The image above is a +/- 124° panorama photograph from the Cape May Lighthouse, Cape May Point State Park, panning clockwise from north-northeast (left) to southeast (right). The yellow rectangle within the photo represents the extent of the photosimulation photo(s).

**Simulation Information**

- **Coordinates:** 38.9300°N, 74.96038°W
- **Character Area:** Recreation, Seascape (SCA)
- **User Group:** Residents/Tourists
- **Direction of View:** East-northeast
- **Distance to Nearest Visible Turbine:** 45.03 miles
- **Visually Sensitive Resource:** Cape May Point State Park, Cape May Point Borough Beach, Cape May Lighthouse, Bayshore Heritage Scenic Byway

**Environmental Information**

- **Date Taken:** 08/20/2020
- **Time:** 10:40 AM
- **Temperature:** 79°F
- **Humidity:** 60%
- **Visibility:** 10 miles
- **Wind Direction:** Calm
- **Wind Speed:** 0 mph
- **Conditions Observed:** Mostly Cloudy

**Photograph Information**

- **Camera:** Canon EOS 5D Mark IV
- **Resolution:** 30.4 Megapixels
- **Focal Length:** 50mm
- **Camera Height:** 153.50 feet AMSL

**Notes**

Printed at 100%, the photosimulations are 15 inches wide by 10 inches high. At this size, the photosimulation(s) should be viewed from a distance of 21 inches.
This view is from the Cape May Lighthouse overlooking Cape May Point State Park. Although the Cape May Lighthouse is a major attraction for many visitors to the park, Cape May Point State Park includes 244 acres of ocean shoreline, dunes, freshwater coastal marsh and ponds, forested islands, and varied uplands. Located on the southern tip of New Jersey, Cape May Point State Park is a key site on the NJ Coastal Heritage Trail and a well-known location for viewing the fall bird migration. Several blazed trails lead visitors to various habitats in the park where wildlife can be viewed from observation platforms. The park also includes an environmental center that houses a classroom for interpretive programs and a museum on the area’s natural and historic features. Along with birding, popular visitor activities include swimming, beach combing, fishing, environmental education, nature interpretation, and photography.

The selected viewpoint is located within the Cape May Lighthouse at the southwest corner of the Park’s property, where it abuts developed private land. This adjacent land, which is behind the viewer, is representative of the Oceanfront Residential CA. The elevated view to the east-northeast from this location is a broad vista that includes extensive woodlands, ponds, marshes, ocean shoreline, and a large, paved parking lot. Several of these features are outside the field of view illustrated in the selected photograph. That field of view is dominated by woodland and marsh vegetation and an open water pond that extends from the foreground into the middle ground. The circle of green vegetation extends into the background where it is interspersed with buildings and other man-made structures that rise above the treetops. The uniform forest cover and level topography limit the visual interest presented by this view, and creates a strong horizontal line where the dark land meets the hazy blue sky. The only vertical elements that extend above the horizon line and into the sky are some distant water towers and antennas. The broad expanse of green vegetation gives the view a natural appearance, but clear evidence of development in the background tempers its undisturbed character.

Rating panel members indicated that the elevated existing view from the Cape May Lighthouse is both visually interesting and dynamic relative to how it engages the inland tidal pond, grassland, and bordering dense scrub and tree vegetation. The view will be experienced by lighthouse visitors over a short period of time during their elevated platform visit. The view includes man-made structures interspersed throughout the flat, vegetation background that contrast with the undeveloped foreground vista, drawing the viewer’s attention outward toward the horizon, particularly where the water towers, antennas, and structures break the horizon line. Rating panel scores for the existing conditions photographs ranged from 12.7 to 16.0 (average SQC score = 14.1). The SQC Score for this KOP indicates that this KOP is considered to have moderate to high scenic quality.

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