

Why Cascadia Prepared?

- Do you know of any organization that is concerned with the **survival of vulnerable populations** in the Cascadia Subduction Zone (CSZ) event, like residents in nursing homes, large apartment houses, student dorms, isolated rural communities, or low-income neighborhoods?
- Speaking of “vulnerable,” if you are **away from home or work** when the CSZ earthquake hits, would you know what to do? Have you received guidance about how to respond in such a situation?
- Is any private organization working with state-level agencies, legislatures, and local emergency managers, to **greatly increase disaster resilience** in our region?
- Has anyone **come to your neighborhood** to help residents prepare for the quake, and recover from it quickly enough to save the economy and jobs in your area?
- Has anyone provided you a **map of the “island”** that will be formed around you after the CSZ quake knocks down thousands of bridges across the region?

Cascadia Prepared was formed to address questions like these. We are working to help vulnerable populations survive after the quake, bearing in mind that *we are all vulnerable* when we’re traveling. As a **private-sector group**, we advocate for stronger government programs. We also create programs in partnership with other groups *outside government*, to increase disaster resilience, create healthier communities, and strengthen lifeline infrastructure (water, power, communications, etc.).



Cascadia Prepared thinks about the impending quake and tsunami from the standpoint of people who live and work in threatened communities (that includes everyone in western Oregon and Washington). We make sure these communities receive relevant information and reinforcement, to help understand the threat and get prepared for it.

We can’t depend on government alone to prepare us for the CSZ event. It’s important to get our own families and businesses ready, *but that’s not enough*. Unless we work together to make significant improvements, the CSZ event could create the worst economic and social disaster ever to strike North America. Cascadia Prepared provides a means of working together to “surround the problem” of the CSZ event and gradually increase our resilience until we’re ready to survive the quake and tsunami, and return quickly to prosperity afterwards.

Please join the effort.

Go to www.cprep.org, become a member, sign up for updates, and contribute.