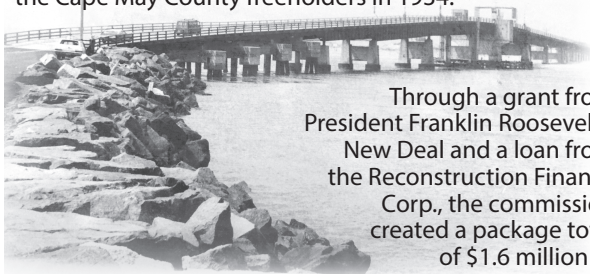


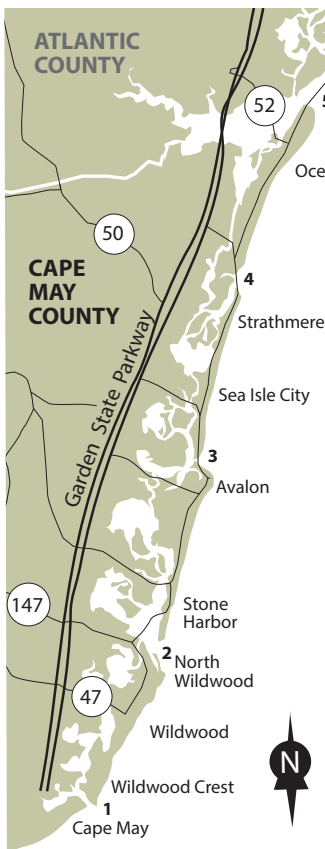
TIMELINE: THE BRIDGES OF CAPE MAY COUNTY

The Cape May County Bridge Commission was created by the Cape May County freeholders in 1934.



Corson's Inlet bridge 1977

Through a grant from President Franklin Roosevelt's New Deal and a loan from the Reconstruction Finance Corp., the commission created a package total of \$1.6 million to construct the coastal highway bridges that would connect the barrier islands along the coastline.



1 In June 1940, the commission opened Middle Thorofare Bridge and smaller T-beam bridges over Upper Thorofare and Mill Creek connecting Wildwood Crest and Cape May.

2 Shortly after, two more bridges connecting North Wildwood and Stone Harbor

3 and Avalon and Sea Isle City were built. They are now called the Grassy Sound Bridge and the Townsends Inlet Bridge, respectively.

4 In 1946, the commission built the Corson's Inlet bridge connecting Strathmere and Ocean City for \$3.4 million. Also in 1946, the Commission

5 purchased the Ocean City Longport Bridge, then in disrepair, for \$720,000. A new one was built in 2002.