



# [un]restricted access

The militarization of the neapolitan territory by the United States of America as device of metropolization and globalization



April 1949

Washington DC  
**Birth of NATO (North Atlantic Treaty Organization)**

September 1950

the NATO adopts the american strategy of the “forward defence”:  
**Birth of NATO and US Navy bases**

May 1955

Warsaw Treaty





“This influence also involved city planning and architecture. The Marshall Plan funded exhibits on U.S. construction techniques and planning paradigms. **Architecture was exported to Europe in the form of American embassies and military bases**, in the shopping-mall design and infrastructure (...).”

“When America became suburban”, R.A. Beauregard (2006).

The “kitchen debate” between Nixon and premier Nikita Chruščëv  
(Parco Sokolniki, Mosca, luglio 1959)



“The export of american ideas, goods, an customs was inseparable from the suburban dream. Supermarket, motel, automobiles, and superhighways were all implicated in the parasitic urbanization that enabled postwar mass suburbanization and abetted the decline of older industrial cities. Television, washing machines, packaged food, and consumer credit were primarily attributes of suburban living. **Europeans adopted not simply isolated practices and products but an American way of life that was a suburban way of life.**”

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Levittown (Pa)

# Allied Command Europe

SUPREME ALLIED COMMANDER EUROPE (SHAPE)

Paris

ALLIED FORCES  
NORTHERN EUROPE  
(AFNORTH)

**Kolsaas (Norvegia)**

ALLIED FORCES  
CENTRAL EUROPE  
(AFCENT)

**Fontainbleau (FR)**

ALLIED FORCES  
SOUTHERN EUROPE  
(AFSOUTH)

**Naples (IT)**

ALLIED FORCES  
MEDITERRANEAN  
(AFMED)

**Malta**

Naples

**Allied Force Southern Europe  
(Afsouth)**

COMMANDER IN CHIEF ALLIED FORCES SOUTHERN EUROPE  
(CINCSOUTH)

COMMAND ALLIED AIR FORCES  
SOUTHERN EUROPE  
(COMAIRSOUTH)

COMMAND ALLIED NAVAL FORCES SOUTHERN  
EUROPE  
(COMNAVSOUTH)

COMMAND ALLIED NAVAL  
STRIKING & SUPPORT FORCES  
SOUTHERN EUROPE  
(COMSTRIKFORSOUTH)

COMMAND MARITIME AIR FORCES  
MEDITERRANEAN (COMAIRMED)

COMMAND SUBMARINES MEDITERRANEAN  
(COMSUBMED)

NATO & USNavy

reference: AFSOUTH AT 50, Press Office NATO

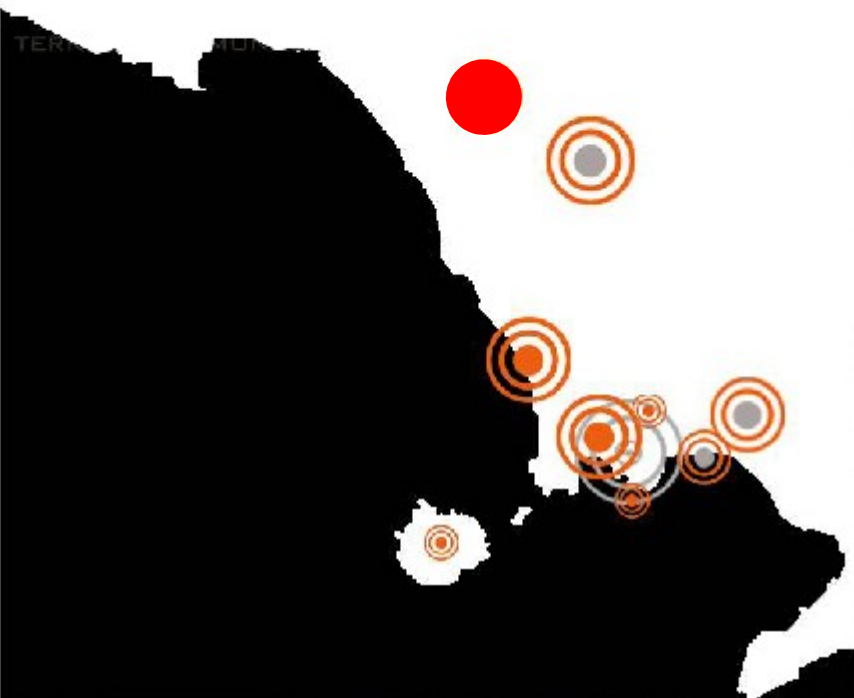


# ALLIED BASES IN CAMPANIA



# Bunker base in Monte Petrino

Ex secret site for the Cincsouth (Commander in Chief Allied Forces Southern Europe)



abandoned  
base



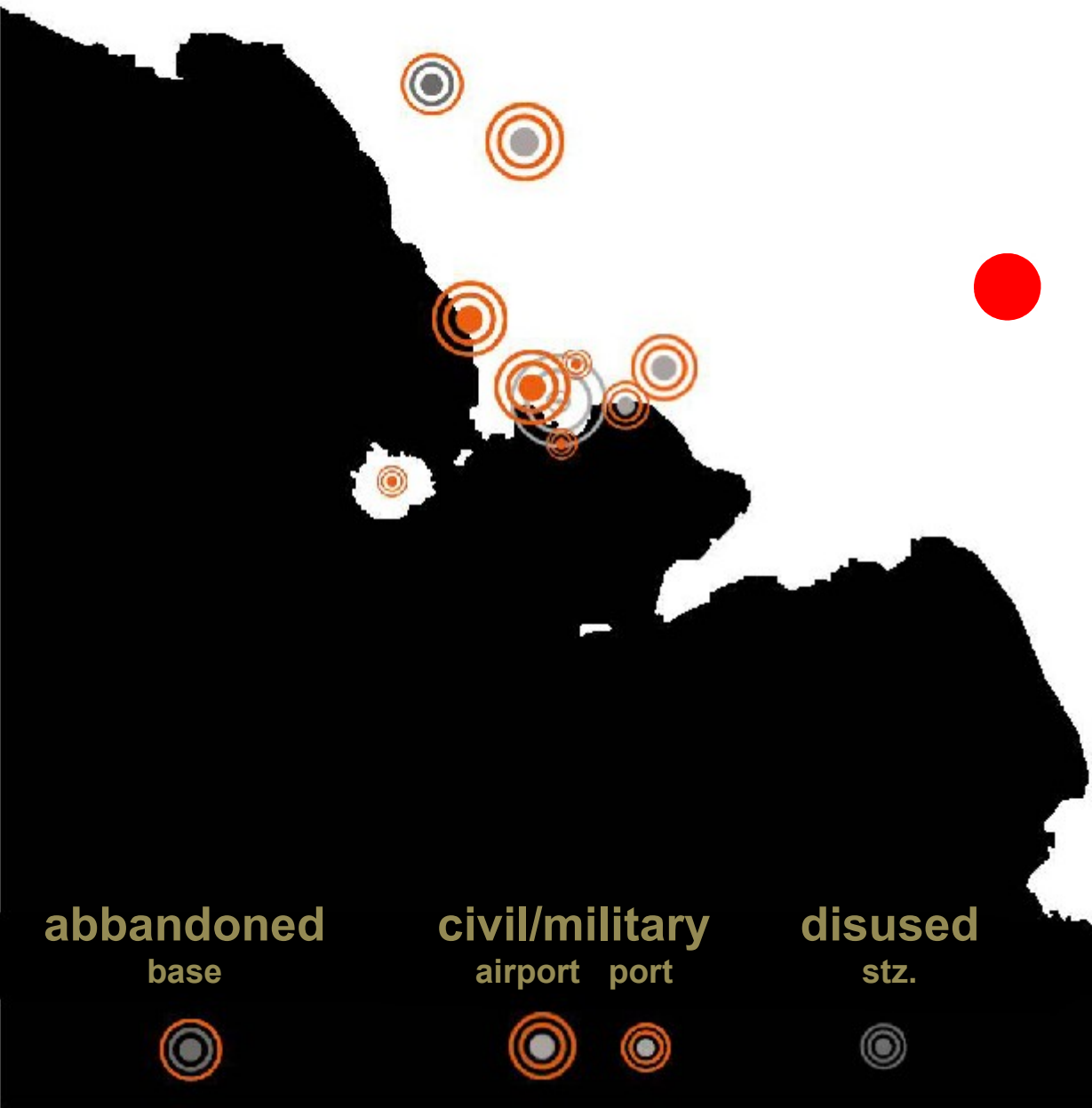


# Military Airport in Grazzanise



civil/military  
airport port





**abbandoned**  
base



**civil/military**  
airport port



**disused**  
stz.



**now civil**  
hangars



**in activity**  
bases stz.





# Ex-telecommunications Station in Montevergine

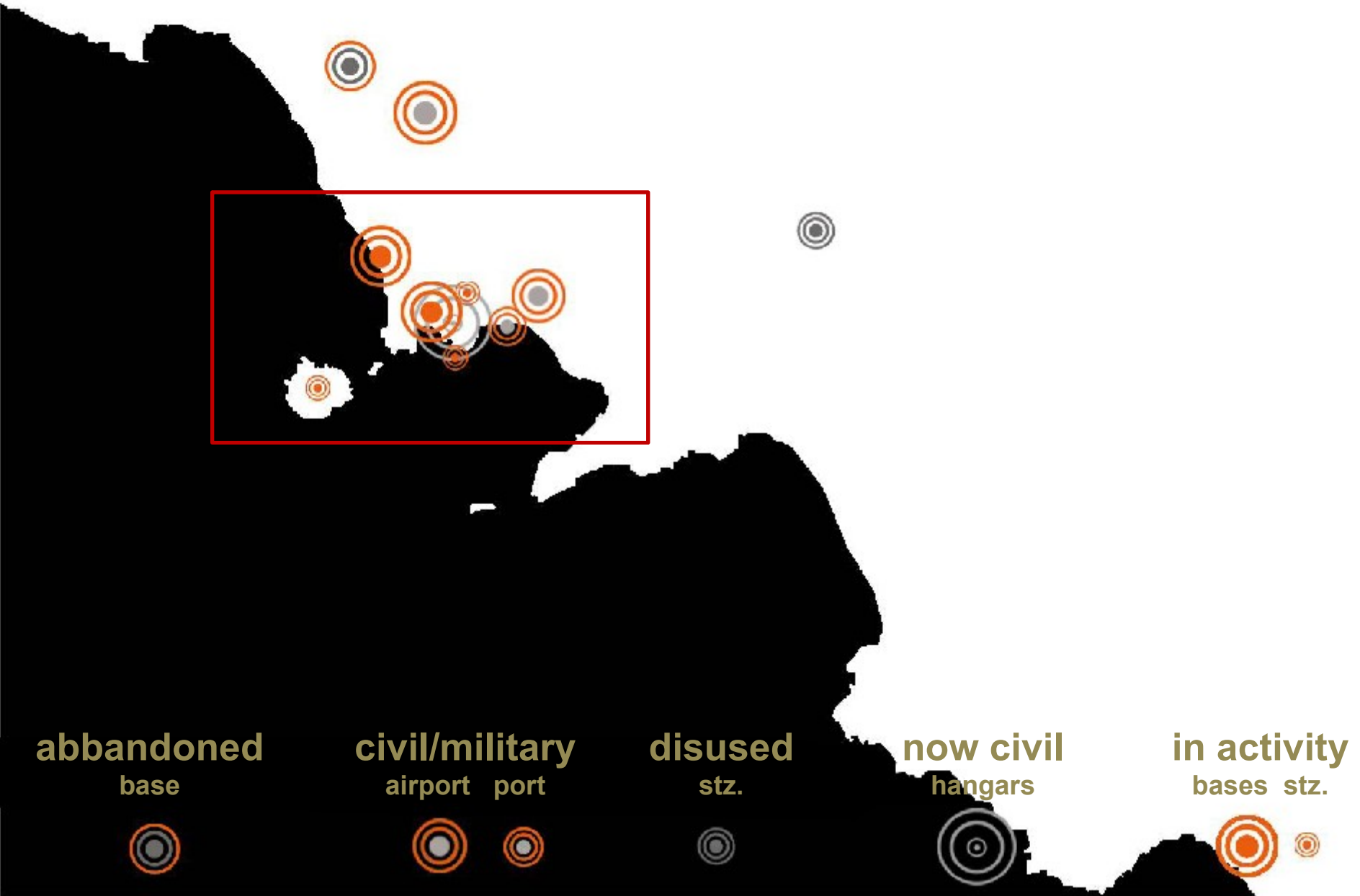


disused  
stz.





**Thesis:** the restricted areas pattern is not totally alien to the territory if the geopolitical military order is longstanding



the white zones are  
restricted areas cut  
before the cataloging  
because of their military  
importance

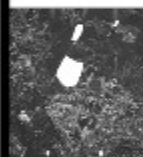


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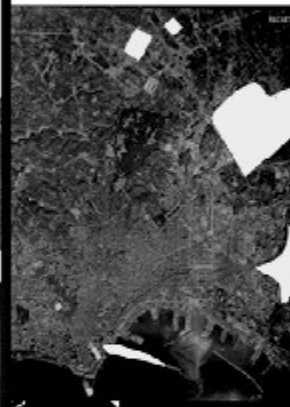


