



# Coastal Barrier Resources System

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Coastal barriers are unique land forms that provide protection for distinct aquatic habitats and serve as the mainland's first line of defense against damage from coastal storms and erosion.

Congress recognized the vulnerability of coastal barriers to development by passing the [Coastal Barrier Resources Act \(CBRA\)](#) in 1982. By restricting Federal spending and financial assistance which have the effect of encouraging development of coastal barriers, Congress aimed to reduce the loss of human life, wasteful spending of Federal money, and damage to fish, wildlife, and other natural resources associated with coastal barriers along the Atlantic and Gulf of Mexico coasts. The CBRA, while not forbidding privately financed development, does not allow new Federal financial assistance, including flood insurance, within a designated Coastal Barrier Resources System (CBRS).

In 1990, Congress passed the [Coastal Barrier Improvement Act \(CBIA\)](#). The CBIA tripled the size of the System established by the CBRA. The CBIA also does not allow the issuance of new Federal flood insurance within "otherwise protected areas" on buildings constructed after November 16, 1991, unless the building is used in a manner related to the reason the area is protected. Otherwise Protected Area's (OPA's) are generally used for activities such as fish and wildlife research and refuges.

For more information on CBRS and OPAs, please visit the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Website at <http://www.fws.gov/cbra>.

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## Coastal Barrier Resource System: New Jersey

COMMUNITY	STATE	COMMUNITY #	COUNTY	COASTAL BARRIER AREA(S)	OTHERWISE PROTECTED AREA(S)
Aberdeen (Township)	NJ	340312	Monmouth	N	Y
Barnegat Light (Borough)	NJ	345280	Ocean	N	Y
Bass River (Township)	NJ	340085	Burlington	N	Y
Beach Haven (Borough)	NJ	345282	Ocean	N	Y
Berkeley (Township)	NJ	340369	Ocean	N	Y
Brick (Township)	NJ	345285	Ocean	Y	Y
Brigantine (City)	NJ	345286	Atlantic	N	Y
Cape May City (City)	NJ	345288	Cape May	N	Y
Dennis (Township)	NJ	340552	Cape May	Y	Y
Galloway (Township)	NJ	340008	Atlantic	N	Y
Highlands (Borough)	NJ	345297	Monmouth	N	Y
Keyport (Borough)	NJ	340304	Monmouth	Y	N
Lacey (Township)	NJ	340376	Ocean	N	Y
Little Egg Harbor (Township)	NJ	340380	Ocean	N	Y
Long Beach (Township)	NJ	345301	Monmouth	N	Y
Lower (Township)	NJ	340153	Cape May	N	Y
Mantoloking (Borough)	NJ	340383	Ocean	Y	N
Maurice River (Township)	NJ	340172	Cumberland	Y	Y
Middle (Township)	NJ	340154	Cape May	Y	Y

Middletown (Township)	NJ	340313	Monmouth	Y	Y
Monmouth Beach (Borough)	NJ	340315	Monmouth	Y	N
North Wildwood (City)	NJ	345308	Cape May	Y	N
Ocean (Township)	NJ	340518	Ocean	N	Y
Ocean City (City)	NJ	345310	Cape May	N	Y
Old Bridge (Township)	NJ	340265	Middlesex	Y	N
Port Republic (City)	NJ	340016	Atlantic	N	Y
Rumson (Borough)	NJ	345316	Monmouth	Y	N
Sea Bright (Borough)	NJ	345317	Monmouth	Y	Y
Stafford (Township)	NJ	340393	Ocean	Y	Y
Stone Harbor (Borough)	NJ	345323	Cape May	Y	N
Union Beach (Borough)	NJ	340331	Monmouth	Y	N
Upper (Township)	NJ	340159	Cape May	N	Y
West Cape May (Borough)	NJ	340160	Cape May	N	Y

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