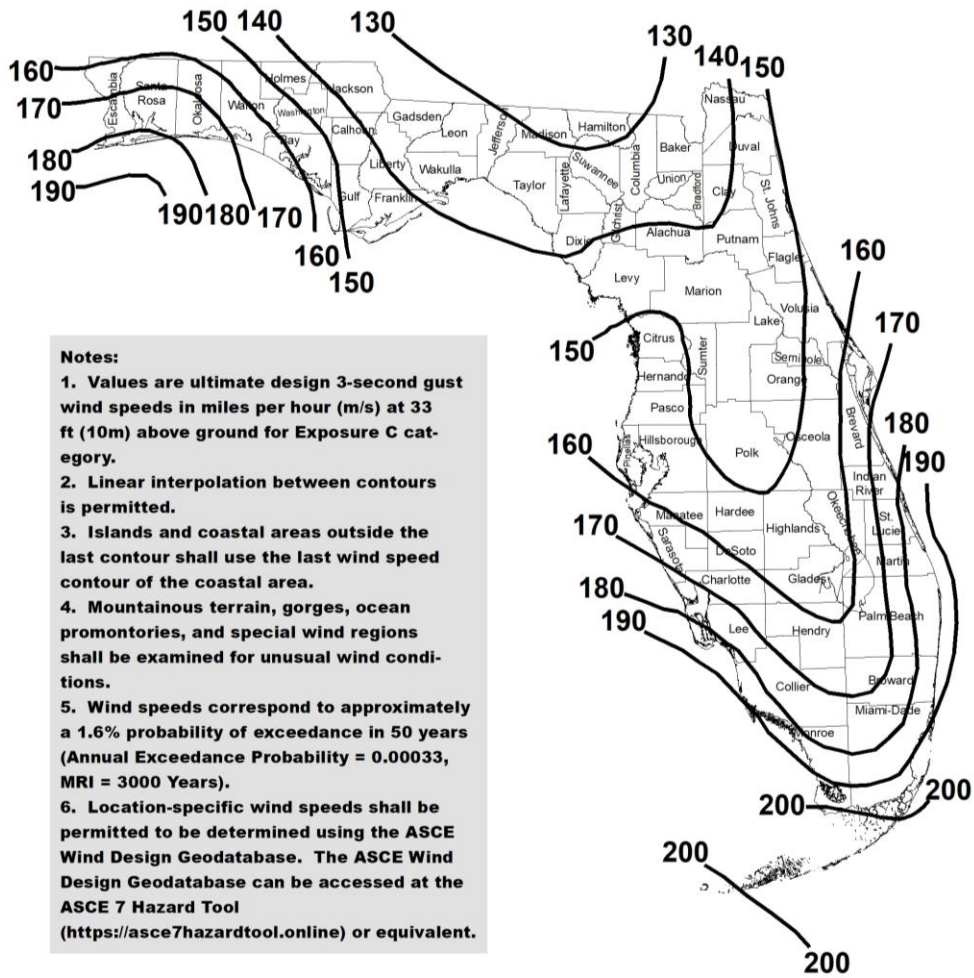
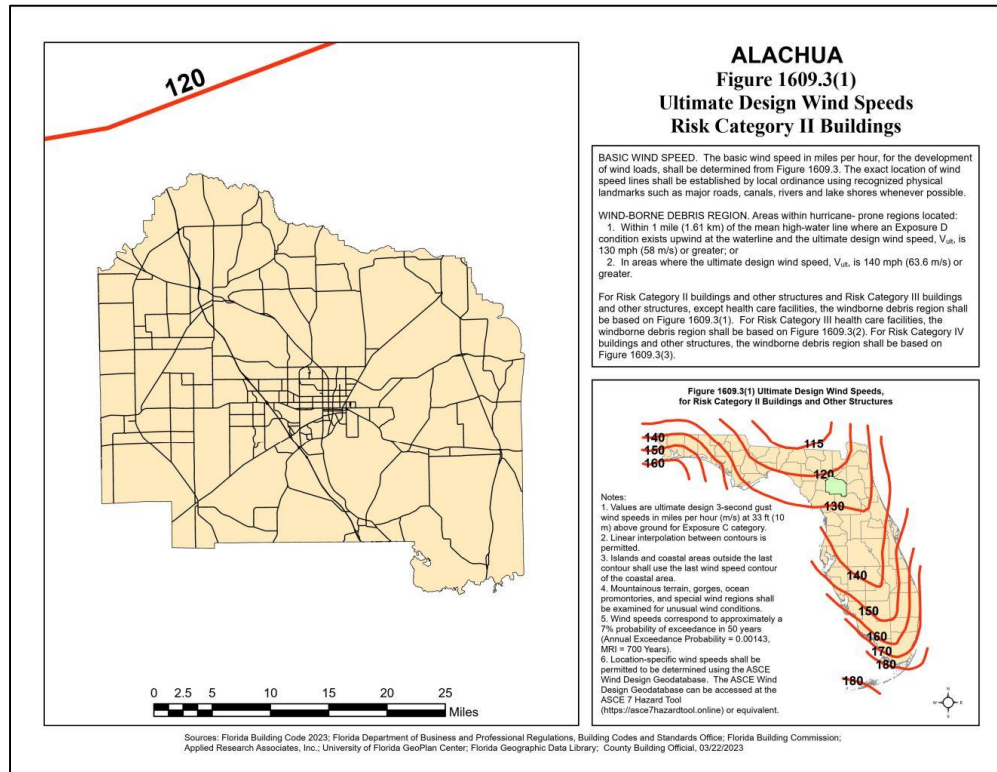
