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Cape Island's mild, pleasant climate plays an extremely important role in West Cape May Borough's economy and quality of life. Some of its key features include:

- ❖ Cape Island is one of the coolest places in the region during the summer because of the natural air conditioning system that functions at the shore: as heated air over the land rises, a flow of cool air from the ocean surface replaces it. The system works so well that people may need to wear a sweater in the evening in July and August.
- ❖ Cape Island is the warmest place in New Jersey during the winter, in part because winds off the ocean function as a natural heating system. Temperatures rarely dip to zero degrees Fahrenheit, and this area has New Jersey's longest growing season.
- ❖ Cape Island is the sunniest place in New Jersey with the lowest amount of rain and the fewest summer thunderstorms.
- ❖ Cape Island is windier and more fog bound than most places in New Jersey.
- ❖ There is a USDA weather station under the auspices of the SJR&DC on Stevens Street, Block 73, Lot 10.

The Climate Chart for Cape May, New Jersey, provided by The Weather Channel's web site is presented in Table V-1.

Table V-1. Climate Chart for Cape May, New Jersey.