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The Honorable Richard Palombo
Mayor, Township of Upper
P.O. Box 205
Tuckahoe, New Jersey 08250

IN REPLY REFER TO:

Case No.: 19-02-0569P
Community Name: Township of Upper, New Jersey
Community No.: 340159
Effective Date of
This Revision: **February 15, 2019**

Dear Mayor Palombo:

The purpose of this Letter of Map Revision (LOMR) is to remove the Coastal Barrier Resources System (CBRS) unit boundaries from the effective Flood Insurance Rate Maps (FIRMs) for your communities. Historically, the CBRS unit boundaries and flood insurance prohibition date for each area were included on FIRMs for informational purposes.

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Sincerely,

Patrick "Rick" F. Sacbibit, P.E., Branch Chief
Engineering Services Branch
Federal Insurance and Mitigation Administration

List of Enclosures:

Letter of Map Revision Determination Document
CBRS Fact Sheet

cc: Mr. Paul Dietrich, P.E.
Municipal Engineer, Township of Upper



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LETTER OF MAP REVISION DETERMINATION DOCUMENT

COMMUNITY INFORMATION		PROJECT DESCRIPTION	BASIS OF REQUEST
STATE	New Jersey	NO PROJECT	CBRS REMOVAL
IDENTIFIER	CBRS Removal For New Jersey	APPROXIMATE LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE: 39.907, -71.801 SOURCE: USGS QUADRANGLE DATUM: NAD 83	

FLOODING SOURCE AND REACH DESCRIPTION

Atlantic Ocean - various areas along the coastline of New Jersey

COUNTIES WITHIN NEW JERSEY AFFECTED BY THIS REQUEST

Atlantic County
Burlington County
Cape May County
Cumberland County
Middlesex County
Monmouth County
Ocean County

DETERMINATION

This document provides the determination from the Department of Homeland Security's Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) regarding a request for a Letter of Map Revision (LOMR) for the area described above. This document revises the effective NFIP map, as indicated in the National Flood Hazard Layer (NFHL).

This determination is based on the flood data presently available. The enclosed documents provide additional information regarding this determination. If you have any questions about this document, please contact the FEMA Map Information eXchange toll free at 1 877 336 2627 (1 877 FEMA MAP) or by letter addressed to the LOMC Clearinghouse, 3601 Eisenhower Avenue, Suite 500, Alexandria, VA 22304-6426. Additional information about the NFIP is available on our website at <http://www.fema.gov/national-flood-insurance-program>.

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**LETTER OF MAP REVISION
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COMMUNITIES WITHIN ATLANTIC COUNTY AFFECTED BY THIS REQUEST

CID Number: 345286	Name: City of Brigantine
CID Number: 340016	Name: City of Port Republic
CID Number: 340008	Name: Township of Galloway

COMMUNITIES WITHIN BURLINGTON COUNTY AFFECTED BY THIS REQUEST

CID Number: 340085	Name: Township of Bass River
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COMMUNITIES WITHIN CAPE MAY COUNTY AFFECTED BY THIS REQUEST

CID Number: 345323	Name: Borough of Stone Harbor
CID Number: 340160	Name: Borough of West Cape May
CID Number: 345288	Name: City of Cape May
CID Number: 345308	Name: City of North Wildwood
CID Number: 345310	Name: City of Ocean City
CID Number: 340552	Name: Township of Dennis
CID Number: 340153	Name: Township of Lower
CID Number: 340154	Name: Township of Middle
CID Number: 340159	Name: Township of Upper

COMMUNITIES WITHIN CUMBERLAND COUNTY AFFECTED BY THIS REQUEST

CID Number: 340172	Name: Township of Maurice River
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COMMUNITIES WITHIN MIDDLESEX COUNTY AFFECTED BY THIS REQUEST