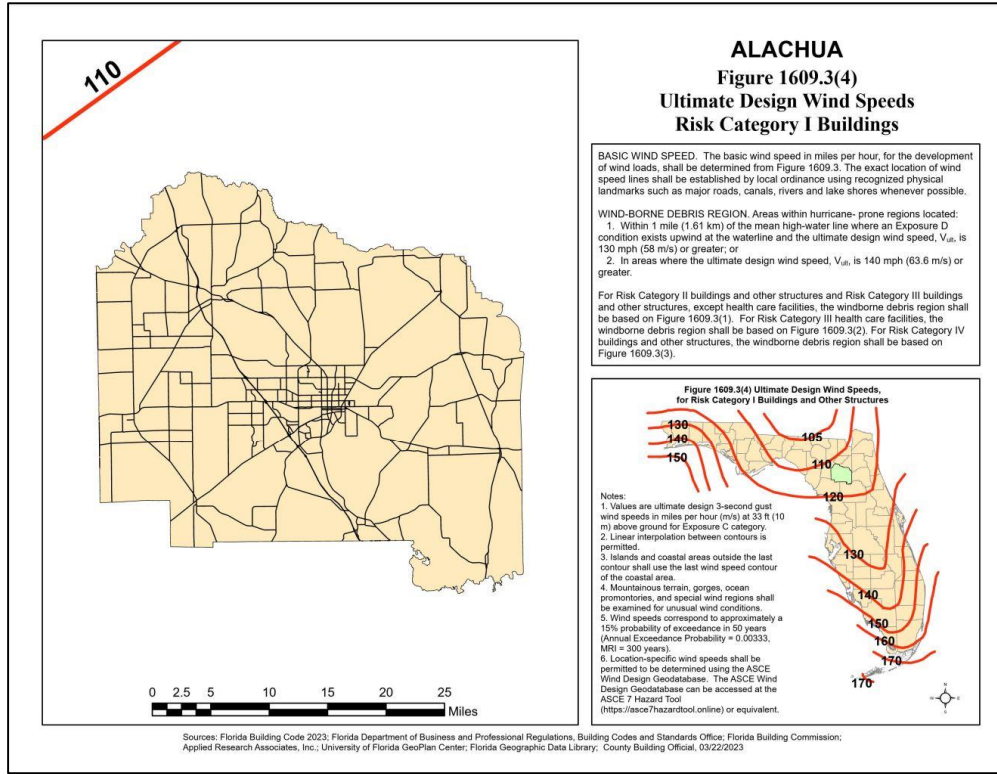