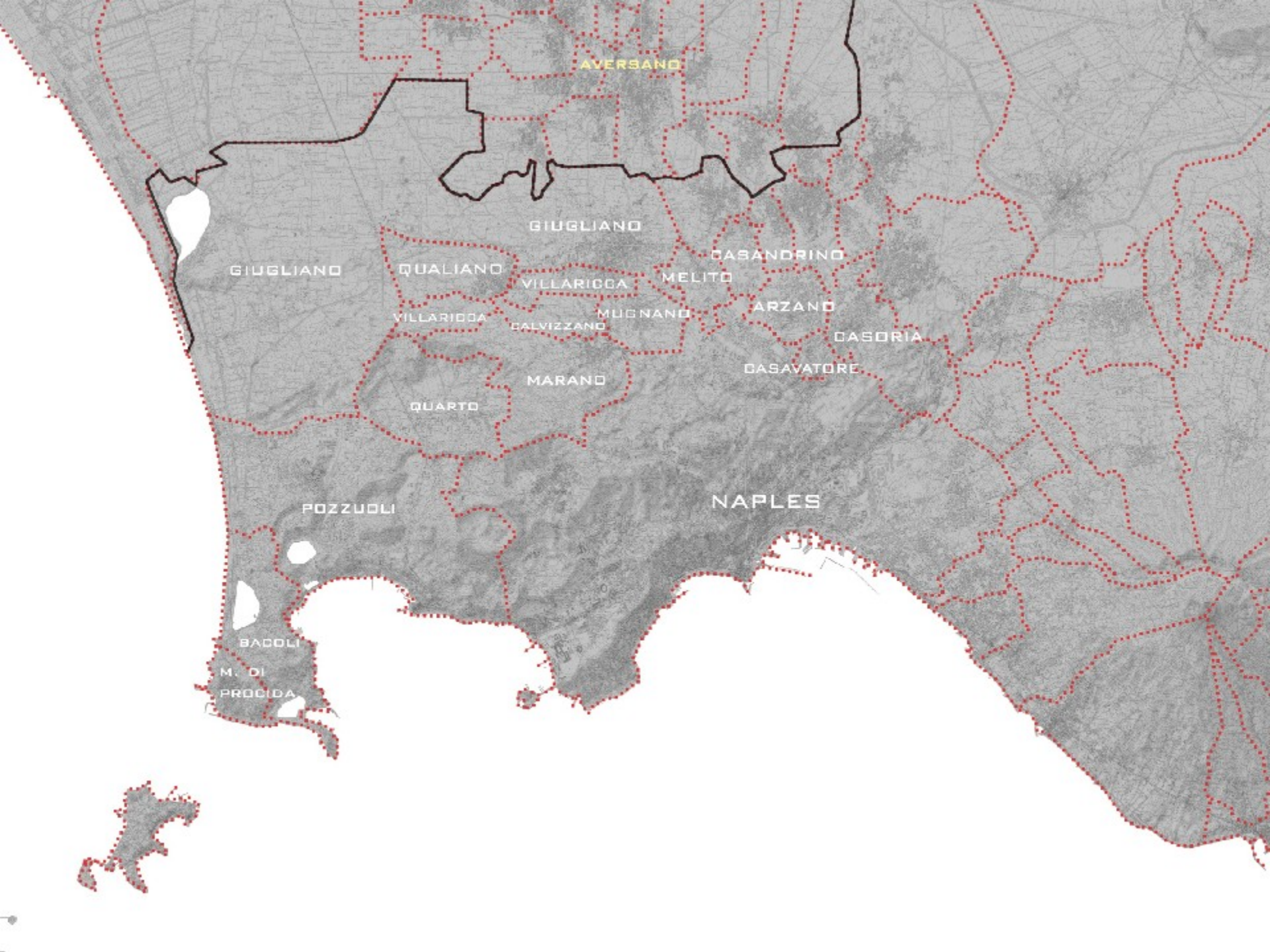
1950

1955



1951





AVERSA

GIUGLIANO

CASANDRINO

GIUGLIANO

QUALIANO

VILLARICCA

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CALVIZZANO

MUGNANO

ARZANO

CASORIA

CASAVATORE

MARANO

QUARTO

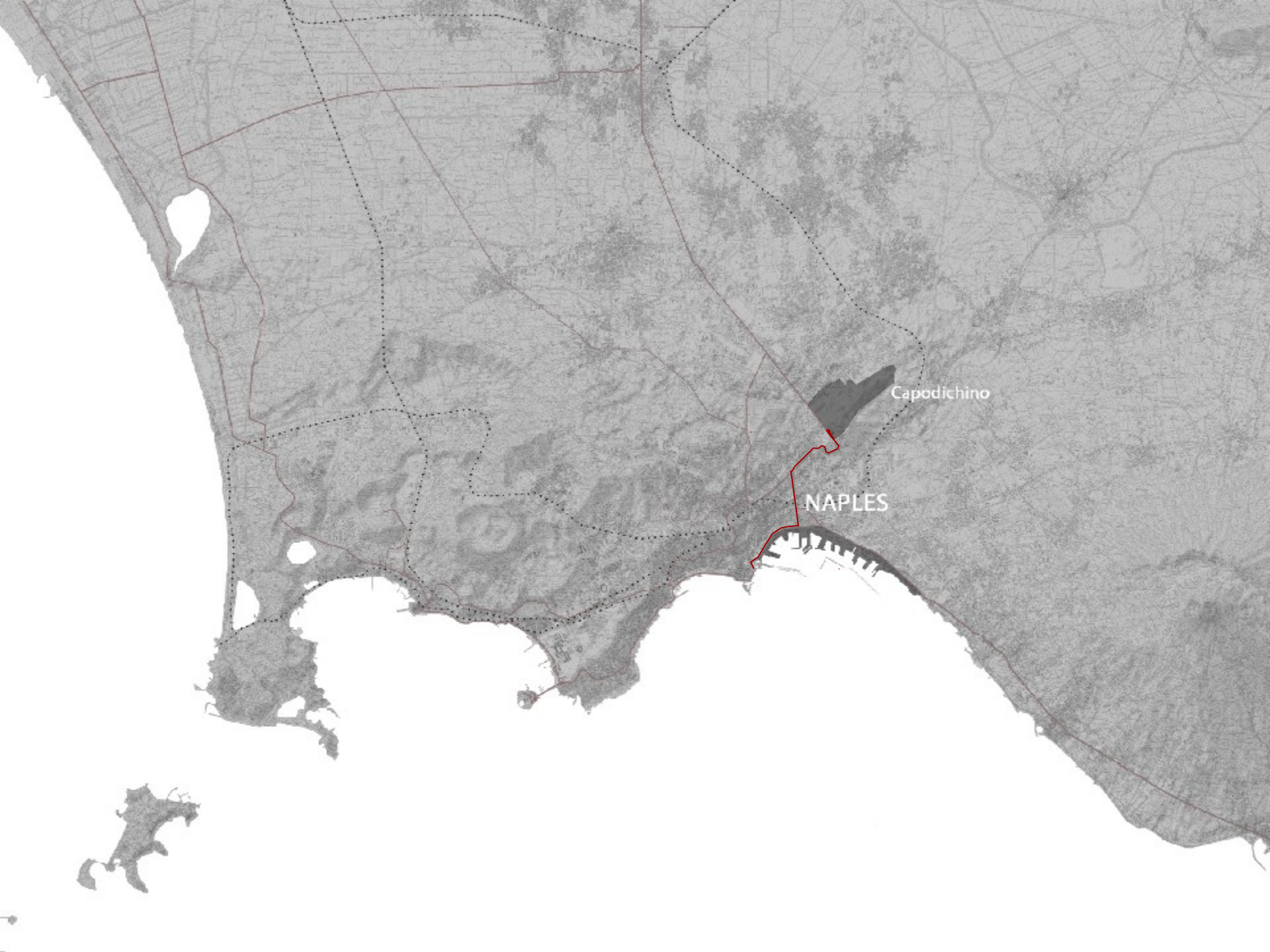
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NAPLES

BADOLI

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PROCIDA





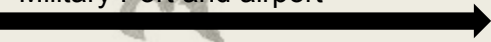
Capodichino

NAPLES



**1943**

**1943 allied occupation**  
Military Port and airport







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NATO Hdq in Bagnoli

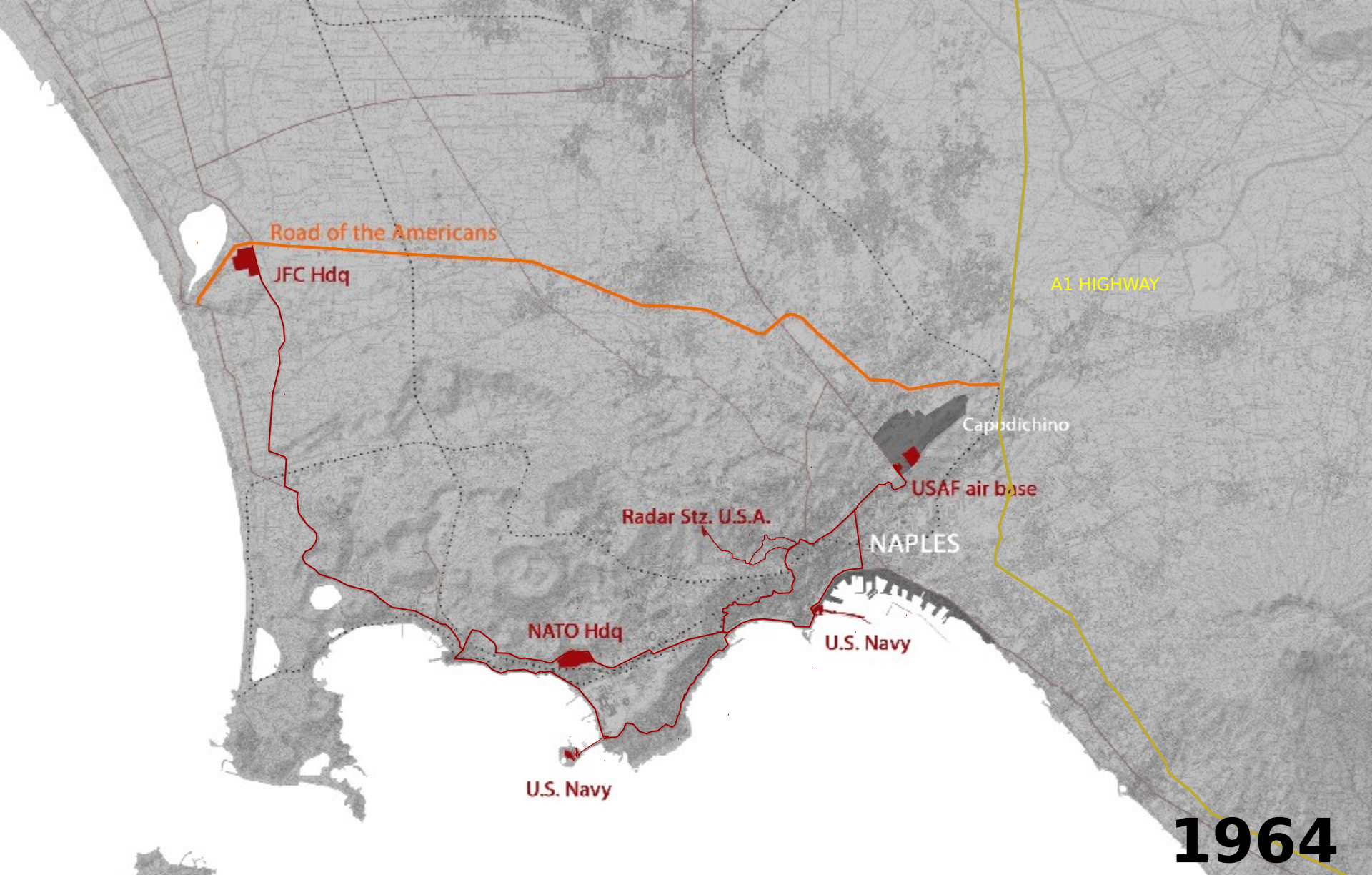




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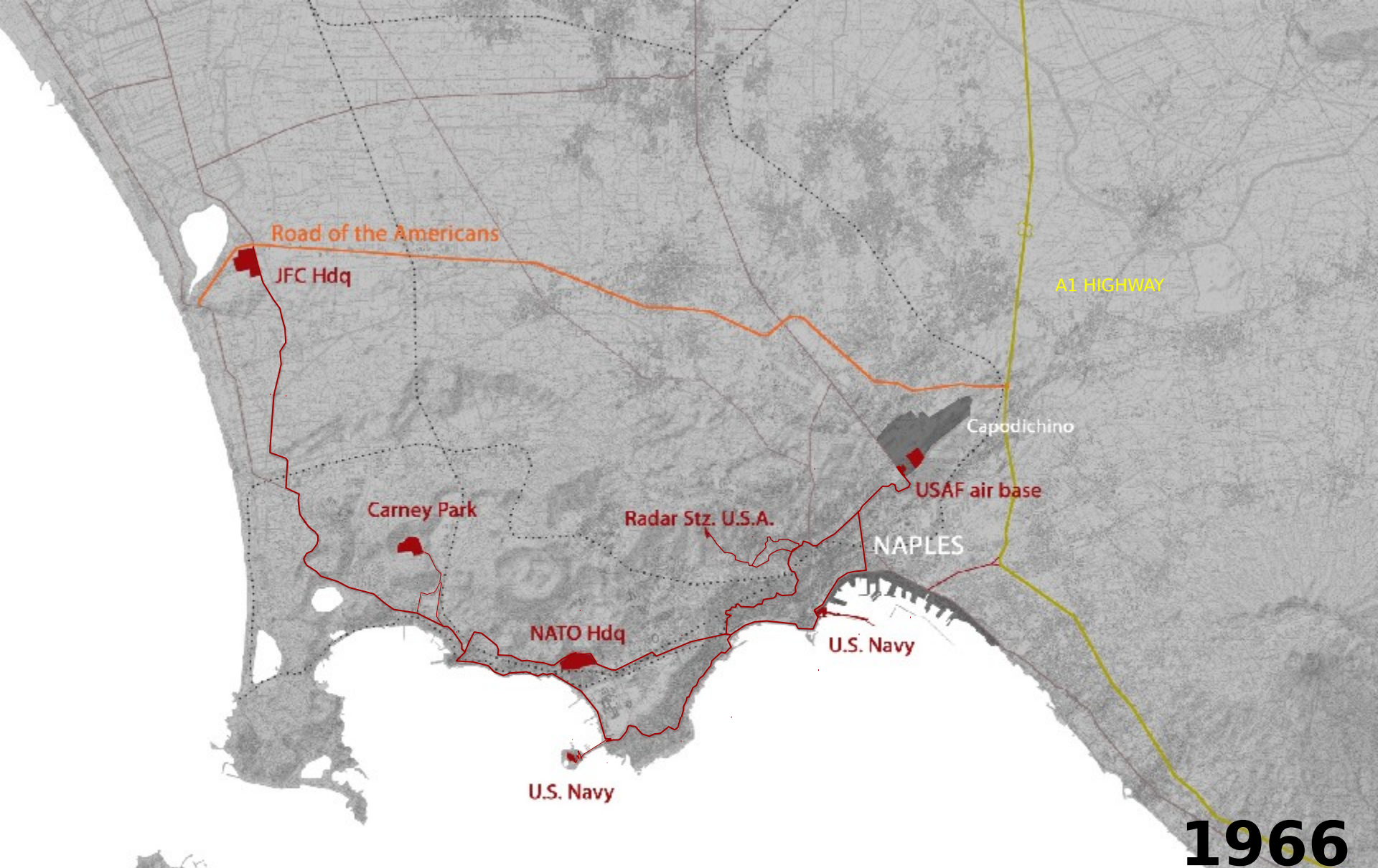
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Project outer ring road



