

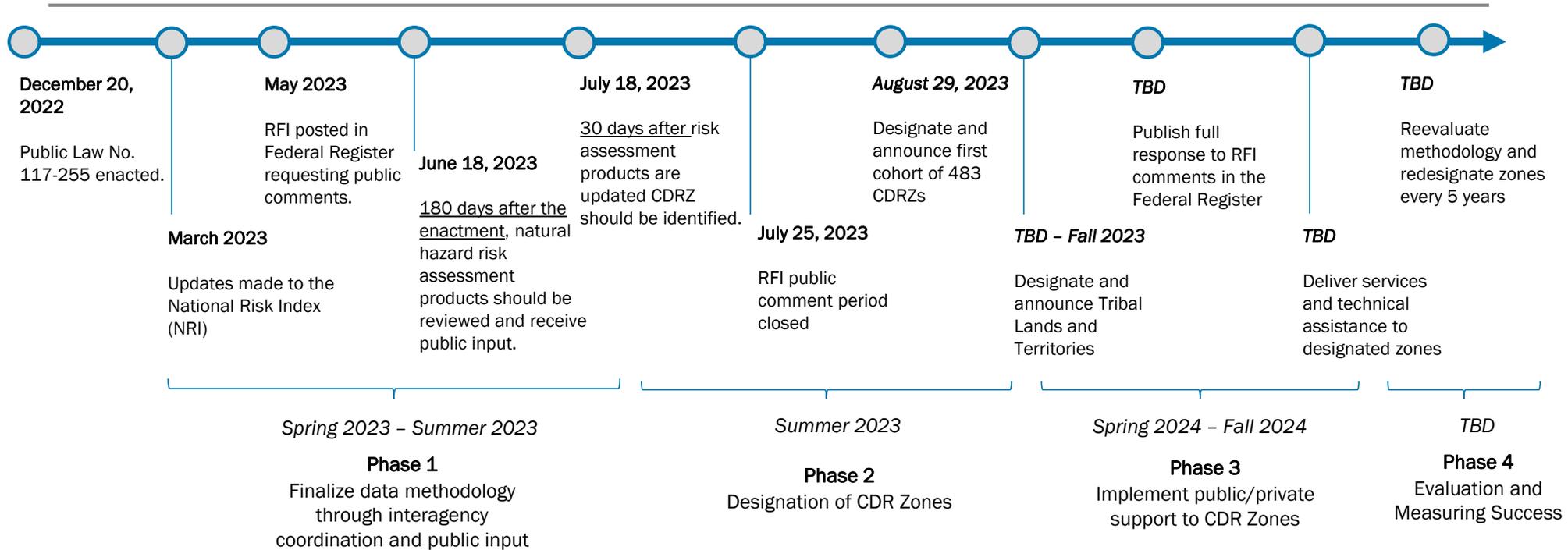
# Community Disaster Resilience Zones (CDRZ) Act *Initial Designation Update*

September 2023



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# CDRZ Timeline



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# Completed Key Milestones

Project Milestones	Status	Due Date
Brief EOP on CDRZ Request for Information (RFI)	Complete	05/23
National Emergency Management Association (NEMA) Roundtable	Complete	6/13/23
Spoke at US Conference of Mayors	Complete	6/19/23
National Business Emergency Operations Center (NBEOC) Call	Complete	6/27/23
Resilience Innovation Hub's Resilience Town Hall Presentation	Complete	6/29/23
NOAA "Climate Smart Communities Initiative" Call	Complete	7/7/23
Natural Hazards Center Listening Session	Complete	7/9/23
Treasury Summer Series Presentation	Complete	7/11/23
Resilience Innovation Hub's Resilience Town Hall Presentation - Part 2	Complete	7/14/23
Reinsurance Association of America (RAA) Call for Federal Agencies	Complete	7/17/23
Reinsurance Association of America (RAA) Call for supporters of CDRZ	Complete	7/17/23
Congressional Staff Briefing	Complete	7/17/23
(Three) Listening Sessions for General Public	Complete	7/18-20/23
DHS Climate Change Action Group Update	Complete	7/19/23
Science for Disaster Reduction (SDR) Meeting for Natural Hazards Mission	Complete	7/20/23
Building Resilience Conference	Complete	7/25/23
National Governors Association (NGA) Listening Session	Complete	7/25/23
RFI Public Comment Period Closes	Complete	7/25/23

