



Estuary Landforms and Features

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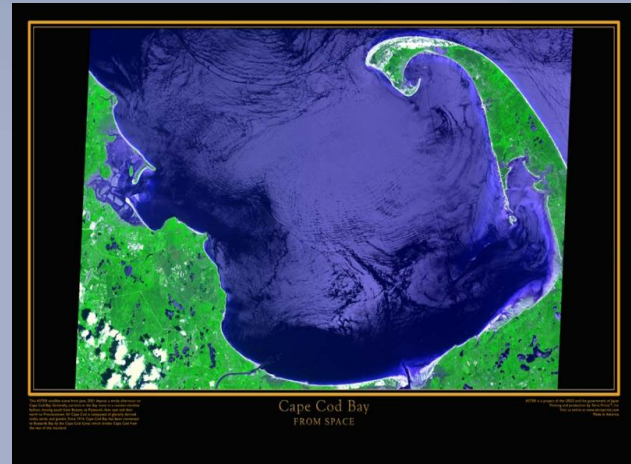


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barrier beach — a linear strip of beach that separates the ocean from marshes and other habitat behind it



bay — an area of water bounded on three sides by land. Large bays are called gulfs.



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bayou — a small, slow-moving stream located in low-lying areas such as the Mississippi delta



cove — a circular or round inlet with a narrow entrance or any sheltered bay



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delta — a landform produced when a river flows into a larger body of water



harbor — a place where ships may be sheltered, usually a very large cove, or manmade with breakwaters or sea wall



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headland — an area of land surrounded by water on three sides



lagoon — a body of shallow water separated from the ocean by sand bars or beaches



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mangrove forest — an assemblage of mangrove trees found in salty coastal habitats



peninsula — a narrow piece of land surrounded on three sides by water

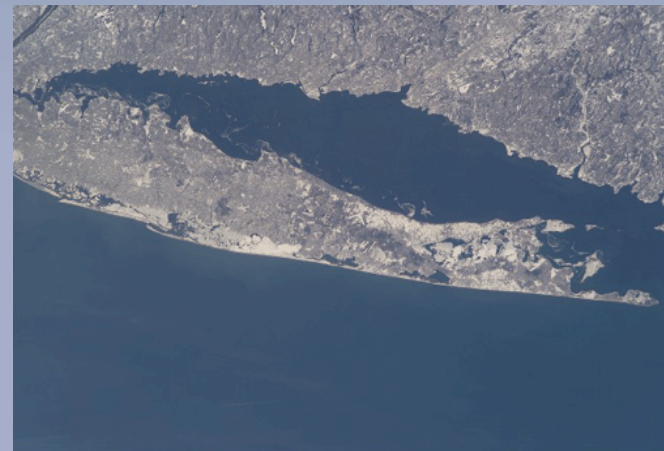


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slough — a swamp or shallow lake system, usually a backwater to a larger body of water



sound — a large sea or ocean inlet larger than a bay



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salt marsh — a type of marsh that is a transitional zone between land and salty or brackish water



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tidal flats or mudflats — areas of mud deposited by the tides, rivers, and oceans. Found within bays, bayous, lagoons, and other estuarine features.