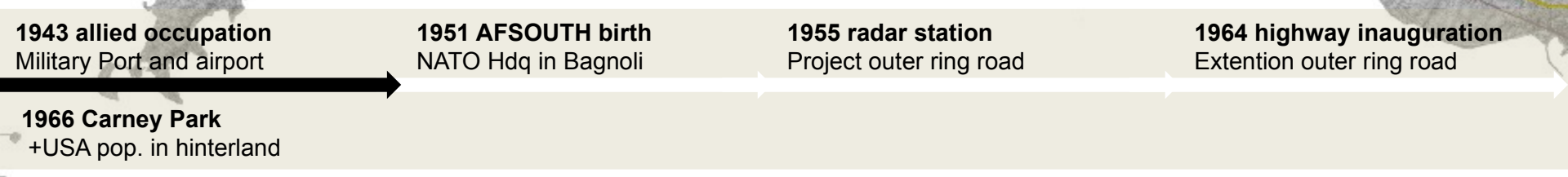
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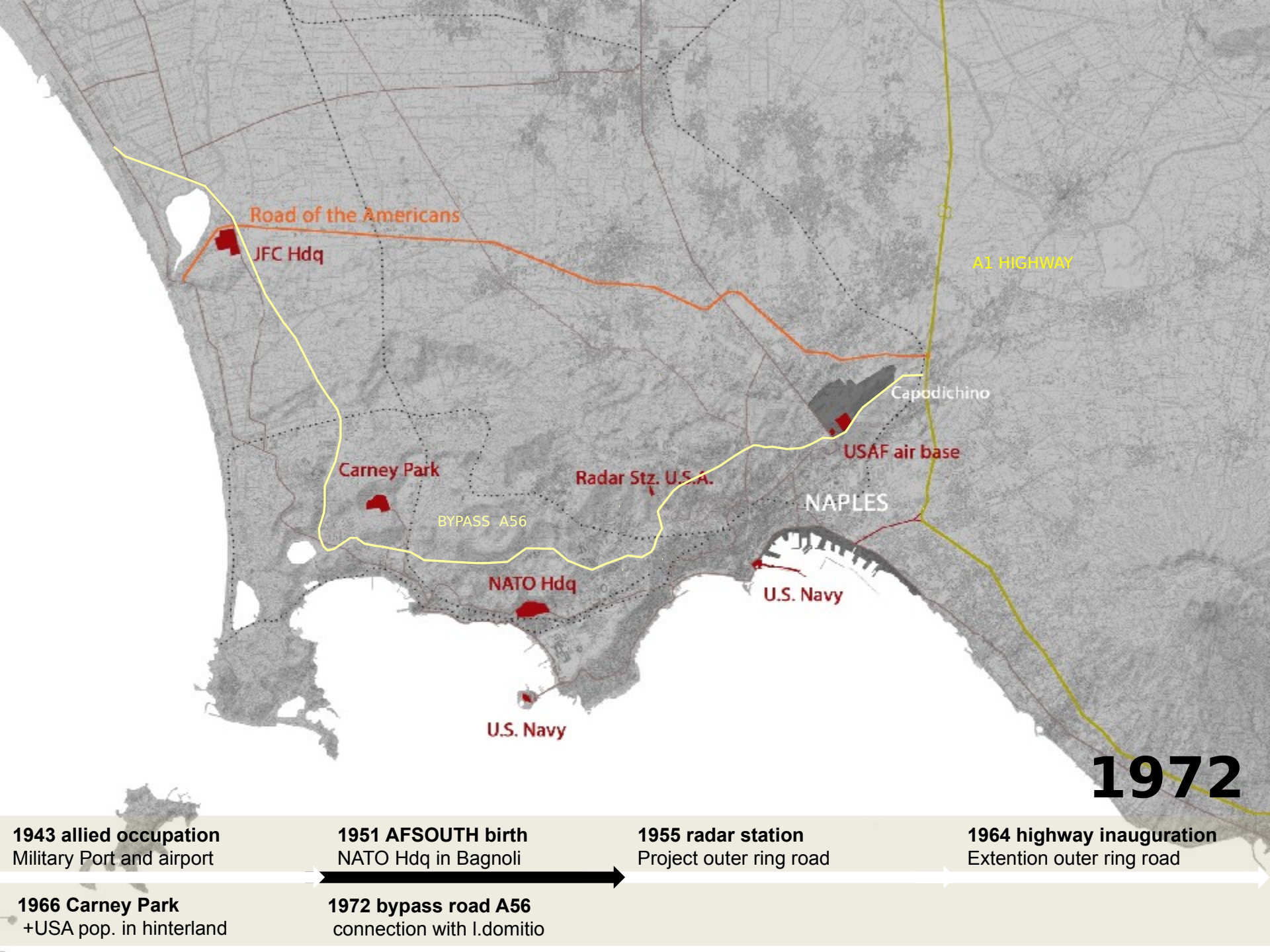




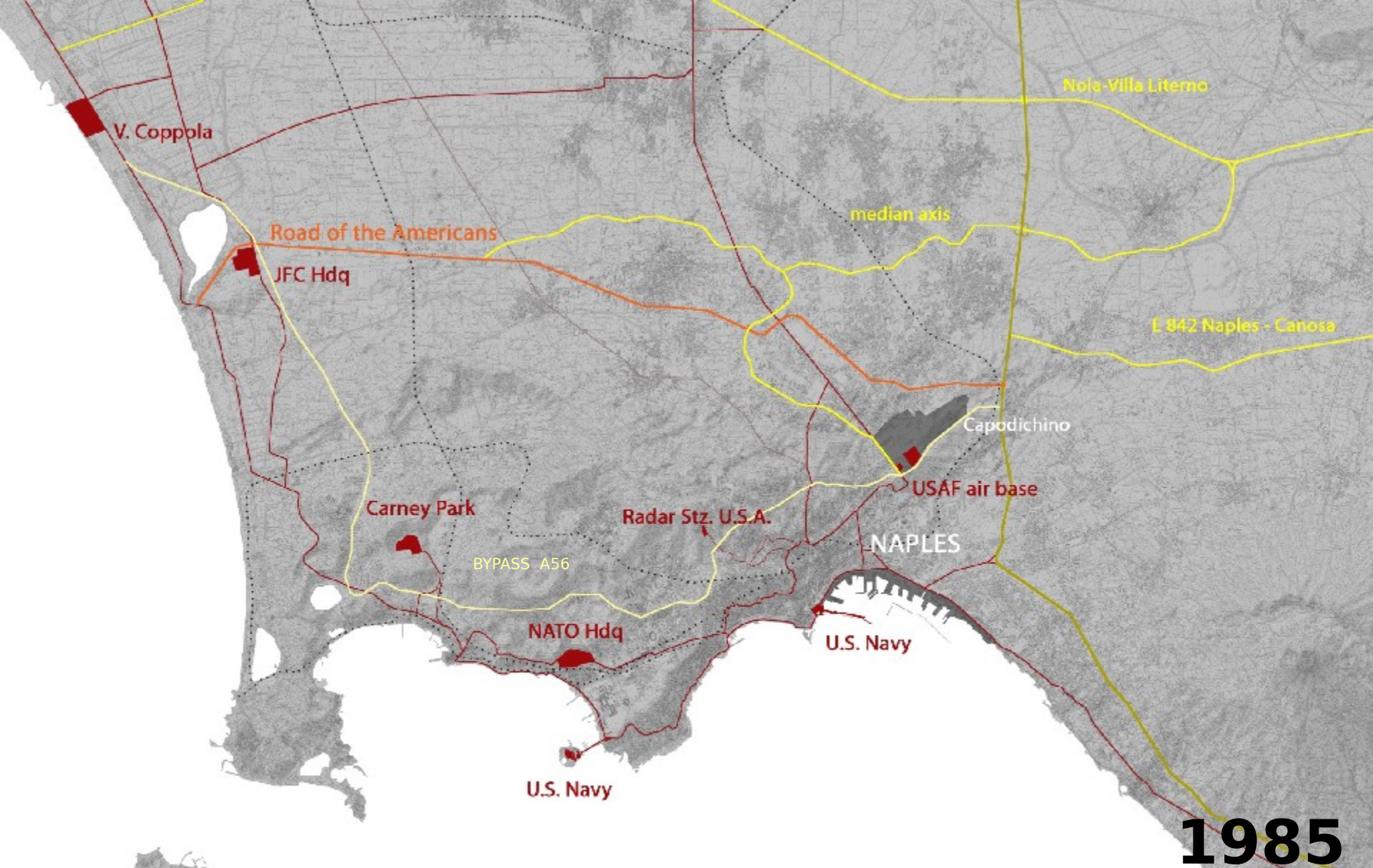


**1966**









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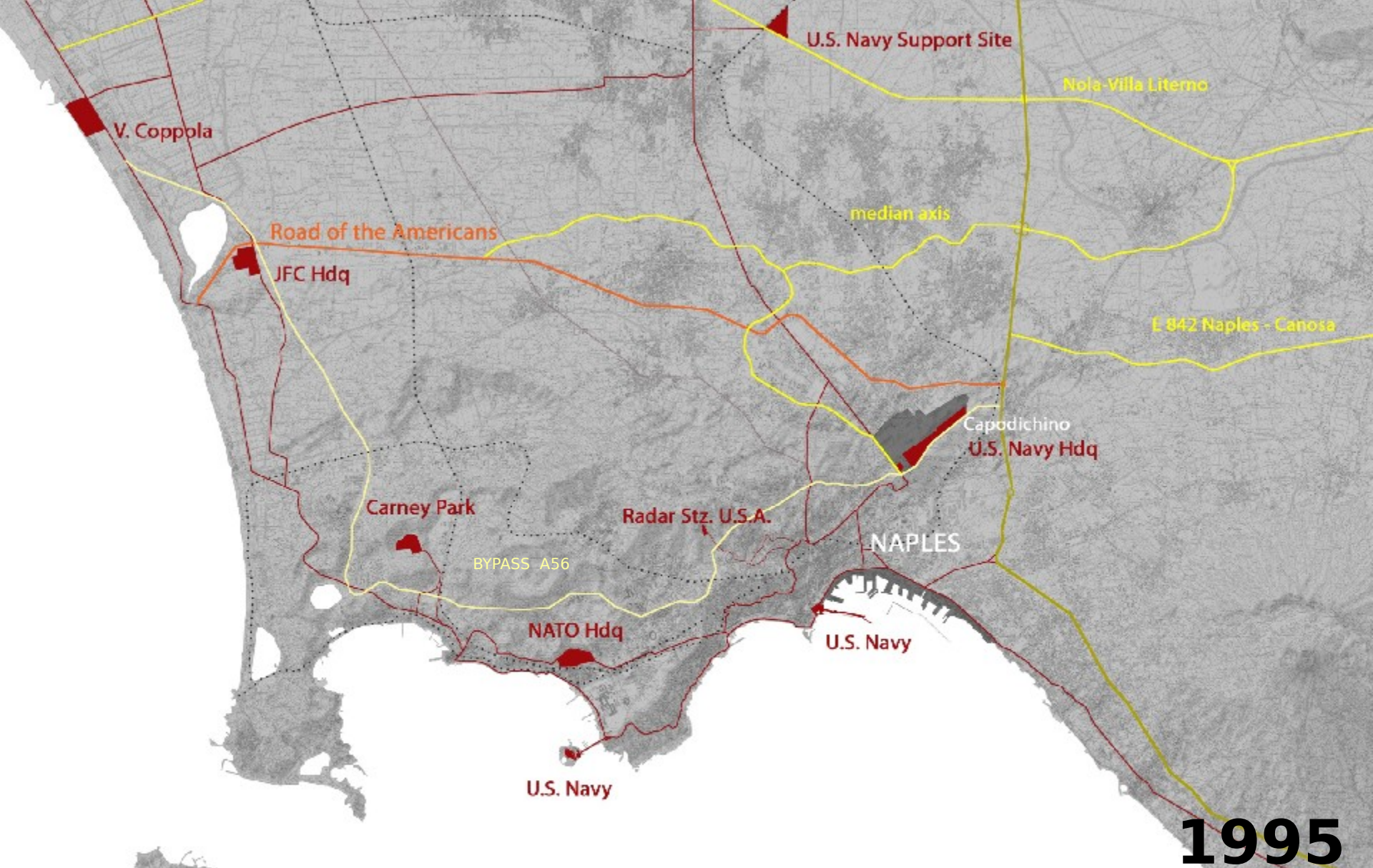
**1964 highway inauguration**  
Extention outer ring road

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+USA pop. in hinterland

**1972 bypass road A56**  
connection with I.domitio

**1985 support axes**  
restricted area V. Coppola





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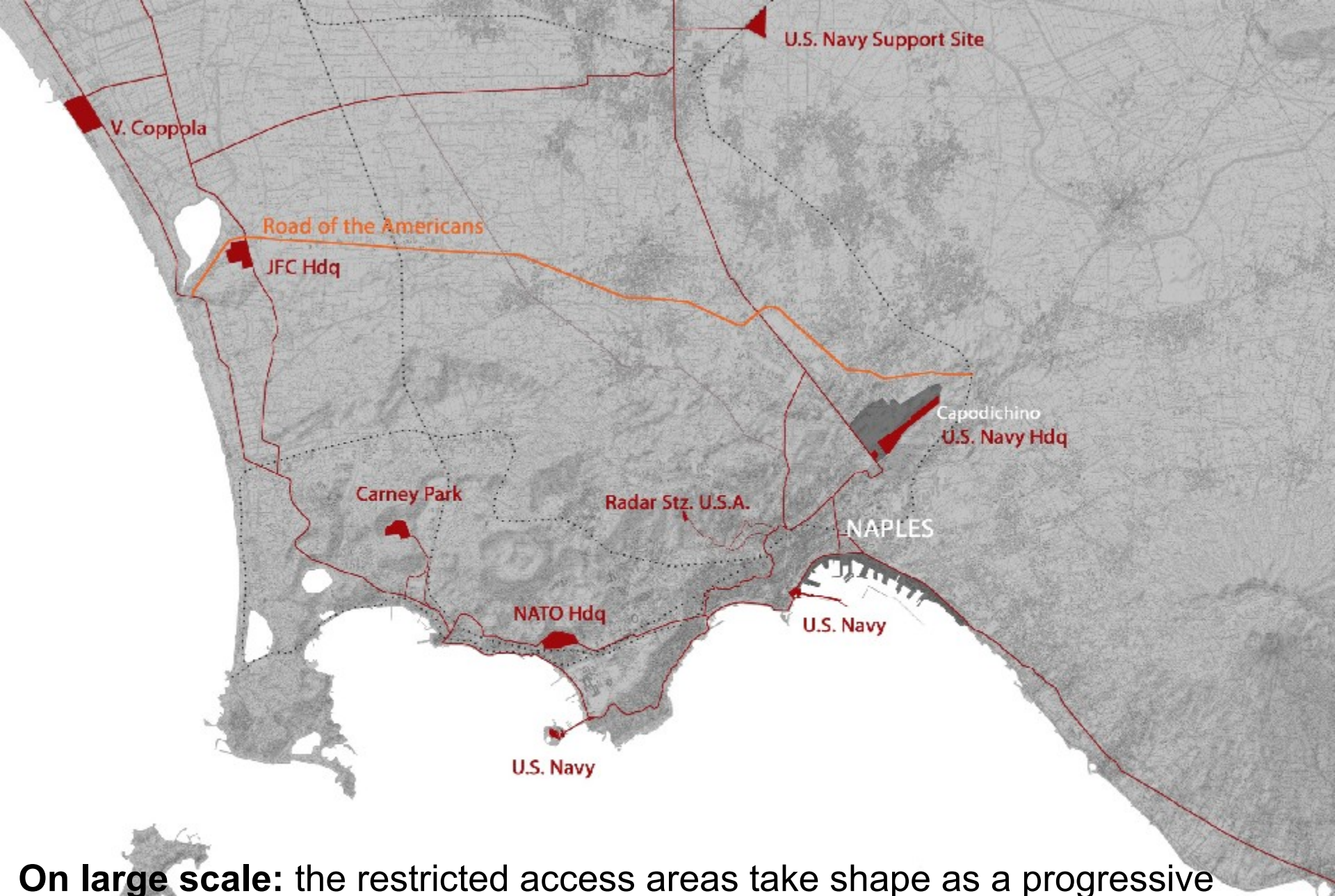
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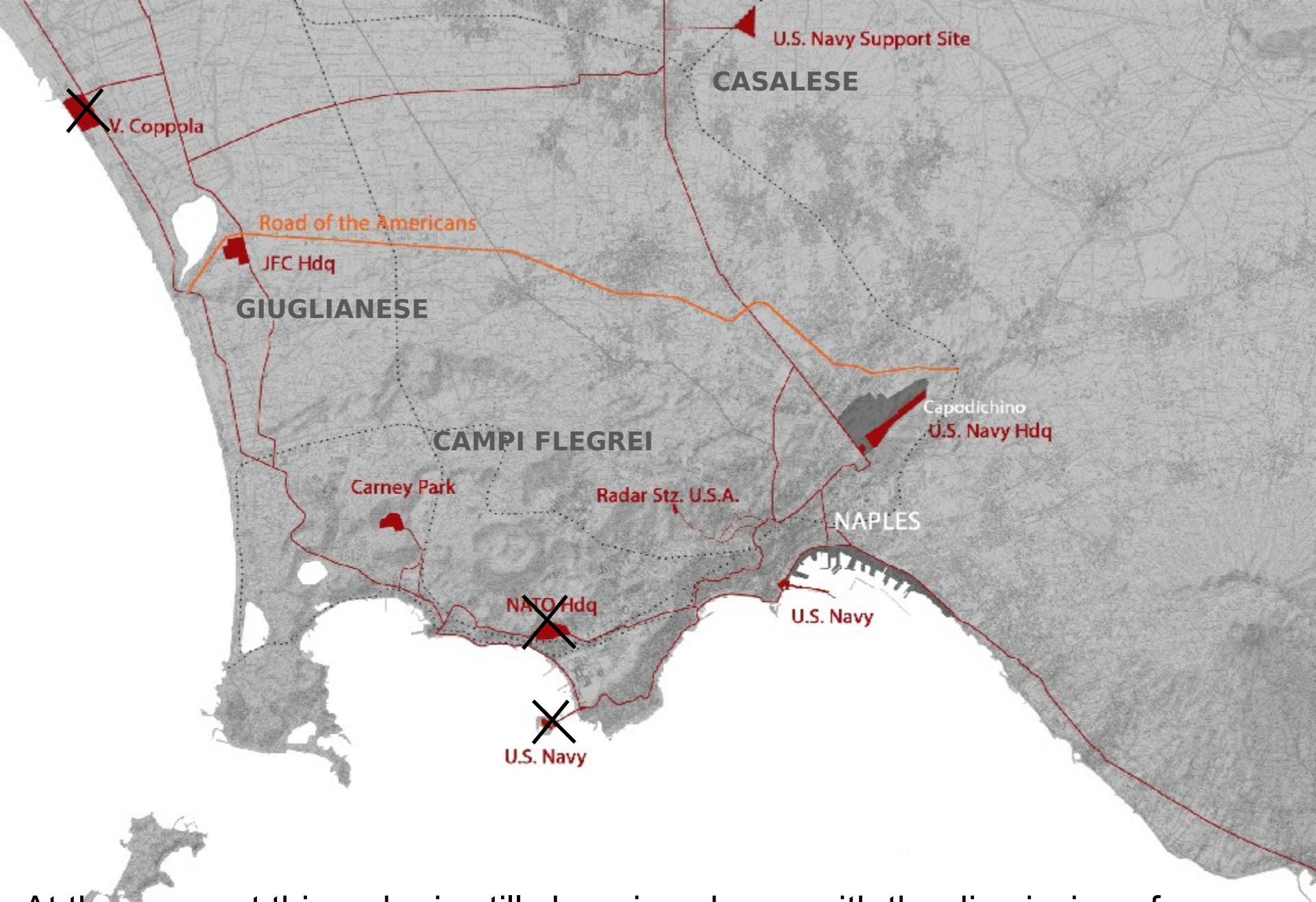
**1995 NII [US NAVY]**  
Hinterland saturation





