Cape area spared the worst of Hurricane Sandy

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Cape May Court House – Cape May County’s barrier island communities were spared the worst of Hurricane Sandy, experiencing record flooding, and devastation from wind and lashing waves.

By the time the storm left the area with as much unmitigated destruction as it did, those few who remained on the barrier islands saw the utter destruction Hurricane Sandy wrought.

A substantial number of homes were knocked down, with intact interiors. Wind-blown debris flooded inside homes, clogging interiors and forcing residents to flee.

On Tuesday, Oct. 29, Cape May County officials stressed that more damage on the barrier islands is yet to come, as the water levels are still rising and will continue to rise throughout the week.

The damage in the county’s barrier islands was extensive, with many homes destroyed and others left in disrepair.

The beach erosion, which was already a concern in the area, was exacerbated by Hurricane Sandy, leading to significant erosion and loss of beachfront properties.

The storm also caused widespread power outages, with many areas still without electricity.

Residents who stayed behind to weather the storm were advised to be cautious and stay indoors, as the situation was expected to worsen in the coming days.

In addition to the damage to homes and infrastructure, the storm also had a significant impact on the local economy, with many businesses forced to close due to the loss of power and the destruction of their properties.

The Cape May Star and Wave will continue to follow the situation in the coming days, providing updates on the recovery efforts and the ongoing challenges faced by the community.