CID Number: 340276 Name: Borough of Sayreville

CID Number: 340277 Name: City of South Amboy

CID Number: 340265 Name: Township Of Old Bridge

COMMUNITIES WITHIN MONMOUTH COUNTY AFFECTED BY THIS REQUEST

CID Number: 345297 Name: Borough of Highlands

CID Number: 340304 Name: Borough of Keyport

CID Number: 340315 Name: Borough of Monmouth Beach

CID Number: 345316 Name: Borough of Rumson

CID Number: 345317 Name: Borough of Sea Bright

CID Number: 340331 Name: Borough of Union Beach

CID Number: 340312 Name: Township of Aberdeen

CID Number: 340313 Name: Township of Middletown

COMMUNITIES WITHIN OCEAN COUNTY AFFECTED BY THIS REQUEST

CID Number: 345280 Name: Borough of Barnegat Light

CID Number: 345282 Name: Borough of Beach Haven

CID Number: 340383 Name: Borough of Mantoloking

CID Number: 340369 Name: Township of Berkeley

CID Number: 345285 Name: Township of Brick

CID Number: 340376 Name: Township of Lacey

CID Number: 340380 Name: Township of Little Egg Harbor

CID Number: 345301 Name: Township of Long Beach

CID Number: 340518 Name: Township of Ocean

CID Number: 340393 Name: Township of Stafford

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SUMMARY OF REVISION

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Please note that no new coastal analysis was conducted; this LOMR only removes the CBRS boundary data. Other effective flood hazard information, such as Special Flood Hazard Areas (SFHAs), Base (1-percent-annual-chance) Flood Elevations, and floodway delineations, is unchanged. This LOMR does not invalidate any prior flood hazard determinations or supersede any effective Letters of Map Change (Letters of Map Amendment, LOMRs, etc.). To complete the Standard Flood Hazard Determination Form, access CBRS boundary data from the Department of the Interior's U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS). Please note that no annotated FIRM or Flood Insurance Study (FIS) report attachments are enclosed. Future revisions to FIRMs and FIS reports will not supersede this LOMR; rather, this LOMR will be incorporated into those revised or updated FIRMs and FIS reports. The LOMR will continue to be effective for the remaining FIRMs until they all reflect this change.

The USFWS is responsible for maintaining and updating the official CBRS maps and the CBRS digital boundary data. Aside from minor exceptions, only Congress has the authority to modify the boundaries of the CBRS. Historically, CBRS boundary data have been shown on effective FIRMs because of their relevance to the availability of Federal flood insurance. The official CBRS maps and digital boundary data (including the flood insurance prohibition dates) are available at fws.gov/cbra or through the online CBRS Mapper at fws.gov/cbra/maps/Mapper.html.

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AFFECTED MAP PANELS

Atlantic County, New Jersey (All Jurisdictions)

TYPE: FIRM NO.: 3400080009C DATE: June 30, 1999	Type: FIRM NO.: 3400080057C DATE: July 15, 1992
TYPE: FIRM NO.: 3400080027C DATE: July 15, 1992	Type: FIRM NO.: 3400160002C DATE: July 15, 1992
TYPE: FIRM NO.: 3400080029C DATE: July 15, 1992	Type: FIRM NO.: 34001C0334F DATE: August 28, 2018
TYPE: FIRM NO.: 3400080031C DATE: June 30, 1999	Type: FIRM NO.: 34001C0342F DATE: August 28, 2018
TYPE: FIRM NO.: 3400080033C DATE: July 15, 1992	Type: FIRM NO.: 34001C0353F DATE: August 28, 2018
TYPE: FIRM NO.: 3400080051C DATE: July 15, 1992	Type: FIRM NO.: 34001C0354F DATE: August 28, 2018
TYPE: FIRM NO.: 3400080052C DATE: July 15, 1992	Type: FIRM NO.: 34001C0361F DATE: August 28, 2018
TYPE: FIRM NO.: 3400080053C DATE: July 15, 1992	Type: FIRM NO.: 34001C0362F DATE: August 28, 2018
TYPE: FIRM NO.: 3400080054C DATE: July 15, 1992	

Burlington County, New Jersey (All Jurisdictions)

TYPE: FIRM NO.: 34005C0629F DATE: December 21, 2017	Type: FIRM NO.: 34005C0634F DATE: December 21, 2017
TYPE: FIRM NO.: 34005C0631F DATE: December 21, 2017	Type: FIRM NO.: 34005C0637F DATE: December 21, 2017
TYPE: FIRM NO.: 34005C0633F DATE: December 21, 2017	Type: FIRM NO.: 34005C0641F DATE: December 21, 2017

Cape May County, New Jersey (All Jurisdictions)