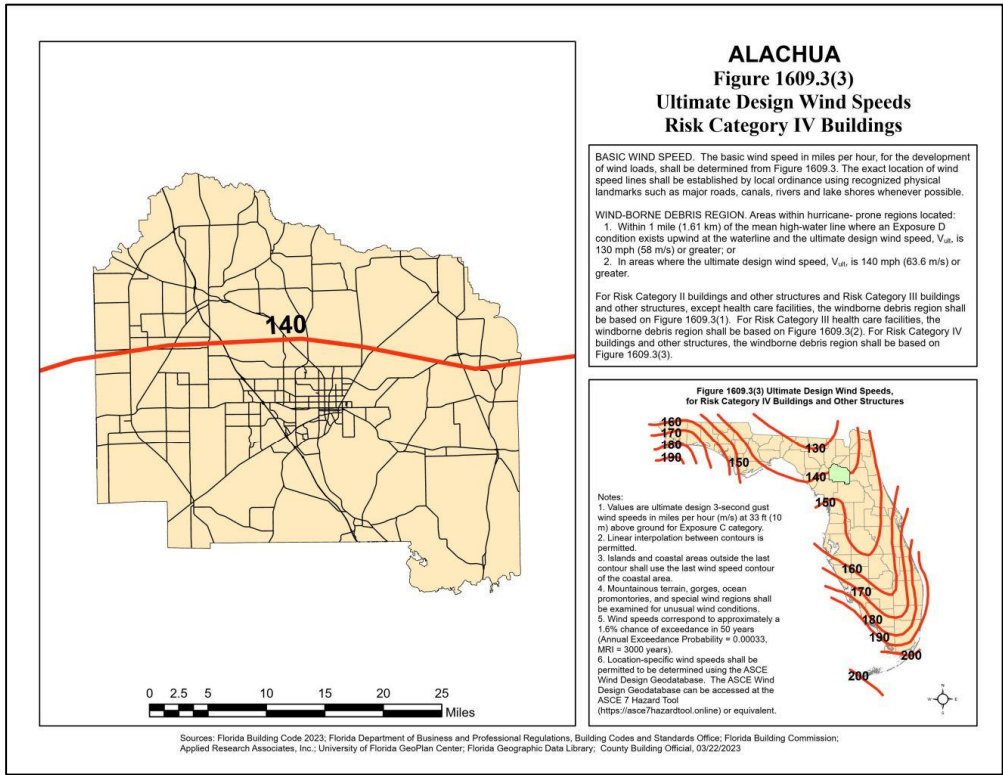
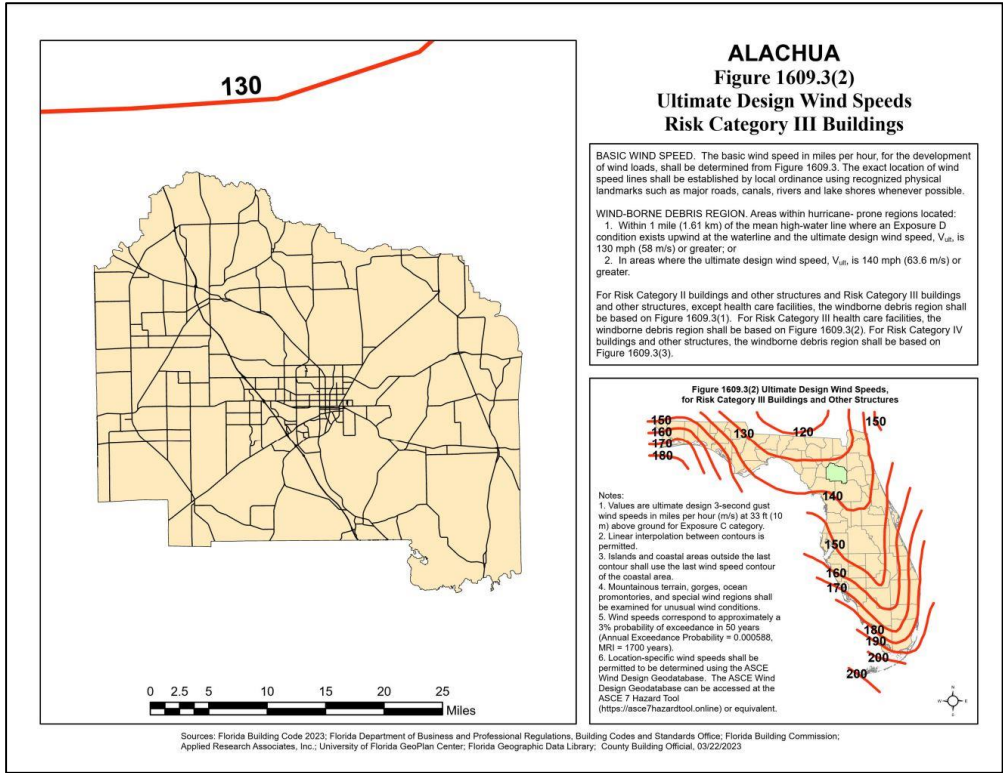


