

## Naples Improvement Initiative

At \$680 million, the Naples Improvement Initiative (NII) dramatically improved living and working conditions for the approximately 10,000 U.S. personnel (military, civilian and dependents) in the Naples area.

NII corrected some of the worst conditions in the world for Navy families where existing facilities are scattered and undersized, and were subject to sudden catastrophic failure from seismic activity. Military families in this area also endured a high cost of living, traffic congestion, utility problems, security concerns, and excessive travel time to and from school.



In the late 1980's the Navy committed to Naples as the center for its operations in Europe and for logistics support to the Middle East and Africa. Existing facilities were inadequate and would not accommodate the planned growth. A comprehensive long-range facilities plan was needed. Initially, plans were to build a completely new base. However, this turned out to be unworkable because of high costs and the unavailability of suitable land. NII solved the problem by creating two separate facilities built with different funding.

The first part of the project, begun in 1990, relocated operational and bachelor support facilities from Agnano, a Naples suburb, to the airport at Capodichino. This Military Construction program includes administrative facilities, a new command and control center, warehouses, aviation support, and parking facilities. Capodichino also supports unaccompanied personnel with bachelor quarters, dining facilities, a limited medical/dental facility, and Morale, Welfare and Recreation (MWR) facilities.

The Naples Support Site is a self-contained, modern lease-construct complex north of Naples, easily accessible by a modern highway. The Support Site includes family housing, schools, a hospital, MWR facilities, and a commissary and exchange. Families live in safe neighborhoods. Recreational opportunities, schools and shopping are all within walking distance.

The Support Site includes four major increments. The first increment, begun in 1996, included 876 housing units, elementary and high schools, plus the land for the entire project. The first families moved in during May 1997 and the schools opened in August 1997. Increment II included a Village Center, community support facilities and a 96-room Navy Lodge. Increment III was the new Naval Hospital and Increment IV includes recreational facilities, Commissary and Navy Exchange. The Naval Hospital opened on April 23, 2003. The retail complex, including the exchange and commissary will be completed during the summer of 2005. Construction of the remaining MWR facilities will be completed in the fall of 2005 along with more housing.



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