Cape May Point beaches in good shape, to get more sand

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CAPE MAY POINT — The borough’s beaches are in good shape due to replenishments, and more sand can be on its way.

Stewart Farrell, director of the borough’s Ocean City Sentinel, Coastal Resources Commission, said the commission was considering some improvements of the Nature Conservancy beach entrance to make a more gradual grade. “We get a good idea at and end of engineering work,” Farrell said.

Farrell said northwest winds trap sand and fill in the area. He suggested placement of signs indicating the direction of flows from the beach and roads.

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