FIGURE 1609.3(3)
 ULTIMATE DESIGN WIND SPEEDS, V_{ULT} , FOR RISK CATEGORY IV BUILDINGS AND OTHER STRUCTURES

Appendix B – Alachua County Examples of the Risk Category I-IV Preliminary Countywide PDF Maps





Appendix C - Email Notification

Subject: FBC 2023: Updates to Ultimate Design Wind Speeds Maps (Risk Categories I-IV)

To All Building Officials:

The purpose of this correspondence is to call attention to significant changes to Section 1609 in the proposed 2023 update to the Florida Building Code that addresses Wind Loads. **The anticipated effective date of the 2023 Florida Building Code (FBC) is December 31st, 2023.**

The changes to the Ultimate Design Wind Speed line maps for the 8th Edition (2023) update to the Florida Building Code (FBC). Include updates to Figures: 1609.3(1), 1609.3(2), 1609.3(3) and 1609.3(4) which will be based on the standards set forth in Chapter 26 of the American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE), the Minimum Design Loads and Associated Criteria for Buildings and Other Structures (ASCE/SEI 7-22).

In order to facilitate updating your wind speed maps prior to the anticipated effective date of the 2023 Florida Building Code, The State of Florida Department of Business and Professional Regulation, Florida Building Commission, Codes and Standards Office has contracted with the University of Florida GeoPlan Center to provide you with mapping assistance and support.

The GeoPlan Center has developed an updated Web Viewer, and PDF maps for your county, for the structure Risk Categories I-IV (Figures 1609.3(1-4)) to use as a guide in determining the exact location of wind speed lines within your jurisdiction.

To find out how to obtain copies of these maps for your county and to learn more about available mapping support, please see the [attached](#) document:

- Ultimate Design Wind Speeds, Vult, For Risk Categories I-IV Buildings and Other Structures Map Viewer (2023) Manual
 - This document contains instructions on how to access and use the Ultimate Design Wind Speeds Map Viewer to compare 2020 and 2023 wind speed lines (pages 1-3), how to use the ASCE 7 Hazard Tool to look up design parameters (page 4), and how to download wind speed data (page 5).
 - **Ultimate Design Wind Speeds Web Viewer Manual 20230323.pdf**
 - https://adhoc.geoplan.ufl.edu/downloads/kate/windspeed_2023

The exact location of wind speed lines for your county are to be established by local ordinance using recognized physical landmarks such as major roads, canals, rivers and lake-shores wherever possible. Mapping support will be provided to your county at no cost (until June 30th, 2023) to facilitate updating the wind speed maps prior to the anticipated effective date of December 31st, 2023. If your county needs GIS support to help move the wind speed lines to recognized physical landmarks, please contact Kate Norris.

Please reply by April 7th 2023 to initiate the update process for your jurisdiction's wind speed maps.

Please let us know if you will be:

1. Accepting the maps "As Is, "
2. If your county plans to move the line work in house, using County GIS support, or
3. If your county would like GeoPlan's assistance moving the line work to recognized physical landmarks.