TYPE: FIRM NO.: 34009C0108F DATE: October 5, 2017	Type: FIRM NO.: 34009C0208F DATE: October 5, 2017
TYPE: FIRM NO.: 34009C0109F DATE: October 5, 2017	Type: FIRM NO.: 34009C0209F DATE: October 5, 2017
TYPE: FIRM NO.: 34009C0116F DATE: October 5, 2017	Type: FIRM NO.: 34009C0216F DATE: October 5, 2017
TYPE: FIRM NO.: 34009C0117F DATE: October 5, 2017	Type: FIRM NO.: 34009C0217F DATE: October 5, 2017
TYPE: FIRM NO.: 34009C0119F DATE: October 5, 2017	Type: FIRM NO.: 34009C0226F DATE: October 5, 2017
TYPE: FIRM NO.: 34009C0128F DATE: October 5, 2017	Type: FIRM NO.: 34009C0229F DATE: October 5, 2017
TYPE: FIRM NO.: 34009C0129F DATE: October 5, 2017	Type: FIRM NO.: 34009C0233F DATE: October 5, 2017
TYPE: FIRM NO.: 34009C0136F DATE: October 5, 2017	Type: FIRM NO.: 34009C0237F DATE: October 5, 2017
TYPE: FIRM NO.: 34009C0137F DATE: October 5, 2017	Type: FIRM NO.: 34009C0239F DATE: October 5, 2017
TYPE: FIRM NO.: 34009C0138F DATE: October 5, 2017	Type: FIRM NO.: 34009C0241F DATE: October 5, 2017
TYPE: FIRM NO.: 34009C0139F DATE: October 5, 2017	Type: FIRM NO.: 34009C0242F DATE: October 5, 2017
TYPE: FIRM NO.: 34009C0154F DATE: October 5, 2017	Type: FIRM NO.: 34009C0243F DATE: October 5, 2017
TYPE: FIRM NO.: 34009C0156F DATE: October 5, 2017	Type: FIRM NO.: 34009C0244F DATE: October 5, 2017
TYPE: FIRM NO.: 34009C0157F DATE: October 5, 2017	Type: FIRM NO.: 34009C0279F DATE: October 5, 2017
TYPE: FIRM NO.: 34009C0158F DATE: October 5, 2017	Type: FIRM NO.: 34009C0287F DATE: October 5, 2017
TYPE: FIRM NO.: 34009C0159F DATE: October 5, 2017	Type: FIRM NO.: 34009C0291F DATE: October 5, 2017
TYPE: FIRM NO.: 34009C0207F DATE: October 5, 2017	Type: FIRM NO.: 3401530009C DATE: July 15, 1992

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Cumberland County, New Jersey (All Jurisdictions)

TYPE: FIRM	NO.: 34011C0453E	DATE: June 16, 2016	Type: FIRM	NO.: 34011C0462E	DATE: June 16, 2016
TYPE: FIRM	NO.: 34011C0454E	DATE: June 16, 2016	Type: FIRM	NO.: 34011C0466E	DATE: June 16, 2016
TYPE: FIRM	NO.: 34011C0458E	DATE: June 16, 2016			

Middlesex County, New Jersey (All Jurisdictions)

TYPE: FIRM	NO.: 34023C0157F	DATE: July 6, 2010	Type: FIRM	NO.: 34023C0178F	DATE: July 6, 2010
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Monmouth County, New Jersey (All Jurisdictions)

TYPE: FIRM	NO.: 34025C0028F	DATE: September 25, 2009	Type: FIRM	NO.: 34025C0069G	DATE: September 25, 2009
TYPE: FIRM	NO.: 34025C0029F	DATE: September 25, 2009	Type: FIRM	NO.: 34025C0086G	DATE: June 20, 2018
TYPE: FIRM	NO.: 34025C0033F	DATE: September 25, 2009	Type: FIRM	NO.: 34025C0088G	DATE: June 20, 2018
TYPE: FIRM	NO.: 34025C0037F	DATE: September 25, 2009	Type: FIRM	NO.: 34025C0201G	DATE: June 20, 2018
TYPE: FIRM	NO.: 34025C0067F	DATE: June 20, 2018	Type: FIRM	NO.: 34025C0203G	DATE: June 20, 2018

Ocean County, New Jersey (All Jurisdictions)

