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This study is aimed at reviewing the benefits and assessing the environmental comfort of the climate of the urban environment on the example of a small industrial center - the city of Taganrog.

The importance of this study is ensured by the need to adequately take into account the natural component in the practice of conducting a comprehensive assessment of the ecological state of a territory or object.

An assessment of the environmental comfort of an urban area using the example of the city of Taganrog, as well as a study of the possible level of environmental risk to the health of the urban population, was carried out for the first time.

We believe that this article, aimed at studying an important natural component of a comprehensive environmental assessment of the territory, expressed in climate and bioclimatic studies and taking into account their contribution to the level of pollution of the surface air layer of the atmosphere, may be of interest to the Journal of Atmospheric Research.

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