

CAPE ISLAND

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West Cape May is located on a sea island at New Jersey's southern most point. The Borough is one of four (4) communities on Cape Island. Cape Island consists of eight (8) square miles of land surrounded by saltwater at the tip of the 20-mile-long Cape May Peninsula.

Delaware Bay lies to the west of Cape Island and the Atlantic Ocean to the east. The Cape May Canal separates Cape Island from the mainland. The canal is an intra-coastal waterway that connects the Delaware Bay to the Atlantic Ocean, see Figure II-1. Cape Island and Its Four Municipalities.

As the nation's oldest seashore resort, Cape Island has a pronounced maritime flavor. Two of the State's top 10 tourism destinations are located here – Cape May City and Cape May Point State Park – each of which draws hundreds of thousands of visitors annually.

Cape Island is also a major saltwater port, home to a prosperous fishing fleet and a Coast Guard base. Scores of sailboats and yachts are docked in its picturesque harbor.

Cape Island and Its Four Municipalities

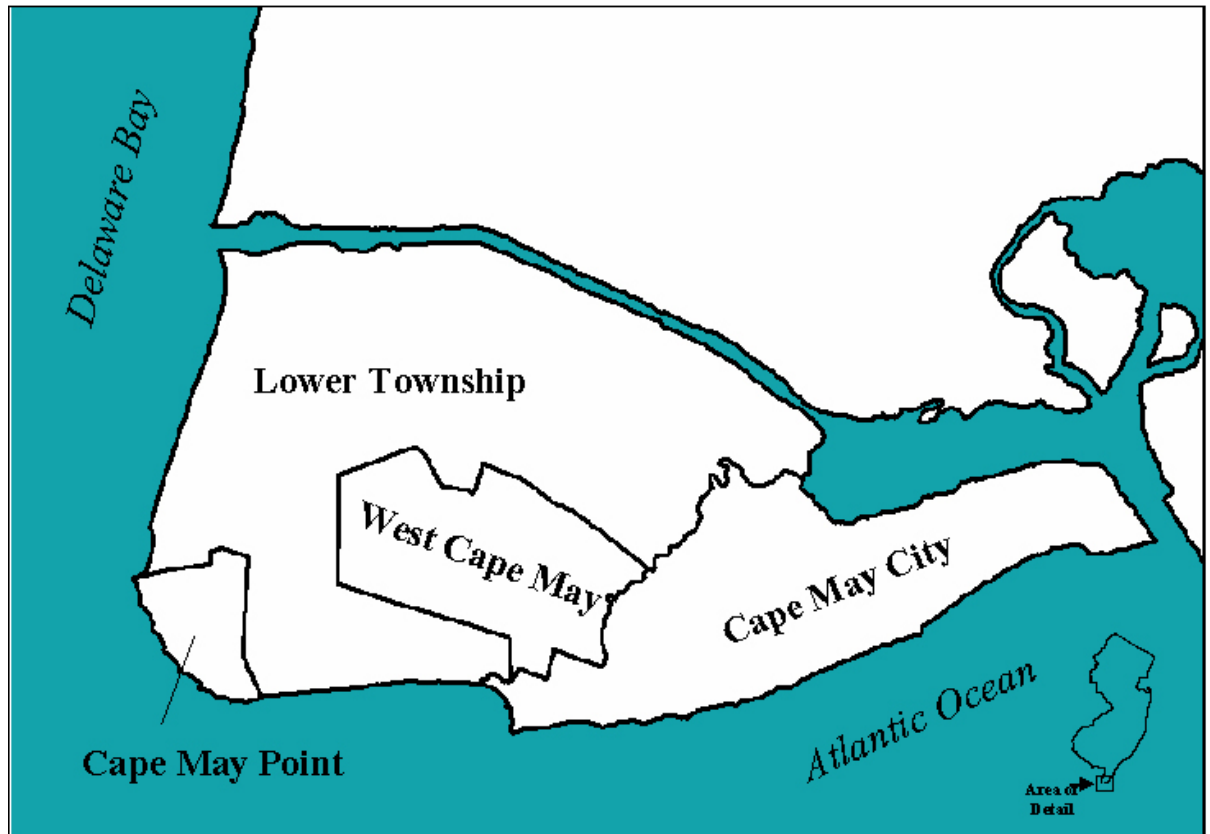


Figure II-1. Municipalities Located South of the Cape May Canal on “Cape Island”.