TYPE: FIRM	NO.: 34029C0211F	DATE: September 29, 2006	Type: FIRM	NO.: 34029C0512F	DATE: September 29, 2006
TYPE: FIRM	NO.: 34029C0212F	DATE: September 29, 2006	Type: FIRM	NO.: 34029C0514F	DATE: September 29, 2006
TYPE: FIRM	NO.: 34029C0213F	DATE: September 29, 2006	Type: FIRM	NO.: 34029C0558F	DATE: September 29, 2006
TYPE: FIRM	NO.: 34029C0214F	DATE: September 29, 2006	Type: FIRM	NO.: 34029C0559F	DATE: September 29, 2006
TYPE: FIRM	NO.: 34029C0216F	DATE: September 29, 2006	Type: FIRM	NO.: 34029C0566F	DATE: September 29, 2006
TYPE: FIRM	NO.: 34029C0218F	DATE: September 29, 2006	Type: FIRM	NO.: 34029C0567F	DATE: September 29, 2006
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TYPE: FIRM	NO.: 34029C0337F	DATE: September 29, 2006	Type: FIRM	NO.: 34029C0579F	DATE: September 29, 2006
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TYPE: FIRM	NO.: 34029C0417F	DATE: September 29, 2006	Type: FIRM	NO.: 34029C0584F	DATE: September 29, 2006
TYPE: FIRM	NO.: 34029C0419F	DATE: September 29, 2006	Type: FIRM	NO.: 34029C0586F	DATE: September 29, 2006
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TYPE: FIRM	NO.: 34029C0429F	DATE: September 29, 2006	Type: FIRM	NO.: 34029C0589F	DATE: September 29, 2006
TYPE: FIRM	NO.: 34029C0436F	DATE: September 29, 2006	Type: FIRM	NO.: 34029C0591F	DATE: September 29, 2006
TYPE: FIRM	NO.: 34029C0437F	DATE: September 29, 2006	Type: FIRM	NO.: 34029C0592F	DATE: September 29, 2006
TYPE: FIRM	NO.: 34029C0438F	DATE: September 29, 2006	Type: FIRM	NO.: 34029C0593F	DATE: September 29, 2006
TYPE: FIRM	NO.: 34029C0439F	DATE: September 29, 2006	Type: FIRM	NO.: 34029C0594F	DATE: September 29, 2006

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COMMUNITY INFORMATION

APPLICABLE NFIP REGULATIONS/COMMUNITY OBLIGATION

We have made this determination pursuant to Section 206 of the Flood Disaster Protection Act of 1973 (P.L. 93 234) and in accordance with the National Flood Insurance Act of 1968, as amended (Title XIII of the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1968, P.L. 90 448), 42 U.S.C. 4001 4128, and 44 CFR Part 65. Pursuant to Section 1361 of the National Flood Insurance Act of 1968, as amended, communities participating in the NFIP are required to adopt and enforce floodplain management regulations that meet or exceed NFIP criteria. These criteria, including adoption of the FIS report and FIRM, and the modifications made by this LOMR, are the minimum requirements for continued NFIP participation and do not supersede more stringent State/Commonwealth or local requirements to which the regulations apply.

COMMUNITY REMINDERS

We have determined that removing CBRS boundary data by this LOMR is consistent with FEMA's mapping policy and guidance and therefore meets the minimum floodplain management criteria of the National Flood Insurance Program. With this LOMR, the CBRS boundary data have been removed from the FIRM. FEMA will display the USFWS' CBRS dynamic map service in the NFHL Viewer at msc.fema.gov/nfhl, and this information will be included on the interactive and dynamic flood maps available through the FEMA Map Service Center and the NFHL-based FIRM and FIRMette exports. The FWS provides the data online (fws.gov/cbra/maps/boundaries.html) through the CBRS Mapper, the CBRS GIS web map service, and the CBRS GIS data download. The FWS CBRS web map service and GIS data download can be used in existing custom geospatial applications. Please consult USFWS for official CBRS determinations. Additional information about CBRS determinations is available at fws.gov/cbra/documentation.html.

We encourage State and local officials to consider including CBRS information in building permit forms, planning documents, and outreach materials. Such voluntary actions can help to increase awareness of the CBRS and the associated prohibitions on Federal expenditures, which will help stakeholders make informed decisions about areas affected by the Coastal Barrier Resources Act. Additional information on the CBRS can be found on the USFWS website, fws.gov/cbra; please send questions about the CBRS to cbra@fws.gov.

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COMMUNITY INFORMATION (CONTINUED)

We have designated a Consultation Coordination Officer (CCO) to assist your community. The CCO will be the primary liaison between your community and FEMA. For information regarding your CCO, please contact:

Mr. Michael Moriarty
Director, Mitigation Division
Federal Emergency Management Agency, Region II
26 Federal Plaza, Room 1337
New York, NY 10278
(347) 838-0427

STATUS OF COMMUNITY NFIP MAPS

We will not physically revise and republish the FIRM for your community to reflect the modifications made by this LOMR at this time. When changes to the previously cited FIRM panels warrant physical revision and republication in the future, we will incorporate the modifications made by this LOMR at that time. This document revises the effective NFIP map, as indicated in the National Flood Hazard Layer (NFHL).