**On large scale:** the restricted access areas take shape as a progressive encirclement of the metropolitan region and takes part in the infrastructural and metropolitan development of our hinterland



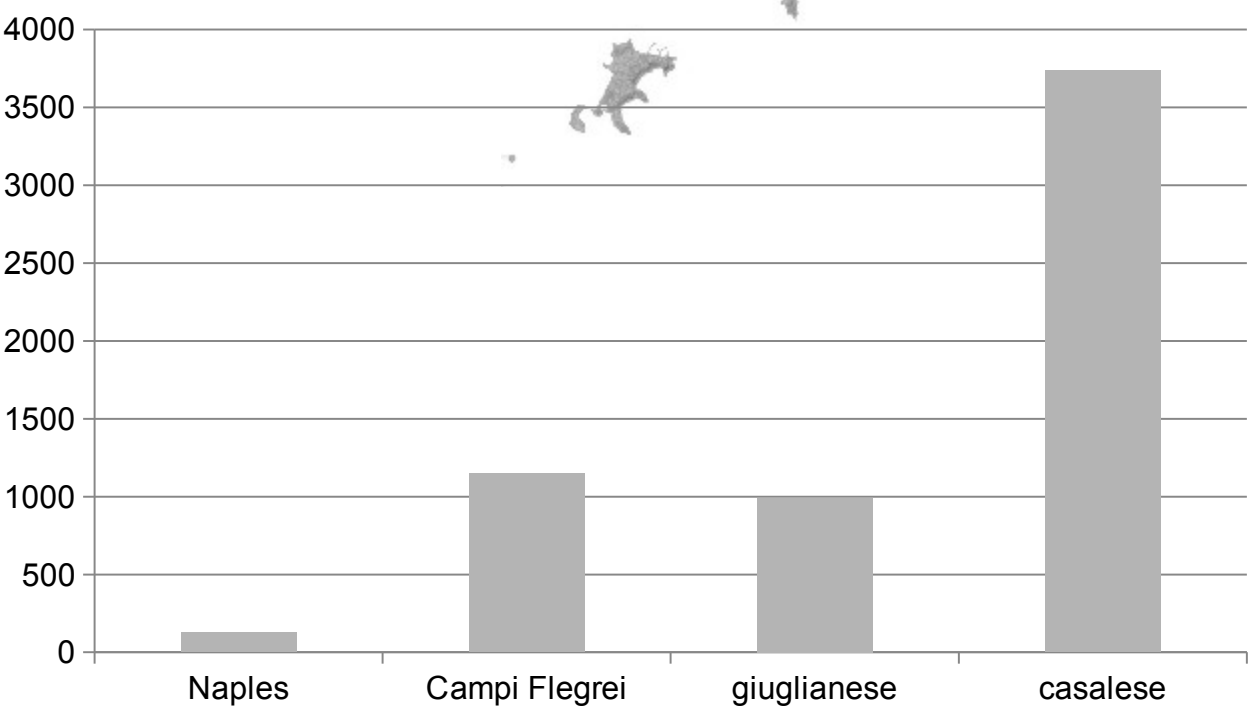
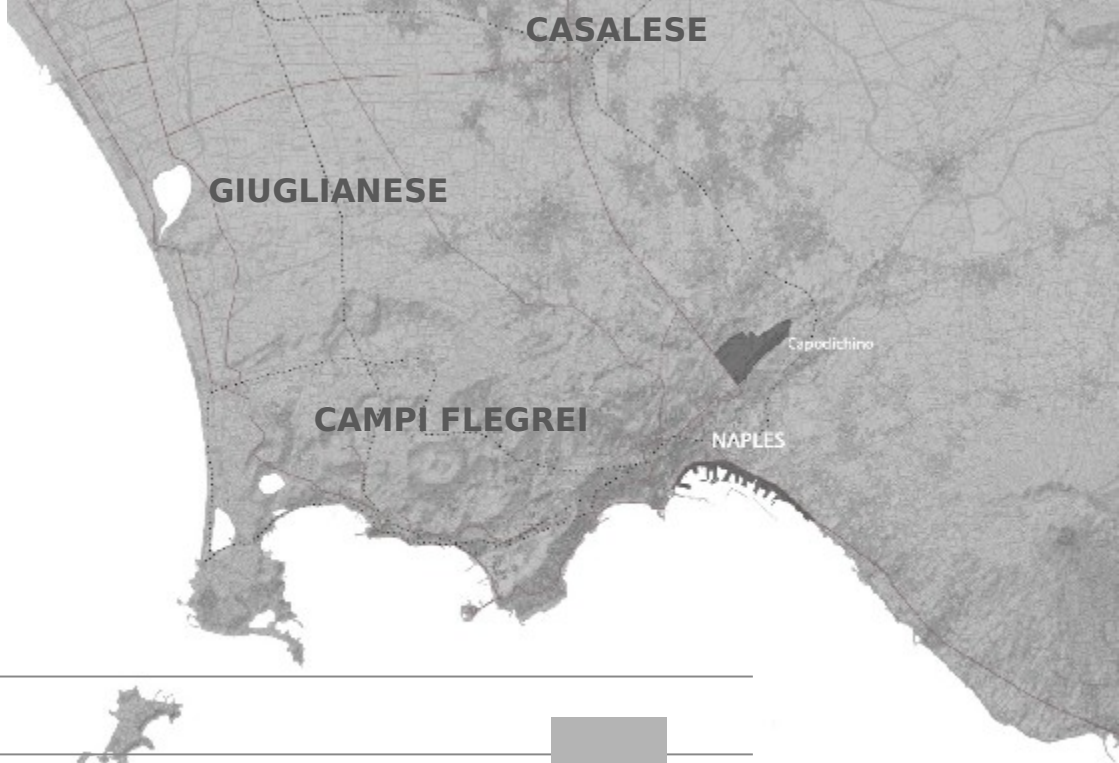


At the moment this order is still changing shape, with the dismissal of historical NATO sites and the enforcement of others

Americans living in private homes:  
3.642 (soldiers/civilians)

Americans living in government parks:  
3.267 (soldiers/civilians)

Americans in our city region:  
6.909 (soldiers/civilians)



# Naples

Airport-Port / US Navy





# 1943-1945 First emergency occupancy in the city

(allied military government, entertainments national service association, navy army & air force Instit.)





# 1995 Capodichino US Navy Support Site

Naples Improvement Initiative (NII), construction of the usa citadel (256ha)

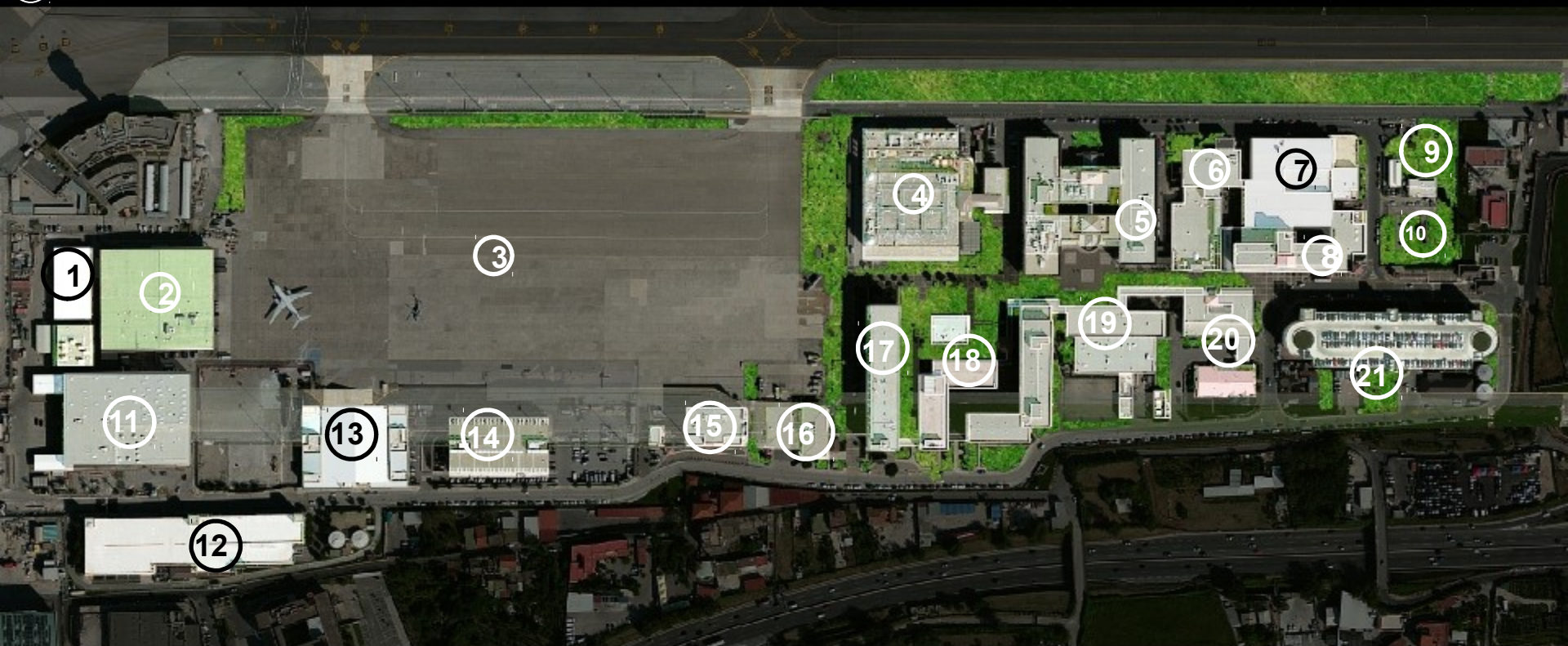




# Capodichino US Navy Support Site

Base USAF + Support Site [*Naples Improvement Initiative (NII)1995*]

- |                     |                  |                   |
|---------------------|------------------|-------------------|
| ① General store     | ⑤ Administration | ⑧ Theater. Chapel |
| ② Aircraft terminal | ⑥ Club. minimart | ⑨ Substation      |
| ③ Aircraft parking  | ⑦ Gym            | ⑩ Weapons storage |
| ④ Command hq        |                  |                   |



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|------------------------|-----------------------|--------------------------|
| ⑪ General store supply | ⑮ Passangers Terminal | ⑲ Bachelor Lodge III     |
| ⑫ Garage               | ⑯ Fire/security       | ⑳ Courts/shopping center |
| ⑬ Aircraft hanger      | ⑰ Bachelor Lodge I    | ㉑ Park                   |
| ⑭ Public works office  | ⑱ Bachelor Lodge II   |                          |



# Capodichino US Navy Support Site

Neoclassical architecture for the citadel





# Port as support base under NATO control: state of exception



## Ordinary functions



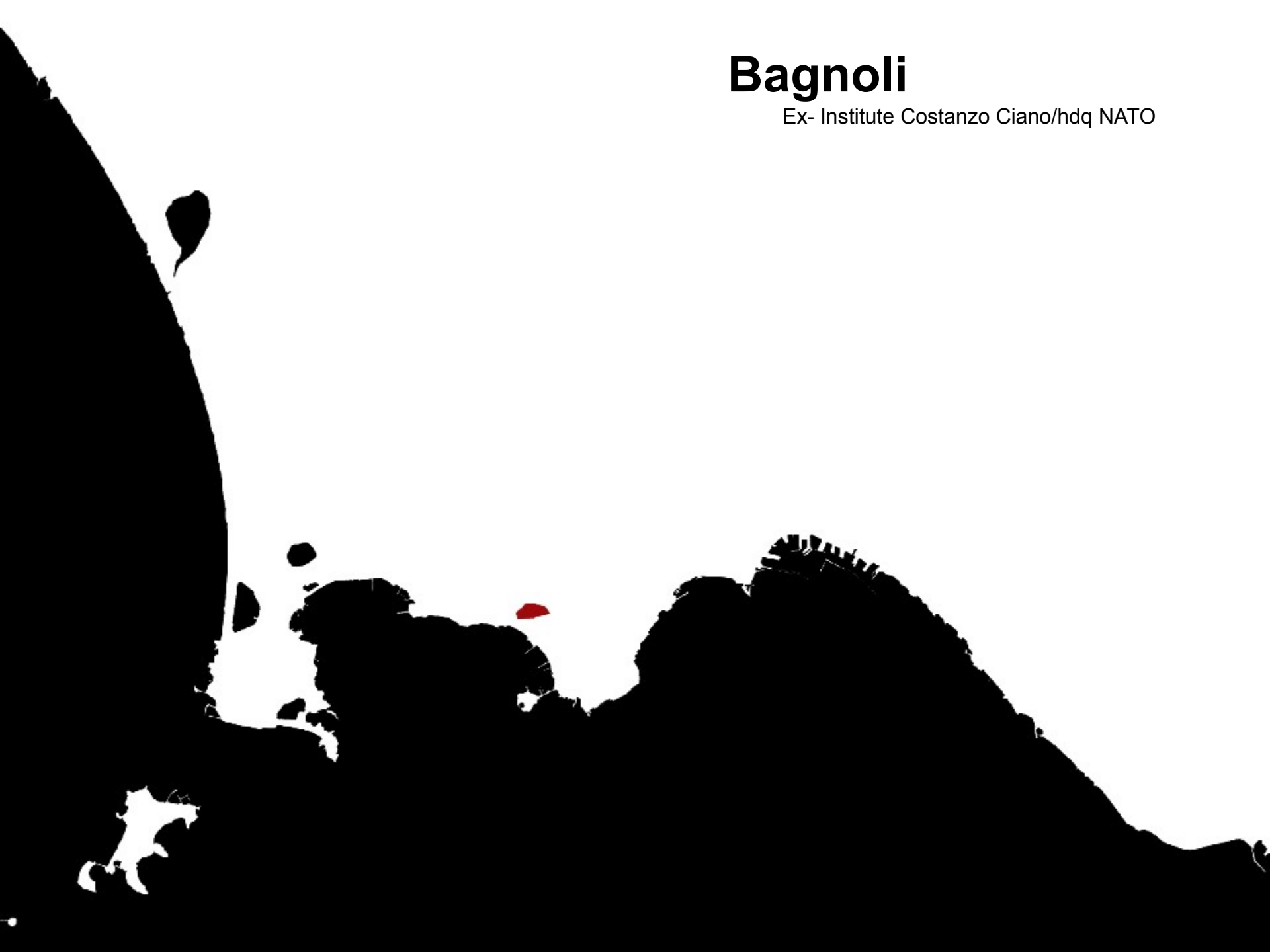
## AFSOUTH-USNAVY missions

- **1950-1989 COLD WAR;**  
SOVIET EXPANSION CONTROL
- **1990-1991 GULF WAR;** “OPERATION SOUTHERN GUARD”+“OPERATION DESERT STORM”;
- **1992-1995 BOSNIA HERZEGOVINA:**  
“OPERATION SHARP GUARD AND DELIBERATE FORCE”
- **1996-1999 KOSOVO;**  
“OPERATION ALLIED FORCE”
- **2001- GLOBAL WAR ON TERRORISM;**  
(AFGHANISTAN)
- **MARCH - OCTOMBER 2011 LYBIA CIVIL WAR;**  
“OPERATION ODYSSEY DOWN”