Thank you for your time and help,
Kate Norris

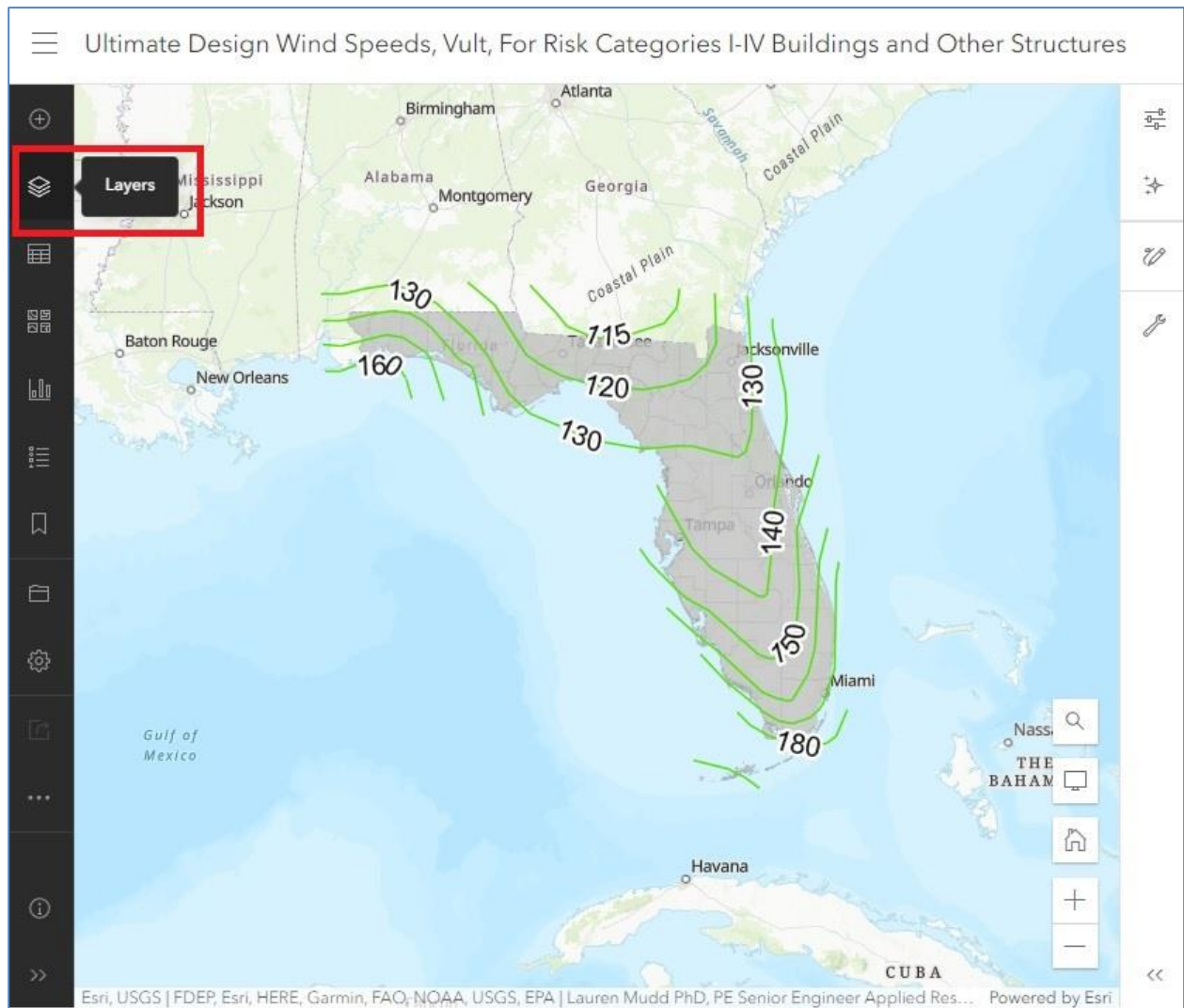
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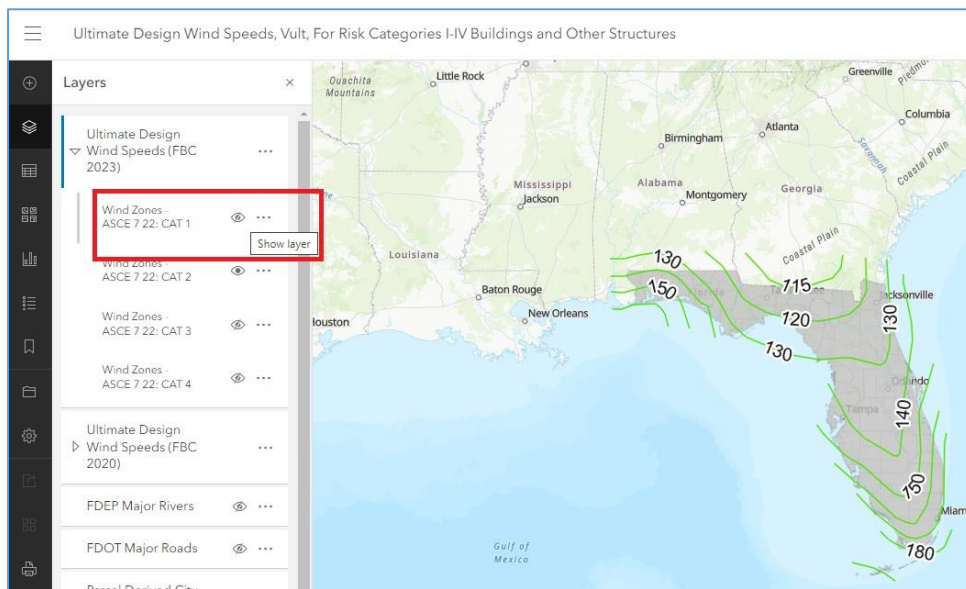
Map Viewer Link:

<https://ufl.maps.arcgis.com/apps/mapviewer/index.html?webmap=3a5d5dd7d44744eeb9537b76534a72a9>