PUBLIC NOTIFICATION OF REVISION

This LOMR revises the CBRS information for your community. No flood hazards are being revised. Therefore, this LOMR is effective as of the date of this letter.

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Rick F. Sacbibit".

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Attachment to LOMR 19-02-0569P

With this Letter of Map Revision (LOMR), we are removing the Coastal Barrier Resource System (CBRS) information shown on the Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM) Panels listed within this LOMR's Determination Document. The CBRS information will not be removed from the downloadable version of the FIRM panels available on the FEMA Flood Map Service Center, but will no longer be included in FEMA's National Flood Hazard Layer (NFHL). The NFHL is a Federal Emergency Management Agency digital database that contains flood hazard mapping data for the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP). The NFHL is for community officials and residents looking to view effective flood hazard information in a map viewer or download for use in a Geographic Information System (GIS) application. More information on the NFHL is available at:

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CREATED TO
REFLECT LOMR
EFFECTIVE: February 15, 2019



FEMA



Coastal Barrier Resources System: Changes to Flood Insurance Rate Maps

IMPORTANT NEWS: Beginning February 15, 2019, Coastal Barrier Resources System (CBRS) boundaries will no longer be depicted on static, legacy Flood Insurance Rate Maps (FIRMs) issued by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), but will be available through the National Flood Hazard Layer (NFHL) Viewer. This change to the FIRM will not impact CBRS property determinations nor any applicable prohibitions. FEMA and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) are working together to update how customers access the most up-to-date information on CBRS boundaries.

WHAT IS THE COASTAL BARRIER RESOURCES ACT?

The Coastal Barrier Resources Act (CBRA) was passed by Congress in 1982 to encourage conservation of hurricane-prone, biologically rich coastal barriers. CBRA prohibits most new federal expenditures that encourage development or modification of coastal barriers. Therefore, most new or substantially improved residences, businesses, or other developments in the CBRS are not eligible for certain federal funding and financial assistance, including coverage under the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP). Development can still occur within the CBRS, as long as private developers or other non-federal parties bear the full cost.

CBRS boundaries are shown on maps that were originally adopted by Congress, and with few exceptions, only Congress can change the CBRS boundaries. The official CBRS maps are maintained by the USFWS.

HOW WILL THESE CHANGES AFFECT FLOOD INSURANCE RATE MAPS?

FEMA has historically shown CBRS boundaries on coastal FIRMs as a courtesy to FIRM users. Many coastal communities use the FIRM to locate CBRS boundaries in addition to understanding information about flood zones.

However, FEMA does not maintain the official CBRS maps and is not the most up-to-date source of information about them. The authoritative source for CBRS boundaries is FWS. Static, legacy FIRMs should not be used to make determination decisions regarding CBRS boundaries. Using out-of-date information to find out whether a property is eligible for flood insurance under the NFIP can have serious financial impacts.

WHERE CAN I FIND CBRS BOUNDARIES AND MORE INFORMATION?

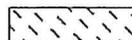
- The official CBRS maps may be downloaded on the USFWS website at <https://fws.gov/cbra/maps/index.html>
- The most up-to-date CBRS boundaries can be found via the USFWS's online CBRS Mapper tool (Figure 2) at <https://fws.gov/cbra/maps/Mapper.html>
- Although CBRS boundaries will be removed from the National Flood Hazard Layer (NFHL), the CBRS live map service from the USFWS will be delivered along with the NFHL map service on the NFHL viewer at <https://msc.fema.gov/nfhl>
- FEMA's Flood Insurance Manual contains information to help determine whether a building is eligible for NFIP coverage. Park-related structures within OPAs and structures that existed prior to the flood insurance prohibition date for any given area may be eligible. The manual is available at <https://www.fema.gov/flood-insurance-manual>

COASTAL BARRIER RESOURCES SYSTEM (CBRS)

This map includes approximate boundaries of the CBRS for informational purposes only. Flood insurance is not available within CBRS areas for structures that are newly built or substantially improved on or after the date(s) indicated on the map. For more information see <http://www.fws.gov/cbra>, the FIS Report, or call the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Customer Service Center at 1-800-344-WILD.



CBRS Area



Otherwise Protected Area

Figure 1: This image shows how CBRS units are currently depicted on FIRMs.