reference: AFSOUTH press office

# Bagnoli

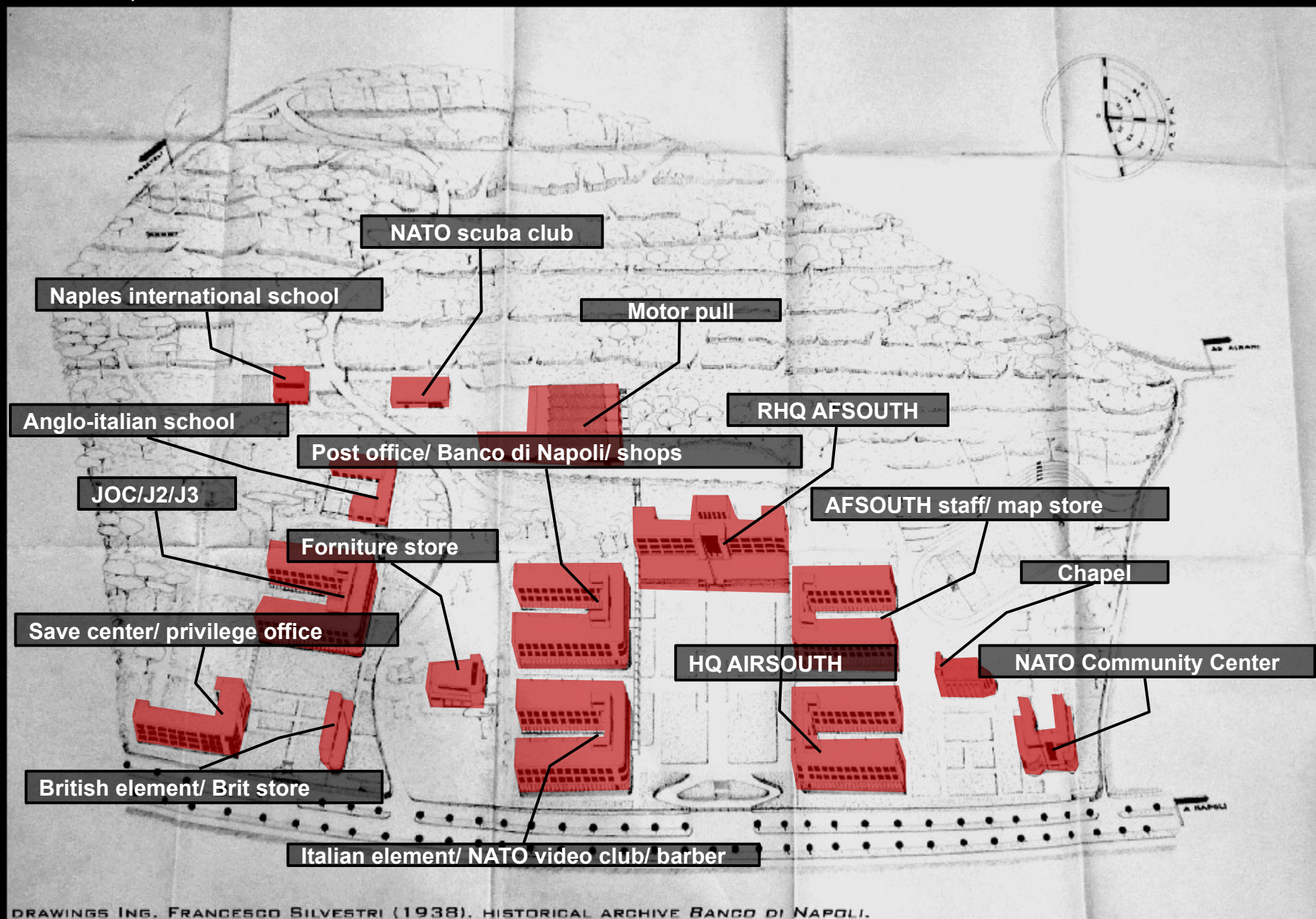
Ex- Institute Costanzo Ciano/hdq NATO





# Ex-institute C.Ciano in Bagnoli

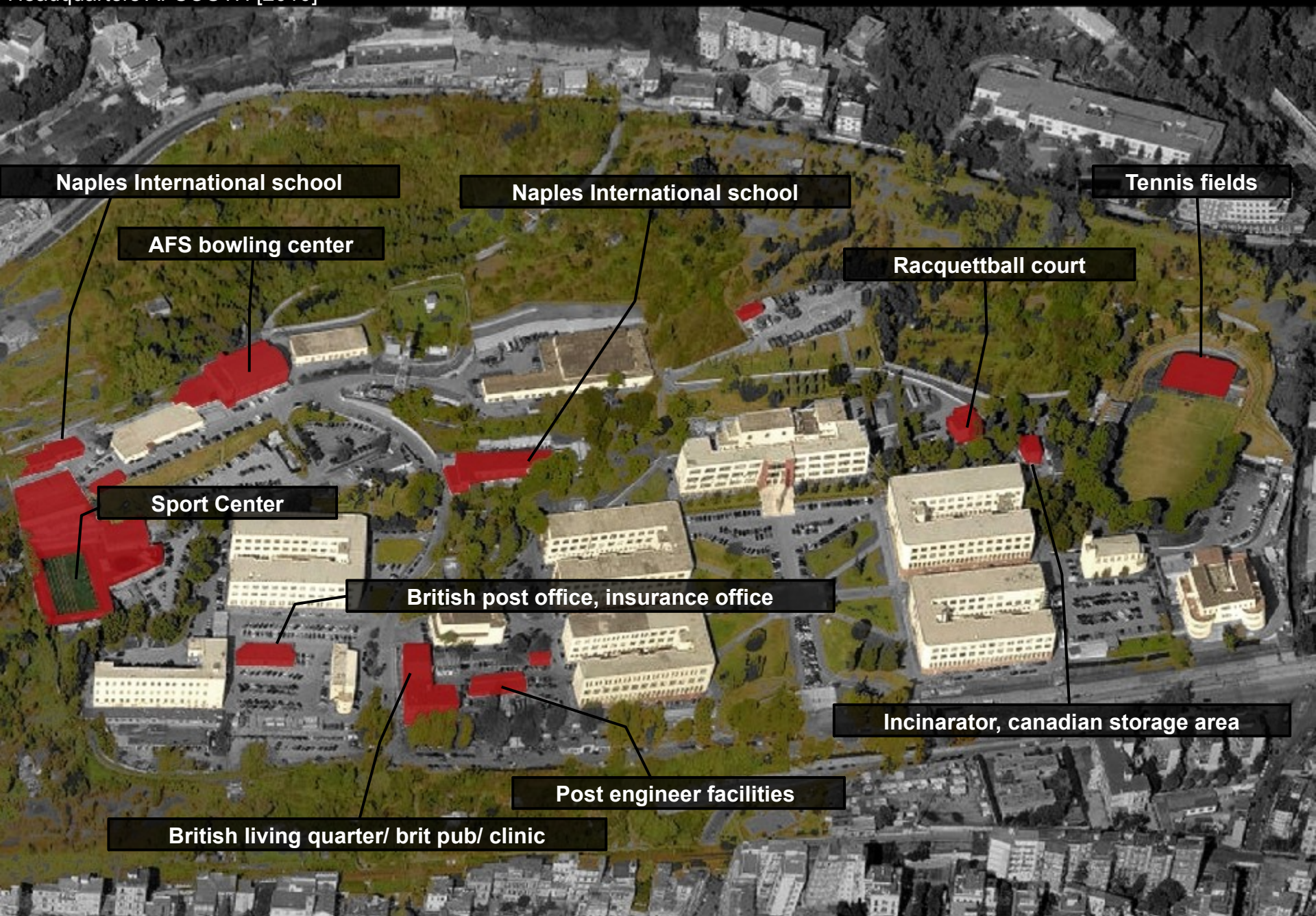
NATO headquarters AFSOUTH





# Ex-institute C.Ciano in Bagnoli

Headquarters AFSOUTH [2010]





# Ex-institute C.Ciano in Bagnoli

Contact with the urban tissue





# Pozzuoli

Carney Park. welfare and recreation commands



# Carney Park

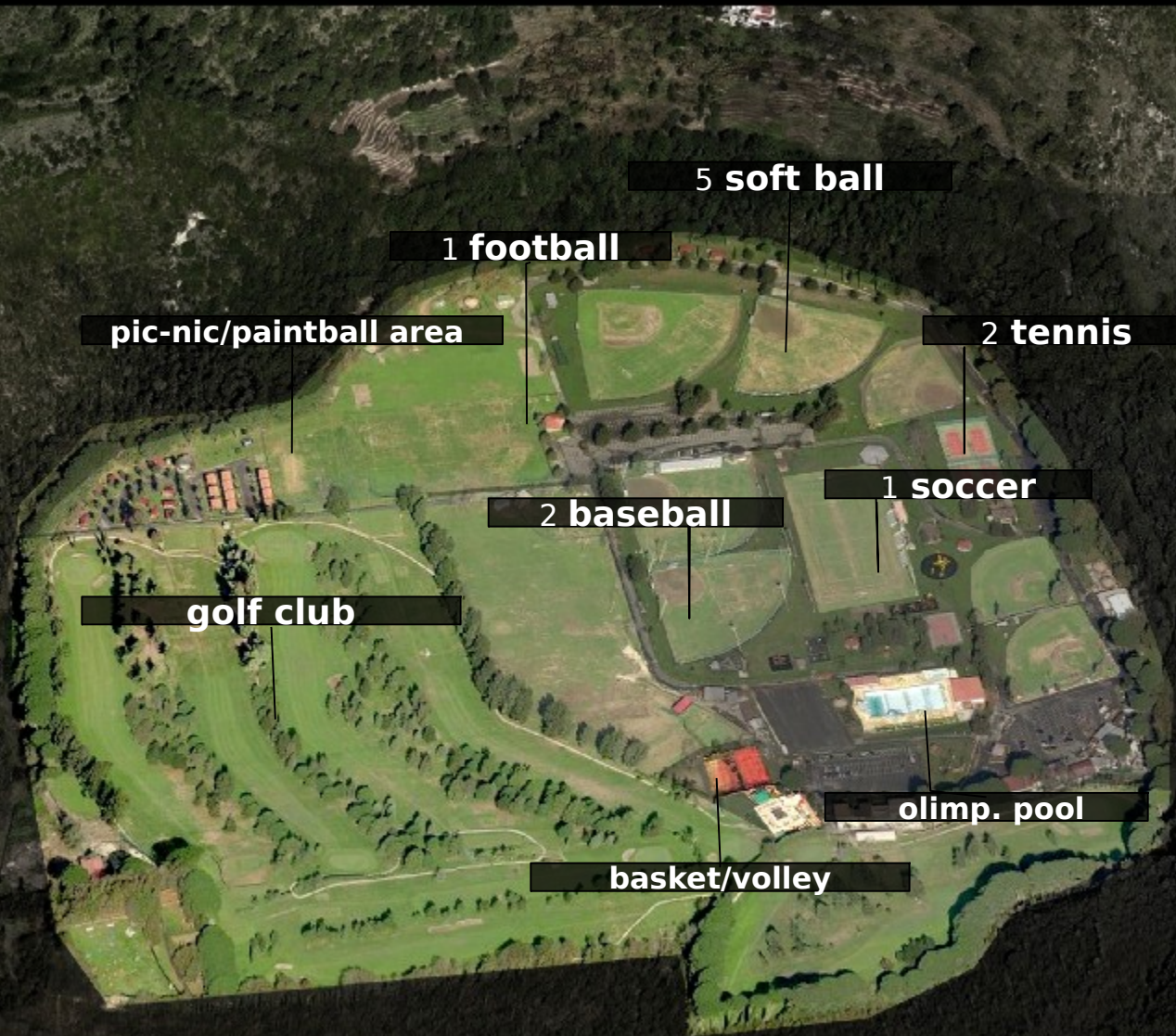
21 may 1966. Morale, Welfare, and Recreation Command (MWR), USA department of defense