Project Milestones	Status	Due Date
Building Resilience through Private Public Partnerships Conference, US Chamber of Commerce Foundation Listening Session	Complete	7/28/23
Tribal Consultation	Complete	8/2/23
Recovery Interagency Coordination Division	Complete	8/2/23
Conversation with EarthLab, UC Boulder	Complete	8/10/23
Conversation with Urban Institute	Complete	8/14/23
Brief OMB and CEQ on CDRZ Designations and BRIC NOFO	Complete	8/15/23
Brief National Governors Association (NGA) on CDRZ Designations	Complete	Week of 8/21/23
Conversation with After the Fire USA	Complete	8/21/23
Brief International Association of Emergency Managers (IAEM) on CDRZ Designations	Complete	8/21/23
SBP and US Chamber of Commerce Briefing Follow-Up	Complete	8/21/23
Brief National Association of Counties (NACo) on CDRZ Designations	Complete	8/21/23
CDRZs and Master Planning/NEPA	Complete	8/22/23
Grant Management Advisory Board Presentation	Complete	8/22/23
USACE National Silver Jackets Quarterly Meeting Presentation	Complete	8/22/23
Brief National Emergency Managers Association (NEMA) on CDRZ Designations	Complete	8/23/23
Interagency Recovery Coordination	Complete	8/23/23
Brief National League of Cities on CDRZ Designations	Complete	8/24/23
Brief Big City Emergency Managers on CDRZ Designations	Complete	8/24/23

# Upcoming Key Milestones

Project Milestones	Status	Due Date
Congressional Briefing Follow-Up	Complete	8/28/23
FEMA Mitigation Planning Team meeting	Complete	8/30/23
Region 2 GIS Team Call	Complete	9/05/23
Announce First Set of Zone Designation	Complete	9/6/23
SCHAC Briefing	Complete	9/8/23
Treasury Summer Series: Follow-Up Presentation	In Progress	9/12/23
National Mitigation Planning Program Call	In Progress	9/12/23
CDRZs and Master Planning/NEPA	In Progress	9/13/23
FEMA National Advisory Committee (NAC) Subcommittee on Climate Action	Not Started	9/26-28/23
Brief National Conference of State Legislatures on CDRZ Designations	Not Started	TBD
Brief International City/County Management Association on CDRZ Designations	Not Started	TBD
Brief United States Conference of Mayors on CDRZ Designations	Not Started	TBD
Brief Council of State Governments on CDRZ Designations	Not Started	TBD
Conduct interagency briefings, including NOAA, EPA, and HUD	Not Started	TBD
Brief Congress on CDRZ Designations	Not Started	TBD

Project Milestones	Status	Due Date
Present at IAEM Fall Conference	Not Started	11/3-9/23
Present at NEMA Fall Conference	Not Started	10/2-5/23
Participate in all Regional State Directors Calls	In Progress	Ongoing
Participate in RA Calls	In Progress	Ongoing
Participate in Mitigation Division Calls	In Progress	Ongoing
Brief EOP on CDRZ Designations and Announcement Plan	Complete	8/17/23

**Key Metrics:**

**24** Total Public Engagements Pre-Designation  
**25+** Industries Reached  
**757** External Stakeholders in Registry



**Status Key**

Complete
  In Progress
  Not Started
  Delayed

# RFI Comments – Key Metrics

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## Comments

Total Comments Received: 624

### Comments by Theme:

- Data/NRI Comments: 375
- Community Engagement: 158
- Equity: 155
- Post Designation Support: 105
- Designation Methodology: 81
- Uncategorized: 22
- Displacement: 14



## Commentors & Stakeholder Groups

Total # of Unique Commentors: >134

### Comments by Stakeholder Category:

- Associations, NGOs & Interest Groups: 310
- SLTT Organization: 101
- Civilian: 78
- Uncategorized: 69
- Private Sector: 54
- FEMA: 8



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# NRI Designation Course of Action

- Designate 483 census tracts this month
- Include National Top 50 Composite Risk Score
- Include Top 1% by State Composite Risk Score
- Include most at-risk census tracts as identified by CEJST
- Include at least 1 from each state

Tribes and Territories designations coming soon

*Tribal Consultation conducted Aug. 2<sup>nd</sup> and the comment period is still open*

Initial CDRZ Census Tract Screening with National Risk Index

**FEMA Region Selection**  
No category selected

**State Selection**  
No category selected

**Advantaged (1) Disadvantaged (2)**  
This dashboard allows you to explore natural hazard risk through National Risk Index data and social vulnerability through the Climate and Economic Justice Screening Tool data at the Census tract level.