WHAT ARE OTHERWISE PROTECTED AREAS (OPAS)?

- The CBRS contains two types of units, System Units and Otherwise Protected Areas (OPAs). OPAs are denoted with a “P” at the end of the unit number (e.g., FL-64P).
- OPAs are predominantly comprised of conservation and/or recreation areas such as national wildlife refuges, state and national parks, local conservation areas, and private conservation areas, although they may also contain private areas that are not held for conservation and/or recreation.
- The only federal spending prohibition within OPAs is on federal flood insurance (System Units carry additional restrictions).

DISCLOSURE OF A CBRS DESIGNATION

Property owners are generally made aware of the CBRS designation affecting their property when they obtain a mortgage that requires flood insurance. However, there is no federal mandate for the disclosure of a CBRS designation by state and/or local officials or realtors at the time of purchase or construction. FEMA and USFWS encourage federal, state, and local officials to integrate CBRS data (available at fws.gov/cbra/maps/boundaries.html) into their GIS platforms and other information systems so it is readily available to community officials, developers, property owners, prospective buyers, and others.

We also encourage state and local officials to consider including CBRS information in building permit forms, planning documents, and outreach materials. Such voluntary actions can help to increase awareness of the CBRS and the associated prohibitions on federal expenditures, which will help stakeholders make informed decisions about areas affected by the CBRA.

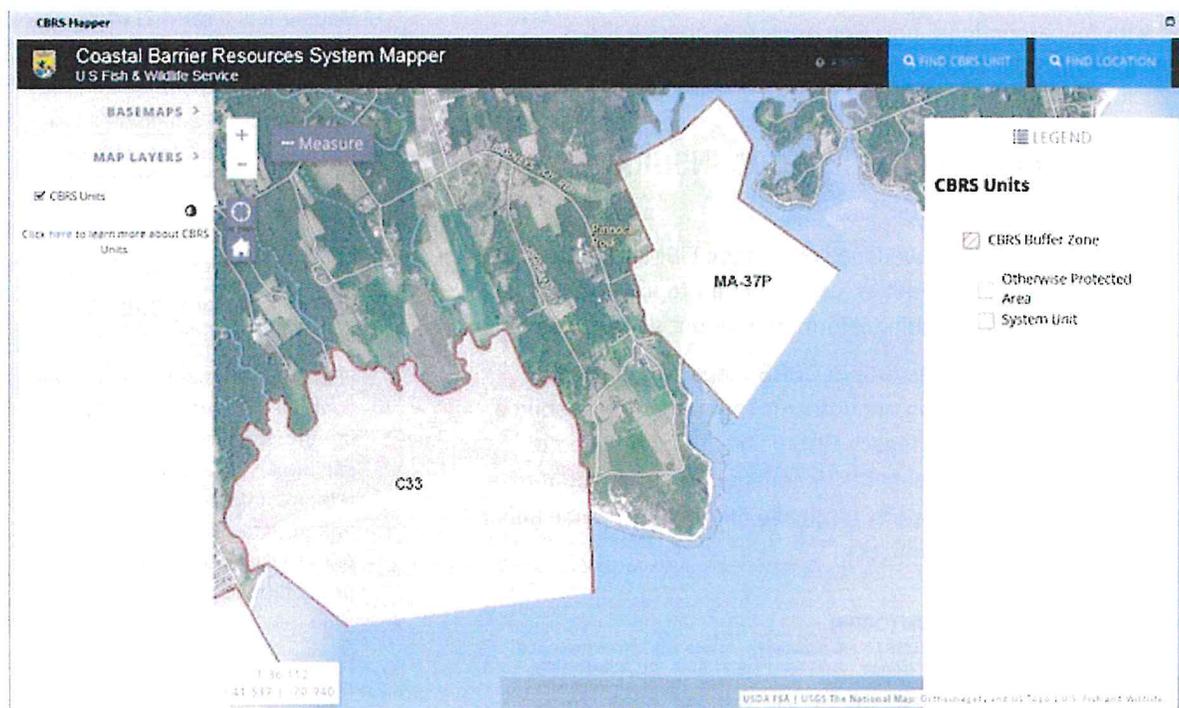


Figure 2: The image above shows how CBRS units are currently depicted on the USFWS CBRS Mapper.

For more information on the CBRS, please visit the USFWS website at fws.gov/cbra. Additional information can also be found on the FEMA website at fema.gov/coastal-barrier-resources-system.