



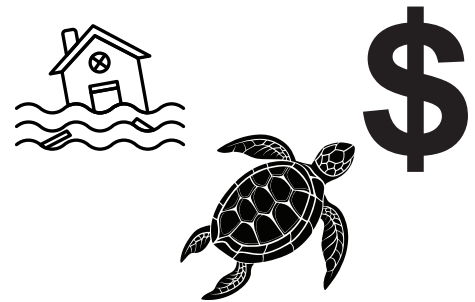
BEFORE YOU **BUY** OR **BUILD** - LOOK INTO THE

COASTAL BARRIER RESOURCES ACT

Federal flood insurance and other forms of federal funding and financial assistance such as VA or FHA mortgages and disaster assistance are prohibited in certain areas along the Atlantic, Gulf of America, Great Lakes, U.S. Virgin Islands, and Puerto Rico coasts

PURPOSES OF THE ACT <<<

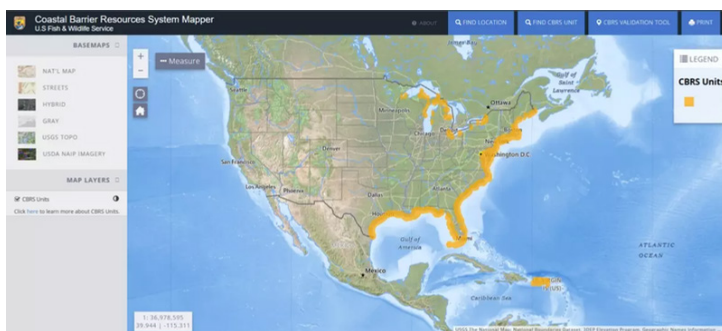
- Keep people out of harm's way
- Save taxpayer dollars
- Protect valuable habitat for fish and wildlife



This market-based law does not prohibit private development. It only restricts most new federal funding that may incentivize development. **Building may occur in designated areas so long as it is not underwritten by the American taxpayer.**

>>> LOOK UP A PROPERTY

24 states & territories affected



The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (not FEMA) maintains the official Coastal Barrier Resources System maps and mapper. Most users can find out whether a property is in the CBRS in **under 5 minutes**.

Use the [CBRS Validation Tool](#) in the upper right corner of the [CBRS Mapper](#). A [user guide](#) is available online.

Questions?

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Some structures may still be eligible for federal programs based on date of construction and the date of CBRS designation. Learn more [here](#).