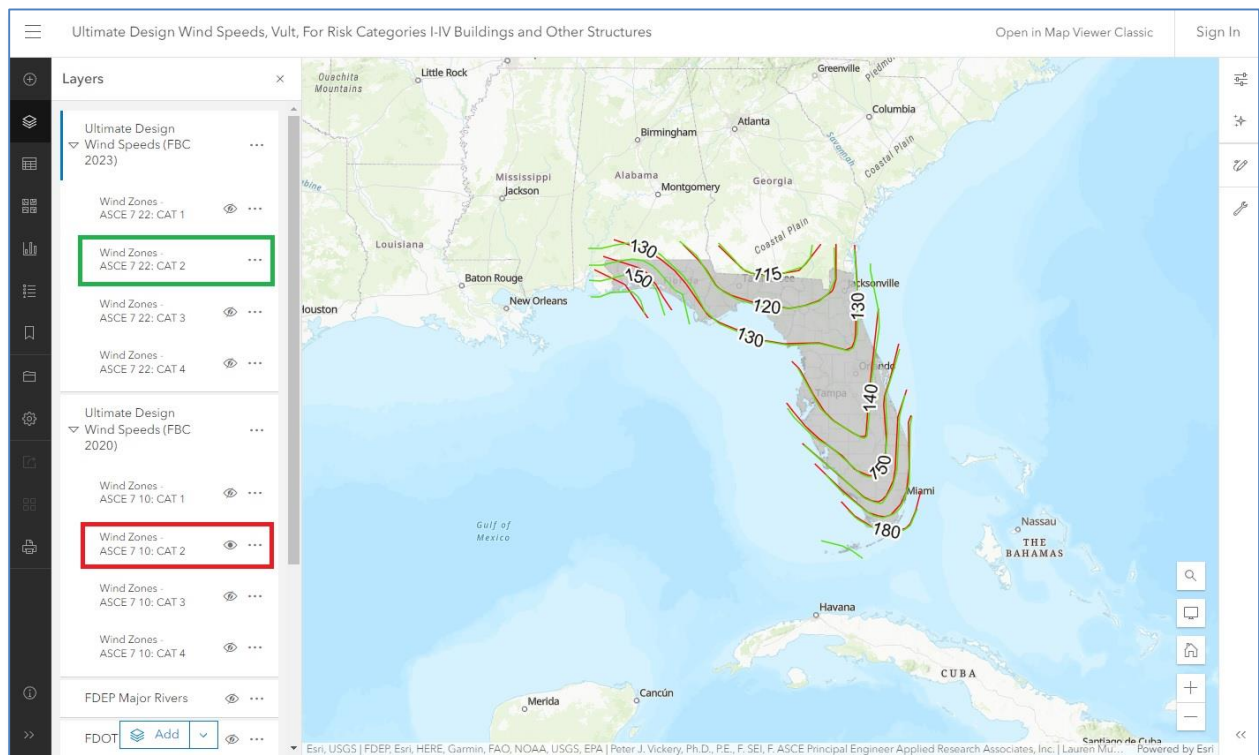
By default, the Map Viewer displays the statewide map, with the ASCE/SEI 7-22 Risk Category II Basic Wind Speed Map lines shown in green. To access the other map layers, click the Layers button on the left side of the screen.



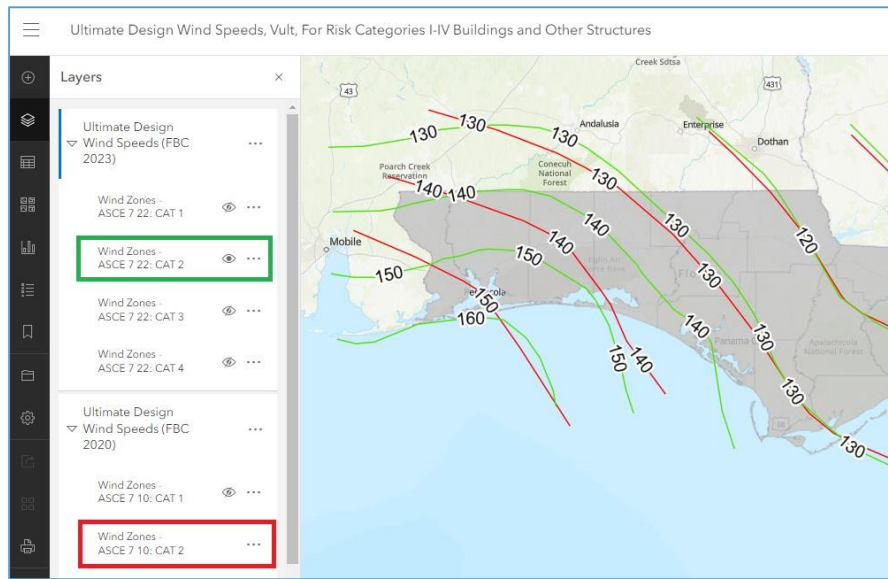
Click on “Ultimate Design Wind Speeds (FBC 2023)” to reveal all four wind speed line categories (CAT I-IV) shown in green. Turn each layer on and off using the Show Layer “eye” button.



The user can compare the changes in wind speed lines from 2020 to 2023. The 2020 wind speed line layers are available under “Ultimate Design Wind Speeds (FBC 2020)”. The image below shows the statewide comparison of the CAT II lines 2020 (red) to 2023 (green).



