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Good morning,

I am working on a story for The Island News in Beaufort, S.C., on SBA disaster loans. We've been hearing from readers that they are not eligible for these loans because they live on barrier islands. However, the U.S. federal map of barrier islands raises a lot of questions.

For instance, Hilton Head is not considered a barrier island while all the surrounding islands are. Harbor Island is a 3-mile island and half is designated as a barrier island and the other half is not. Meanwhile, St. Helena Island is designated as a barrier island even though it is protected by Fripp, Harbor and Hunting islands.

It's confusing to say the least. Can you direct me to someone who can answer these questions? We have some desperate people here.

Thanks,

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