# Carney Park

38ha



5 soft ball

1 football

pic-nic/paintball area

2 tennis

2 baseball

1 soccer

golf club

olimp. pool

basket/volley

# Lago Patria

Radar station/New hdq NATO





# Lago Patria 1954



# Lago Patria

1954

1955



Lago Patria

Roads of the Americans

RADAR STZ. USA

domitiana

madonna del pantano



# Lago Patria

1954

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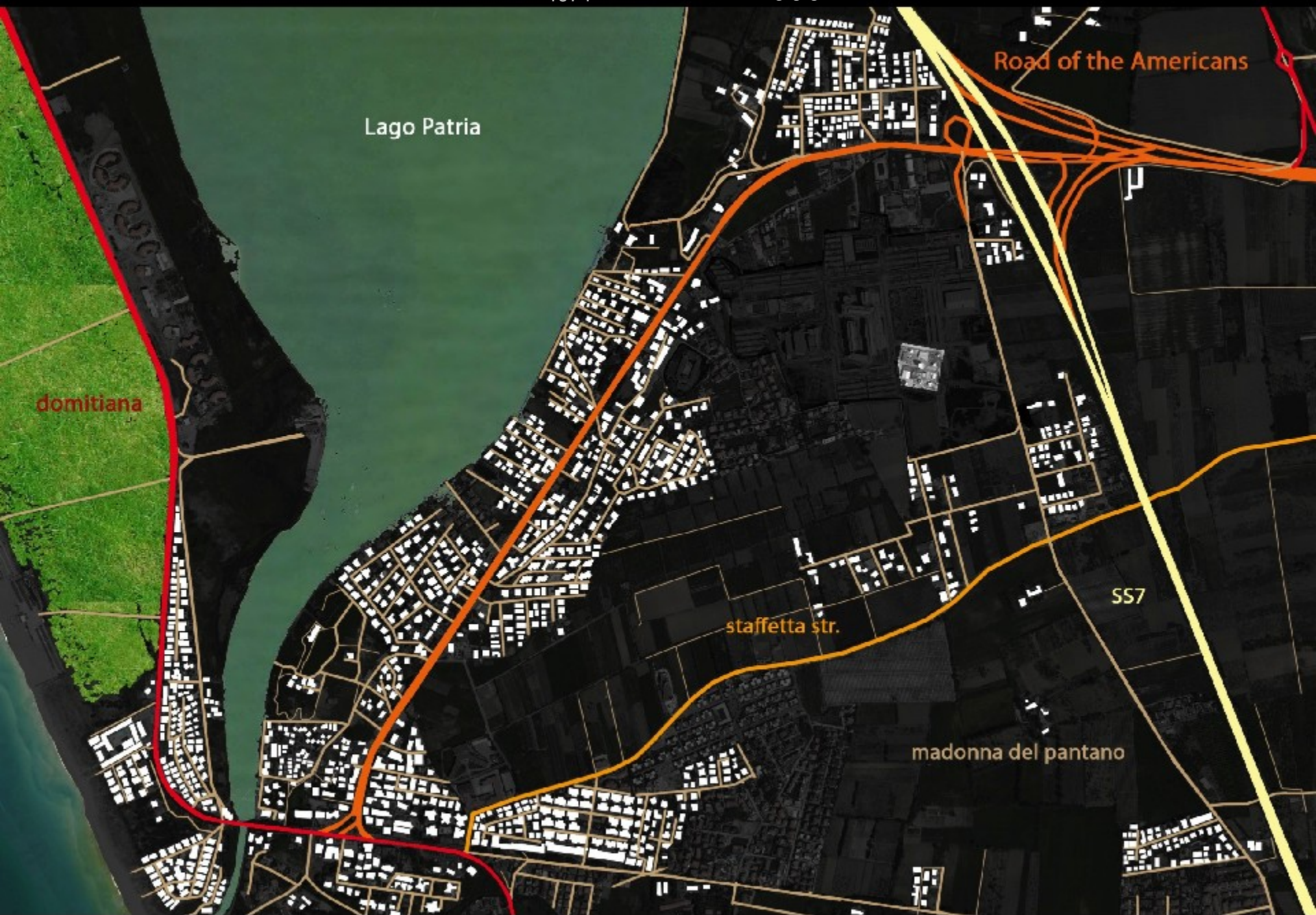
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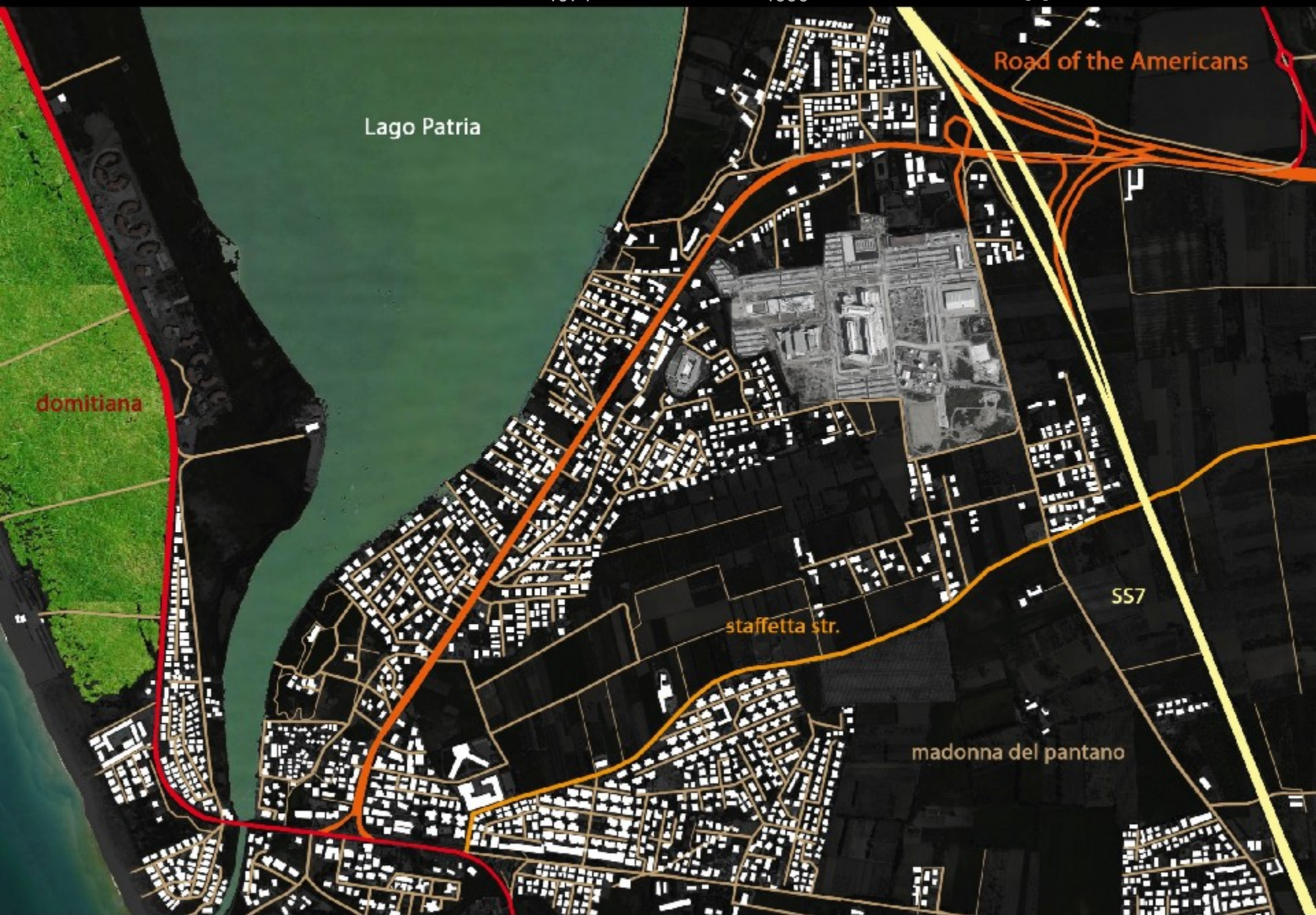
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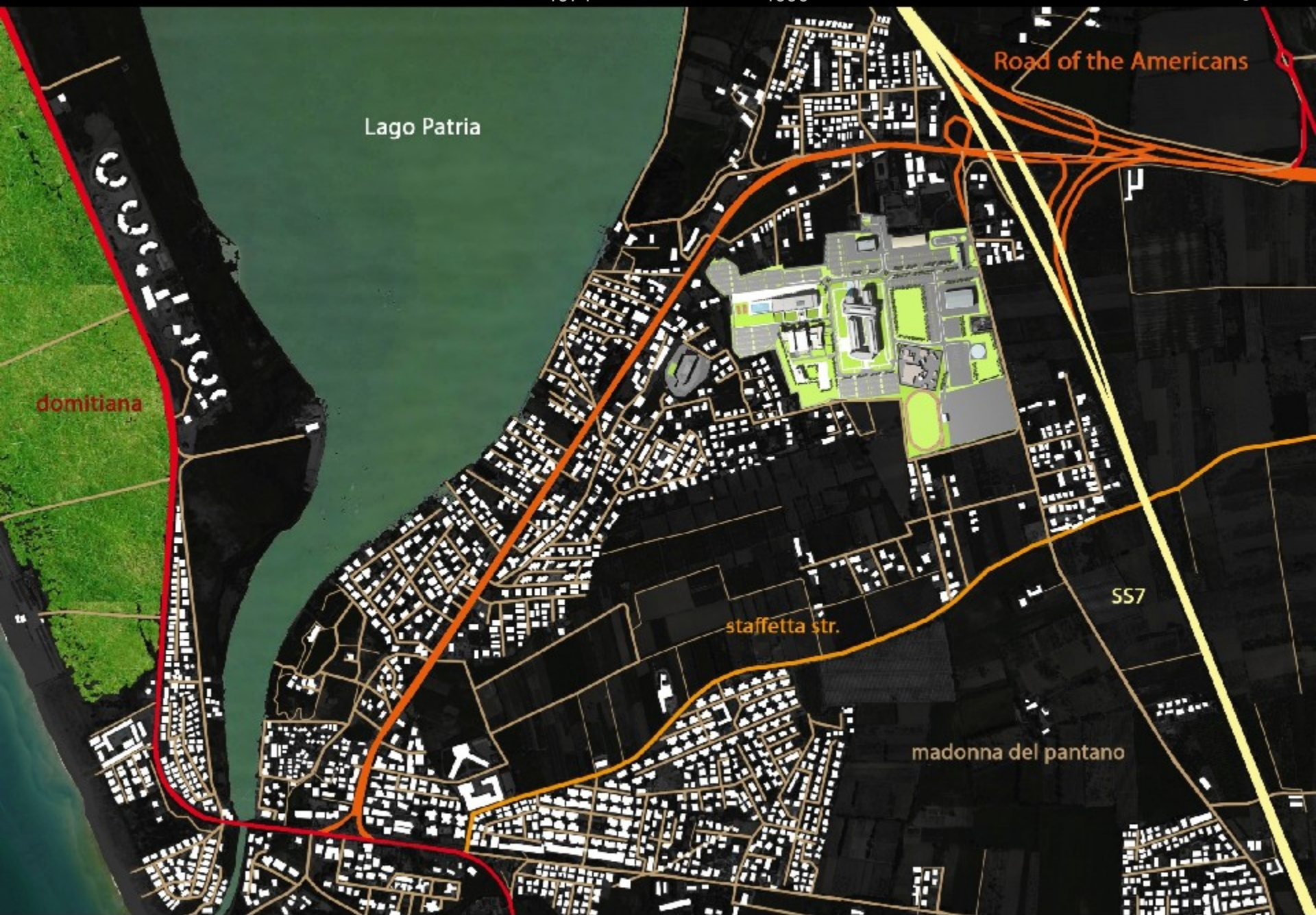
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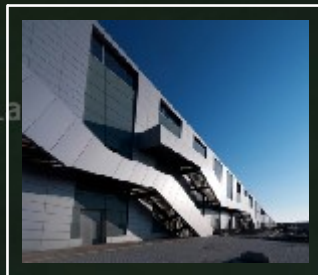