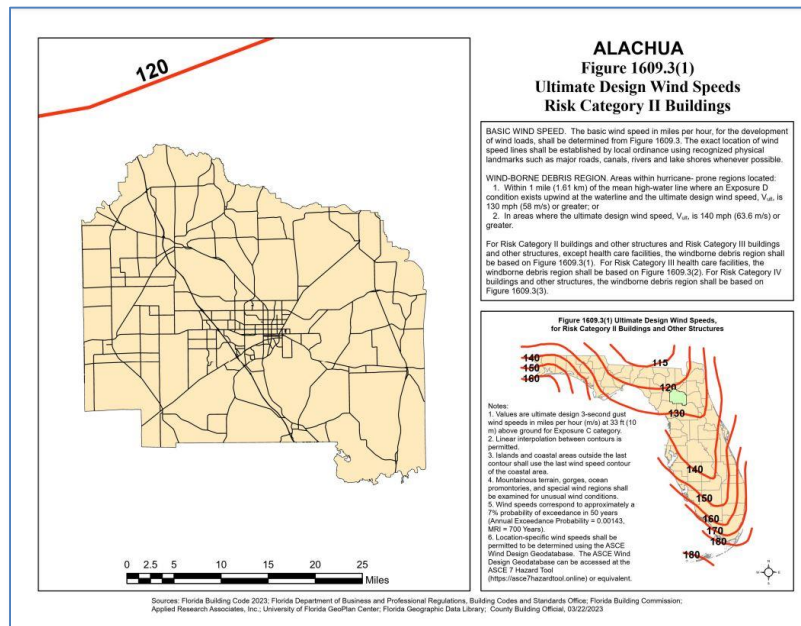
Map navigation tools are located in the lower right corner of the viewer. Zoom into an area of interest, and compare any changes in more detail.



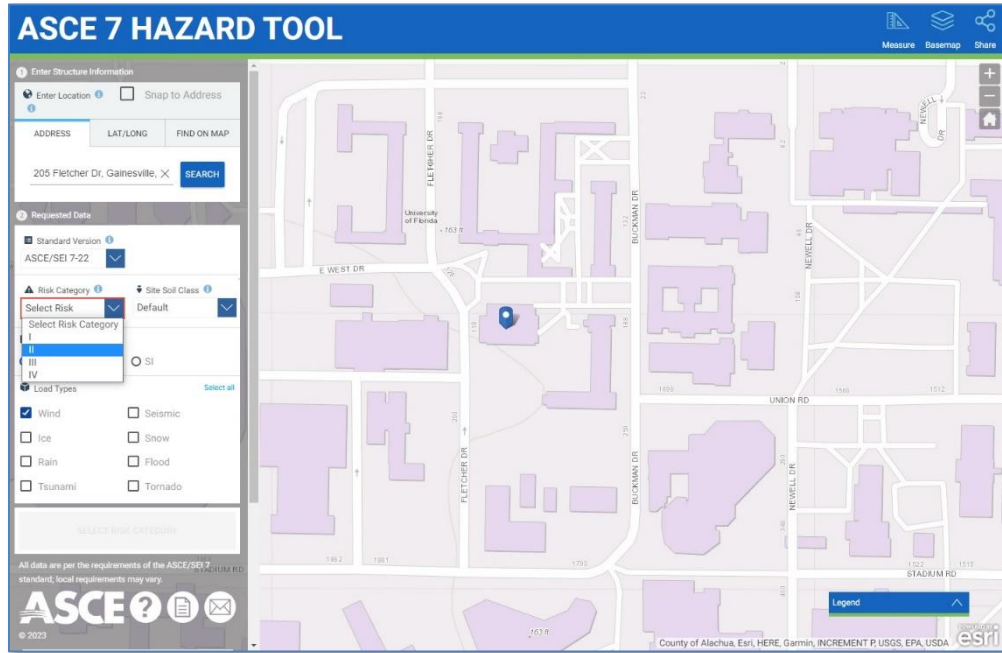
The Florida Building Code (FBC) 8th Edition (2023): FIGURES 1609.3(1-4) show in green are available for download from the Florida Geographic Data Library (www.fgdl.org). The links to these four datasets are included on Page 5 of this document.

Individual Preliminary Countywide (CAT I-IV) 2023 PDF maps are also available for download from the following location:

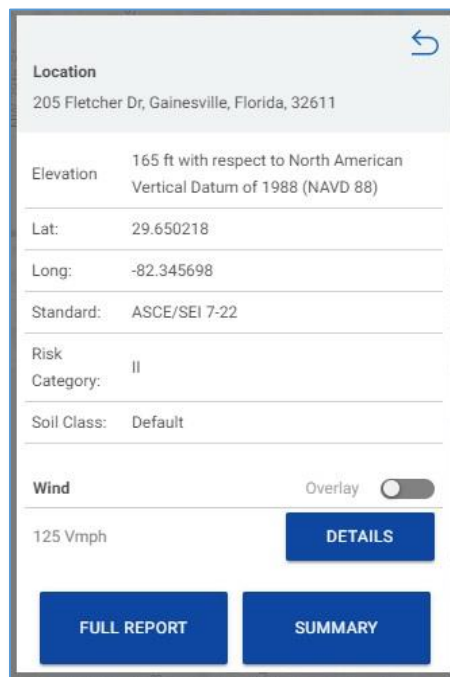
https://ad hoc.geoplan.ufl.edu/downloads/kate/windspeed_2023/Preliminary_County_PDFs_Draft_20230322/



Additionally, the **ASCE 7 HAZARD TOOL** (<https://asce7hazardtool.online>) is now available. The ASCE 7 Hazard Tool, is a quick, reliable, and free way to look up key design parameters specified in Standard ASCE/SEI 7-22. Simply input a street address, select a wind speed category, click Wind, and then click View Results.