Census tracts are filterable by state, tribal and advantage status. **To filter results by individual Census tract, use the selection icon on the top left hand side of the map.**

Using the layers widget on the top right hand side of the map allows you to turn the following layers on and off:

- COA 3 - Middle (Preferred) - top 50 and top 1% for top 5 hazards and top 1% by state
- COA 1 - Small (top 50 and top 1% by state composite risk)
- COA 2 - Big (top 50 and top 1% by state for 18 hazards and composite risk)

**Census Tract Pop-up Key:**  
COA 1; COA 2; COA 3: 0 = No, 1 = Yes  
CEJST Disadvantaged: 1 = No, 2 = Yes

**COA 1**  
**483 tracts**  
Nationwide

Select a FEMA Region to filter COA 1 tracts  
COA 1

Select a State to filter COA 1 tracts  
COA 1

**Natural Hazard Expected Annual Loss (COA Only)**

**To filter results by individual Census tract, use the selection icon on the top left hand side of the map and click on your Census tract(s) of interest.**

**States Ranked by Expected Annual Loss (EAL)**

Search...

**California**  
EAL Rating: Very High  
EAL Score: 100.00  
EAL Total: \$16,334,271,891.65

**Florida**  
EAL Rating: Very High  
EAL Score: 98.21  
EAL Total: \$9,093,861,692.54

**Texas**  
EAL Rating: Very High



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# Census Tracts Identified as CDRZ



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## CDRZ by Region

FEMA Region	CDRZs	Total Census Tracts	% of Total
1	10	3,681	0.27%
2	32	7,568	0.42%
3	49	8,105	0.60%
4	110	17,199	0.64%
5	68	14,117	0.48%
6	66	10,899	0.61%
7	25	3,932	0.64%
8	18	3,112	0.58%
9	78	12,081	0.65%
10	27	3,399	0.79%
<b>Total</b>	<b>483</b>	<b>84,093</b>	<b>0.57%</b>



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## CDRZ by State

State	CDRZs	State	CDRZs	State	CDRZs
Alabama	6	Kentucky	11	North Dakota	1
Alaska	1	Louisiana	6	Ohio	21
Arizona	15	Maine	1	Oklahoma	11
Arkansas	8	Maryland	6	Oregon	6
California	51	Massachusetts	4	Pennsylvania	21
Colorado	9	Michigan	10	Rhode Island	1
Connecticut	1	Minnesota	6	South Carolina	10
Delaware	1	Mississippi	9	South Dakota	1
District of Columbia	2	Missouri	16	Tennessee	12
Florida	32	Montana	3	Texas	35
Georgia	15	Nebraska	2	Utah	3
Hawaii	5	Nevada	7	Vermont	1
Idaho	5	New Hampshire	2	Virginia	13
Illinois	20	New Jersey	8	Washington	15
Indiana	8	New Mexico	6	West Virginia	6
Iowa	3	New York	24	Wisconsin	3
Kansas	4	North Carolina	15	Wyoming	1



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# CDRZ Designation Announcement Plan

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## Leverage FEMA Regions and association partners

- Engage with partners such as NEMA, NGA, and NACo to help announce and lend support to the designated zones.
- Provide partners with a Communications Toolkit with talking points, FAQs, and External Affairs Guidance



## Conduct conversations with Federal Agencies, Foundations, Non-Profits

- Engage with these partners to help announce the CDRZ designations and build a foundation for collective investment in and support to the designated zones.
- Provide template letter of commitment from other Federal Agencies, foundations, non-profit organizations



## Announce the designated CDRZs to the public on August 29<sup>th</sup>

- Post designation announcement to FEMA.gov
- Include initial RFI response, FAQs, CDRZ Fact Sheet, and Designation Methodology Explanation
- Authorizers have requested briefing on August 28th



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# Communications Materials

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## Communications Toolkit

- ✓ List of CDRZs
- ✓ Talking Points
- ✓ FAQs
- ✓ Initial Response to RFI Comments
- ✓ Website
- ✓ Designation Methodology
- ✓ External Affairs Guidance (EAG)



## External Pitch Packet

- ✓ List of CDRZs
- ✓ Consult Letter from Administrator Criswell
- ✓ Return on Investment (ROI) Flyer
- ✓ Template Letter of Commitment for other Federal Agencies
- ✓ Template Letter of Commitment for Non-Profit Organizations
- ✓ Template Letter of Commitment for Foundations



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Please direct all CDRZ and designation-related questions to: [FEMA-CDRZ-RFI@fema.dhs.gov](mailto:FEMA-CDRZ-RFI@fema.dhs.gov)

# Why Invest in Communities with Resilience Zones?

Resilient communities are better equipped to withstand and recover from natural disasters.

By adopting measures such as up-to-date building codes, retrofitting existing structures, and investing in infrastructure improvements, the economic losses caused by natural hazards can be minimized.

This will lead to less damage to property and businesses and resulting in lower repair and replacement costs.

## Resilience & Mitigation Metrics



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Questions?

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