# Lago Patria

New Headquarters NATO JFC. Site: 32ha GFA: 90.000mq Cost: 175.000.000mln

Shopping center



Hdq NATO



Stz. Tel. 1,30ha



British Forces School



Italian command



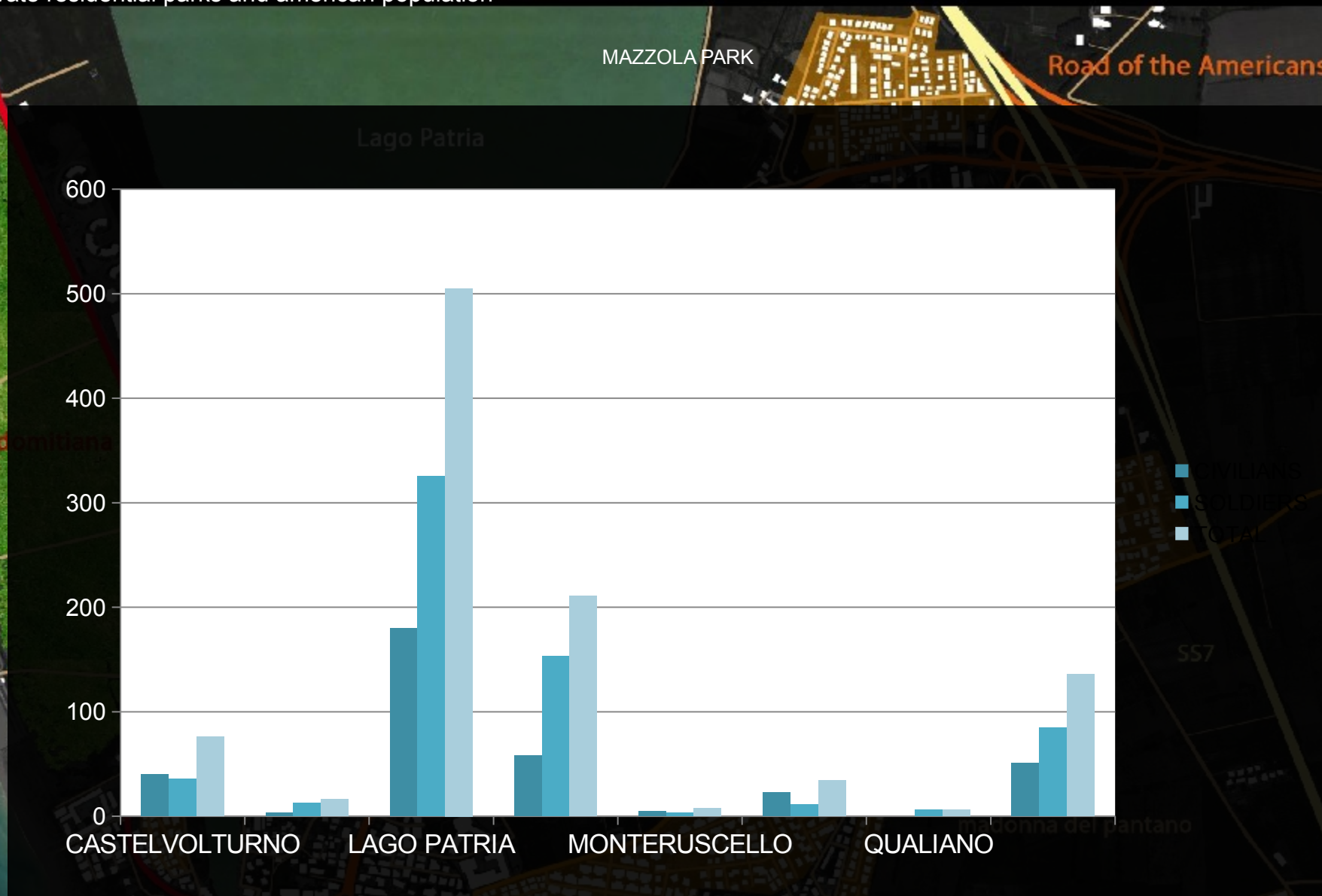
Hdq Bunker 17.000mq





# Lago Patria

Private residential parks and american population





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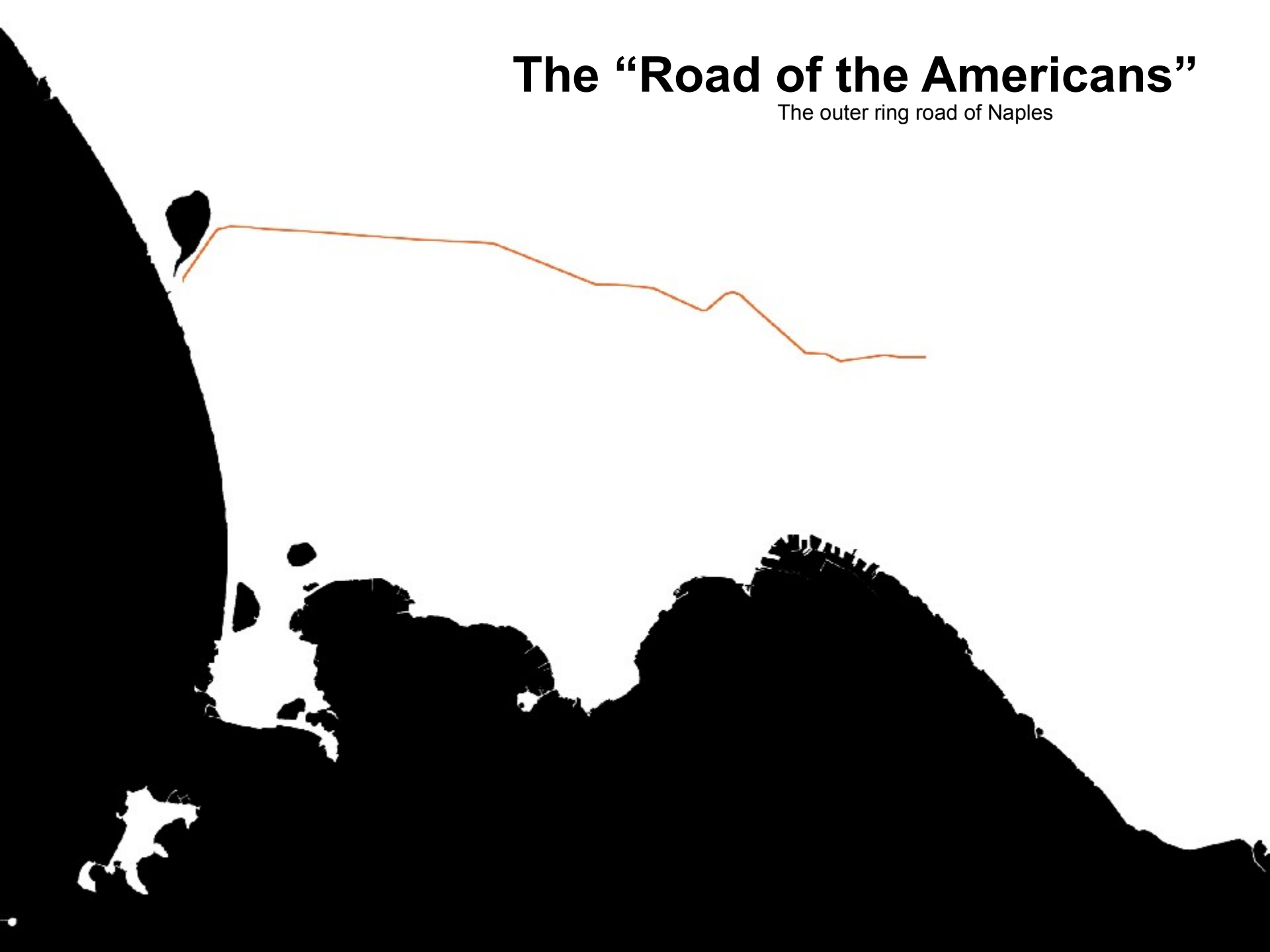
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# The “Road of the Americans”

The outer ring road of Naples



# The "Road of the Americans"

Hinterland





# The “Road of the Americans”

Process of urban growth



1954

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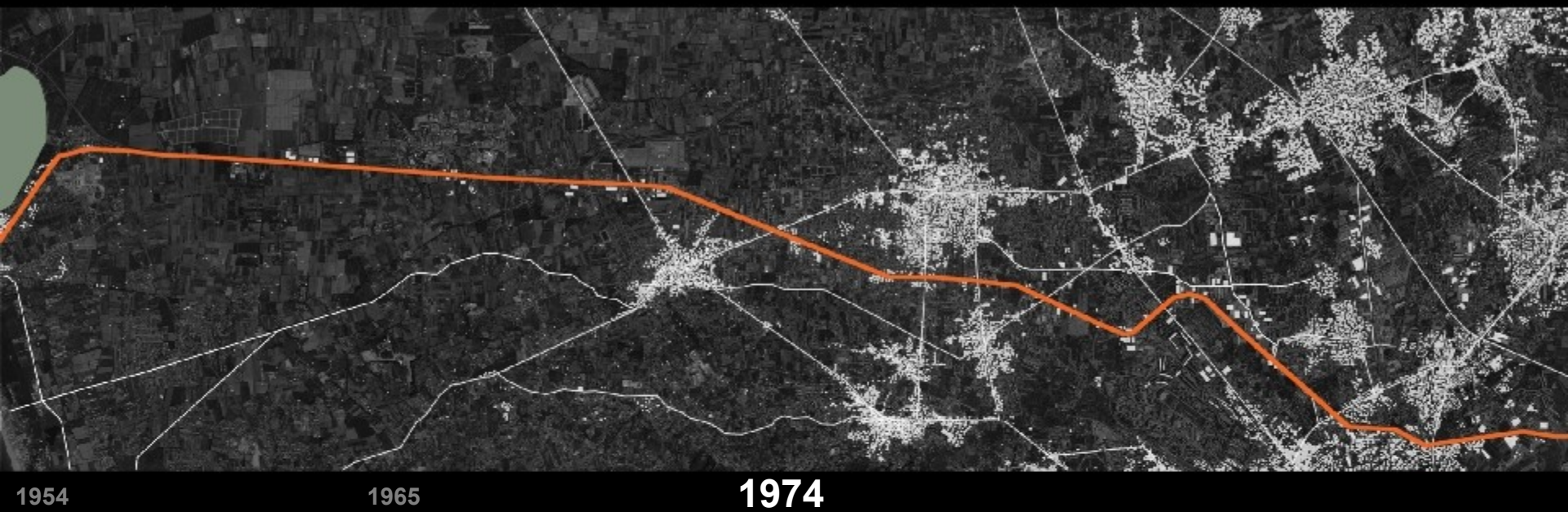
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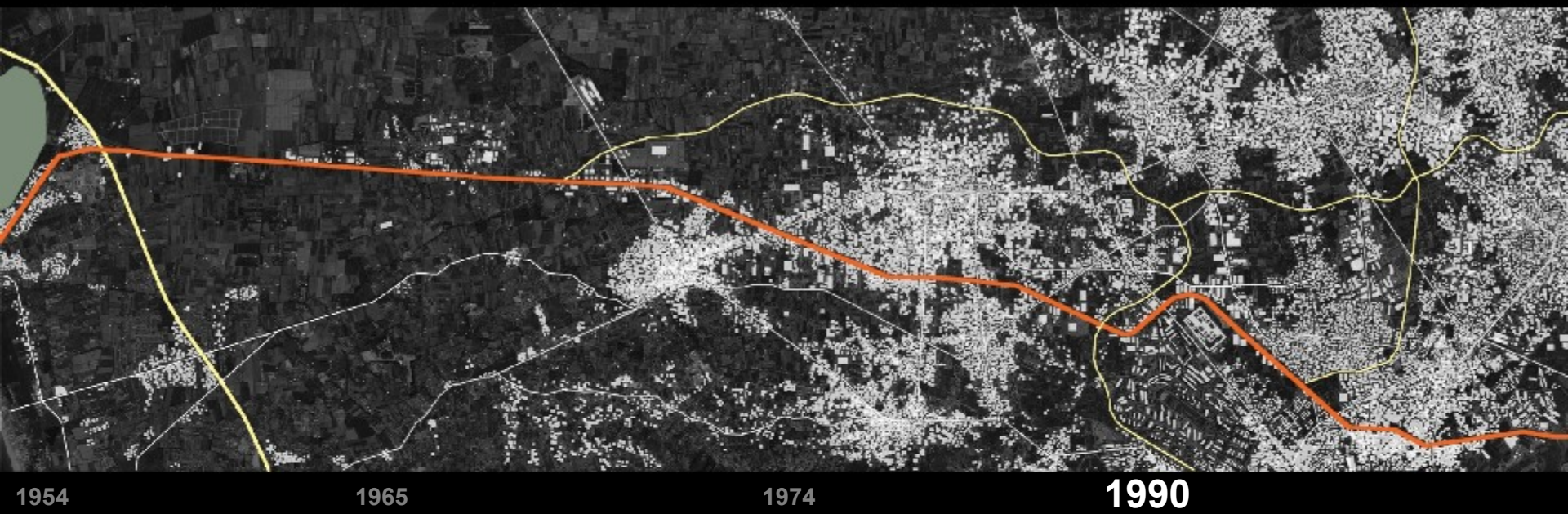
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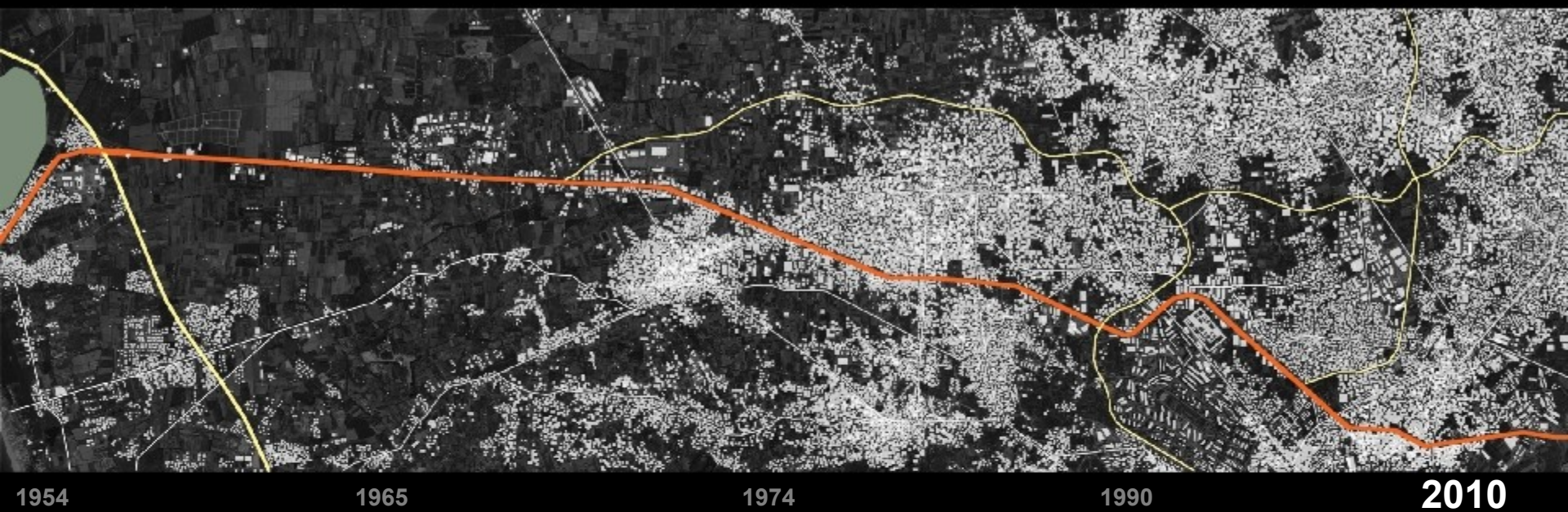
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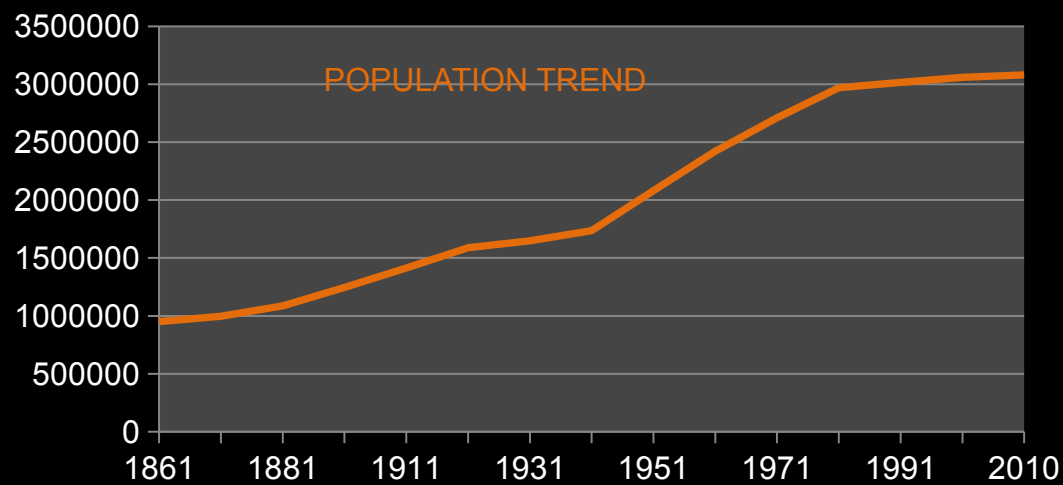


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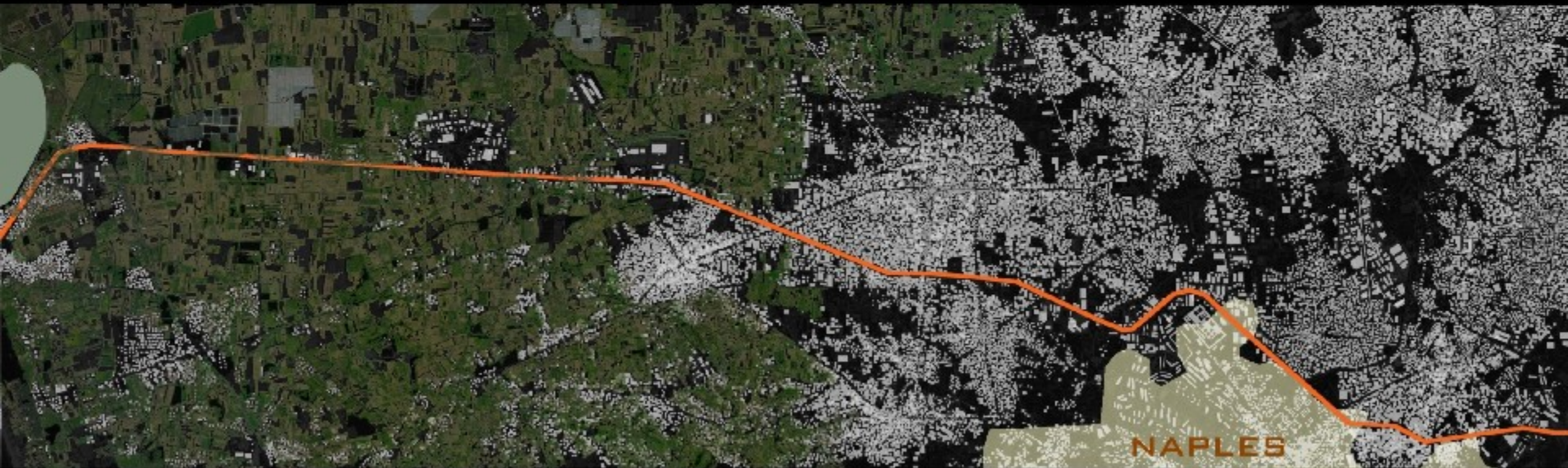
**HINTERLAND** reference: National Institute of Statistics (ISTAT)