The initial report shows an interpolated wind speed number for the address. A more detailed PDF report for download can be created by clicking “Full Report”.



Ultimate Design Wind Speeds 2023 GIS Data Download Location:

ASCE/SEI 7-22 Risk Category I Basic Wind Speed Map (300yr) for Florida - 2021

FILENAME: WINDZONES_CAT1_ASCE7_22_JUN21

External Metadata:

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ASCE/SEI 7-22 Risk Category II Basic Wind Speed Map (700yr) for Florida - 2021

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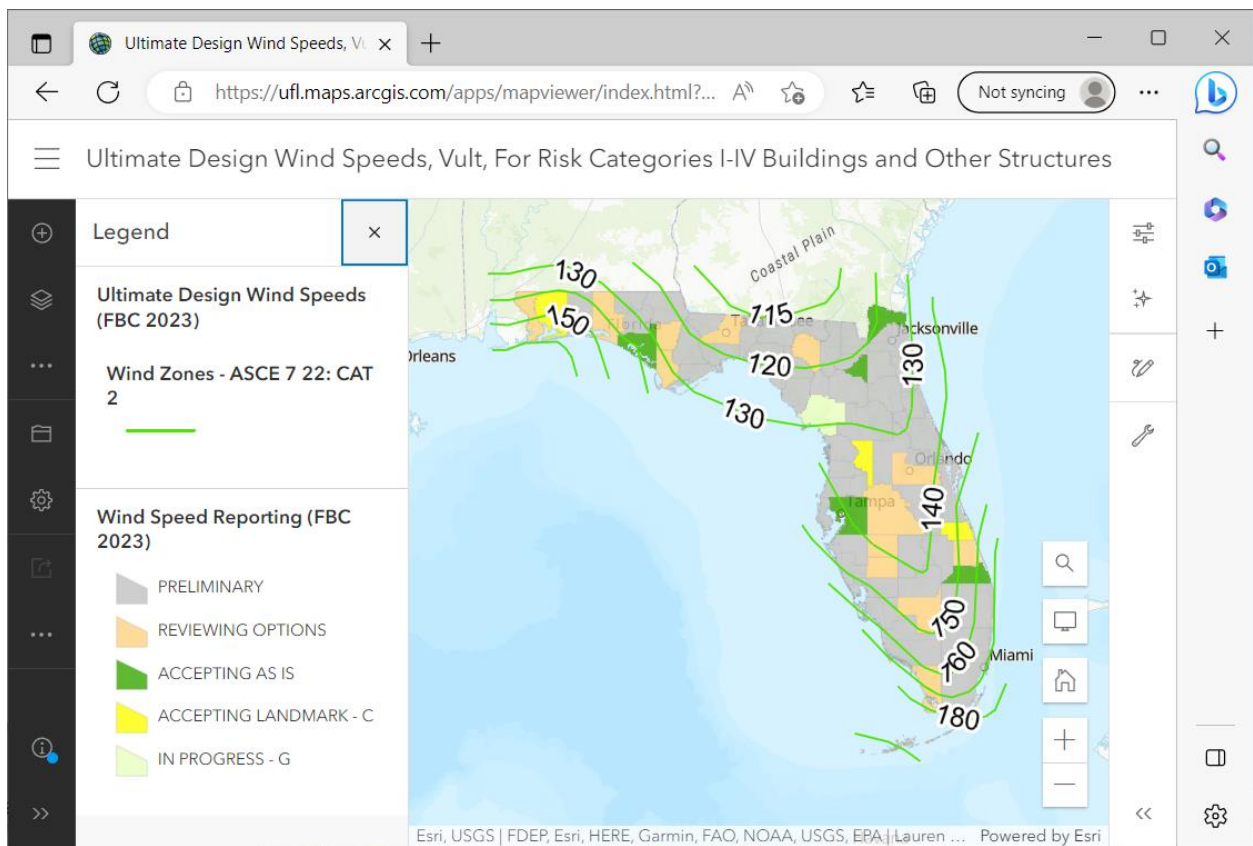
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Appendix E - Ultimate Design Wind Speeds, Vult, For Risk Categories I-IV Buildings and Other Structures Web Map Viewer Progress Reporting



Source: [Ultimate Design Wind Speeds, Vult, For Risk Categories I-IV Buildings and Other Structures \(arcgis.com\)](https://ufl.maps.arcgis.com/apps/mapviewer/index.html?...)