



## **Egg Harbor Township**

Egg Harbor Township is situated in the southeast portion of Atlantic County, approximately 7 miles from Atlantic City. With a land area of approximately 68 square miles, it is the second largest municipality in the county. The Township is bounded by Hamilton Township and Galloway Township to the west and north, respectively, the cities of Absecon, Pleasantville, Northfield, Linwood, and Somers Point to the east, across the bay is Longport and Ocean City to the southeast and the southern border is Great Egg Harbor River, a federally designated scenic and wild river. Across the river is the city of Estell Manor to the south. According to the United States Census Bureau, the township has a total area of 75.0 square miles, of which, 67.3 square miles of it is land and 7.6 square miles of it is water.

Historically Egg Harbor Township has been agricultural and a rural residential community that turned into a high density mixed use community over a short amount of time. The township is in the Pinelands Regional Growth Area and it is the largest of all of the Growth Areas, with the greatest number of mandated single family homes (26,000). The population is approximately 40,000 with an expected increase of 10,000 in the last ten years. As a result, there has been an explosion in development and population.

Egg Harbor Township draws its water from Kirkwood-Cohansey Aquifer the same that the Pinelands Legislation was developed to protect. Many new residents are uninformed as to aquifers and drawing from water and conserving water. Lawns are watered day and night. The Environmental Commission has attempted to inform residents of the dangers of such waste. The township is committed to preserving the pine barrens and supply water to numerous residents being encouraged to move there. For more information: <http://www.ehtgov.org>.