# The “Road of the Americans”

Process of urban growth





# The “Road of the Americans”

industries



Industrial zone in Giugliano



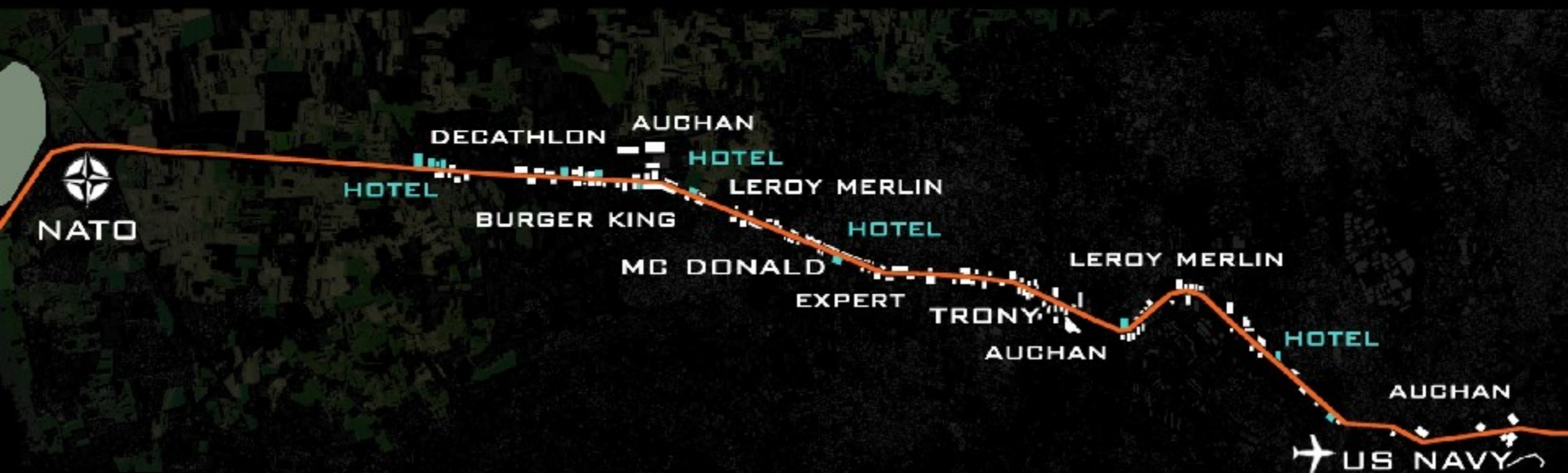
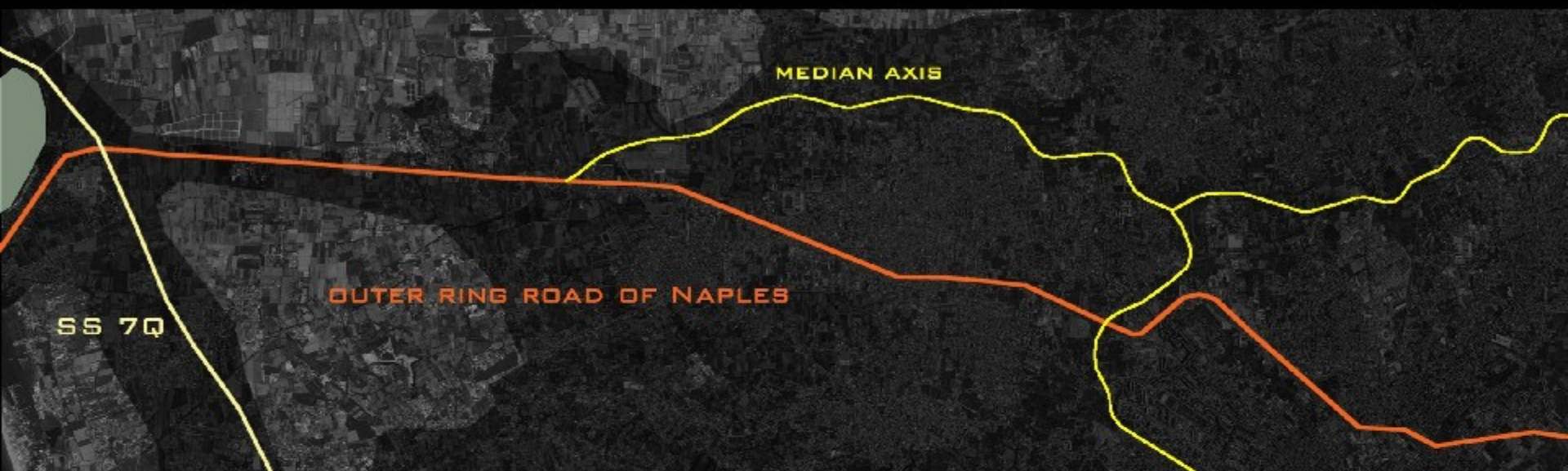
Industrial zone Casoria-Arzano-Frattamaggiore





# The "Road of the Americans"

Street - globalized market





# The “Road of the Americans”

Street - global market





# The "Road of the Americans"

Hybrid character and variable section





# The "Road of the Americans"

strip



## Santa Ana Freeway [Los Angeles, California]



# Domitian Coast

Coppola Village/NATO Village





# Domitian Coast



1968



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# Domitian Coast



1968

1974



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# Domitian Coast



1968

1974

1988



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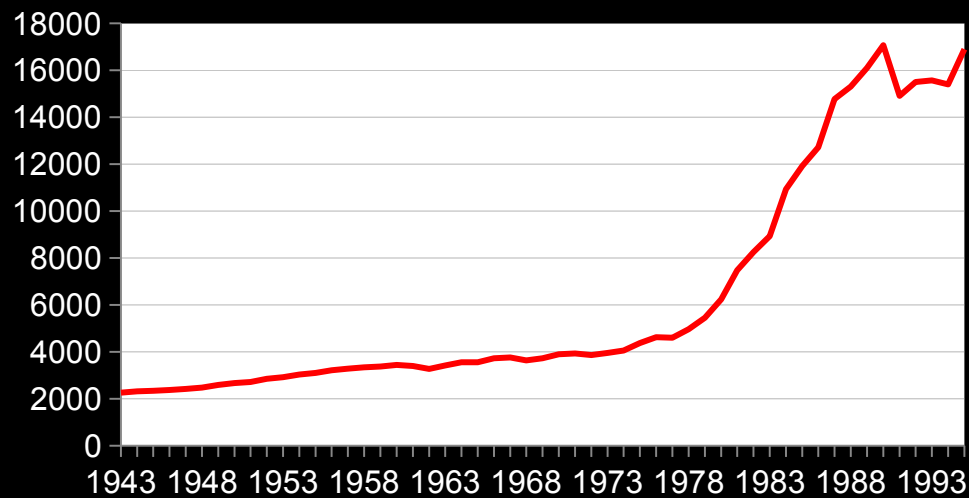


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POPULATION INCREASE AFTER THE EARTHQUAKE





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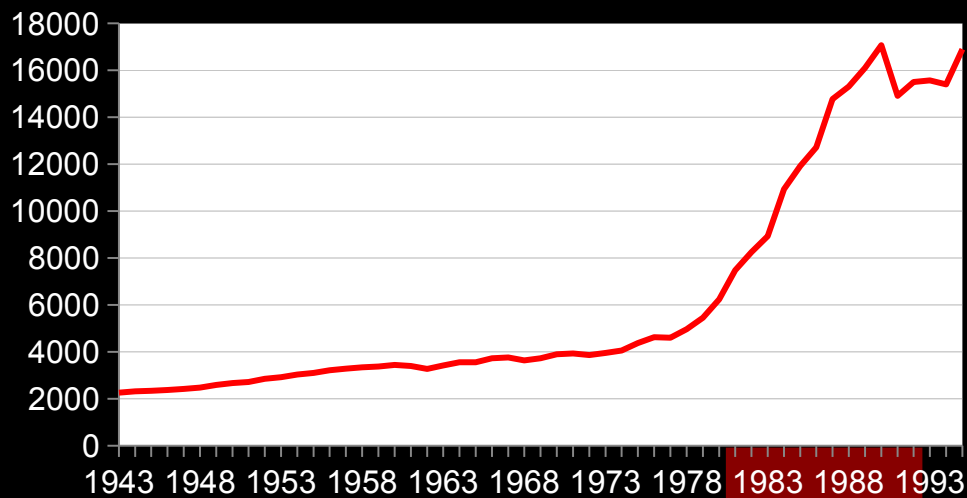


1968

1974

1988 Villaggio coppola-restricted area

POPULATION INCREASE AFTER THE EARTHQUAKE



# Domitian Coast



Rebirth Program:

Builders pay with reclamation the environmental damage  
caused to the coast of Castel Volturno



# Domitian Coast



1968

1974

1988

2001

2012





**Domitian Coast**

Domitiana 5km



**Naples. Florida (USA)**

Route 41 10km





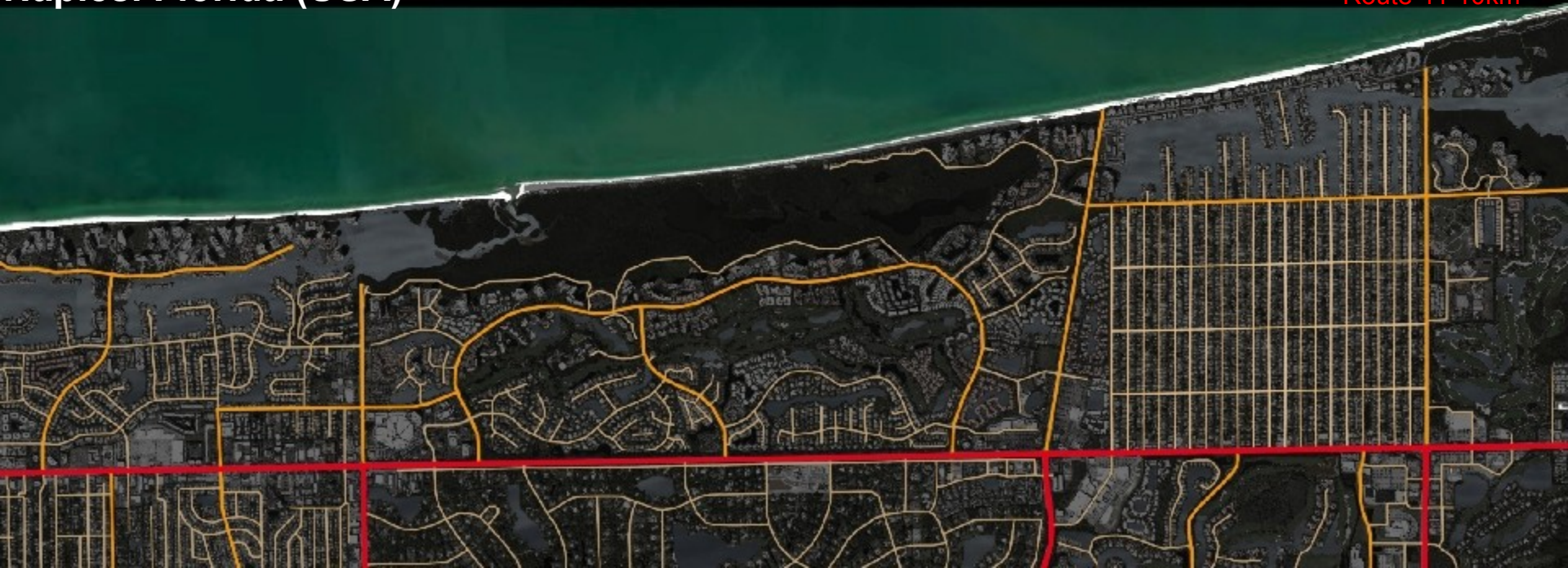
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**Naples. Florida (USA)**

Route 41 10km





# Domitian Coast

Domitiana



# Naples. Florida (USA)

Route 41







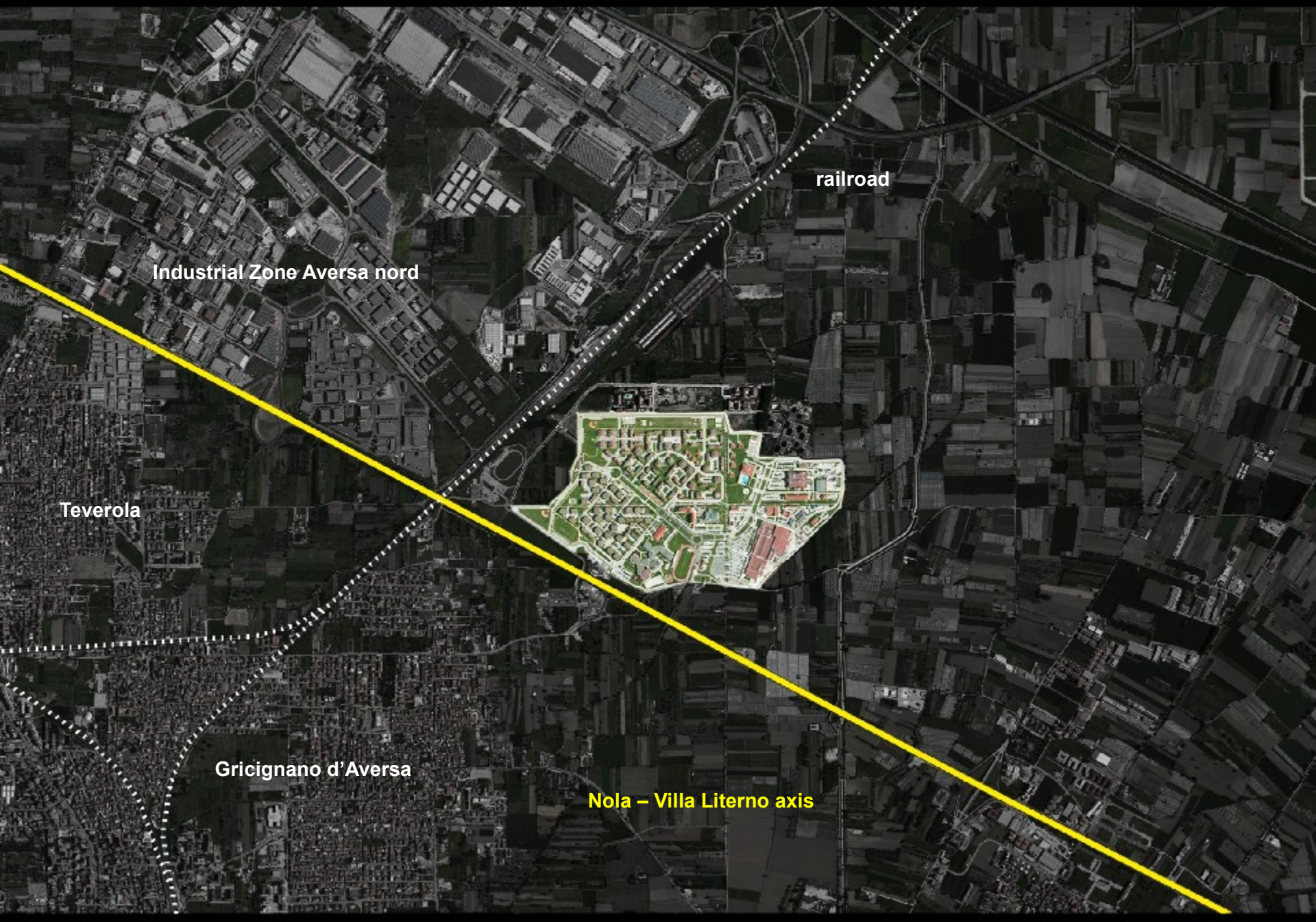
# Gricignano di Aversa

Gated Community/ US Navy Support Site



# Gricignano Support Site

Compound



Industrial Zone Aversa nord

railroad

Teverola

Gricignano d'Aversa

Nola - Villa Literno axis



# Gricignano Support Site

(1995-2004) 88,47ha 30 km from Naples 3.000 residents



## Gated Community

The gated communities were born in USA as settlements fenced for the white middle class fleeing the city. They are forms of private government of the territory. Became a phenomenon of considerable size in the Americans suburbs since the early seventies when they adopted internal regulations recognized independent from the central government: the *Covenant, Condition and Restriction* (CC&R).

In the text "Fortress America. Gated Communities in the United States" Edward J. Blakely and Mary Gail Snyder classify these communities into three categories:

- *Lifestyle community*
- *Prestige community*
- *Security zone*

Gricignano Support Site: autonomous regulations, check-in, 3m high enclosure around the border, services and infrastructure for the exclusive use of American citizens.



# Gricignano Support Site

Lifestyle - Security Zone - Gated Community





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Lifestyle - Security Zone - Gated Community





# Gricignano Support Site

88,47ha. 30km from Naples



# HERITAGE HILLS 140ha. 30km from Denver [Colorado]





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■ SITES

■ MEADOWS

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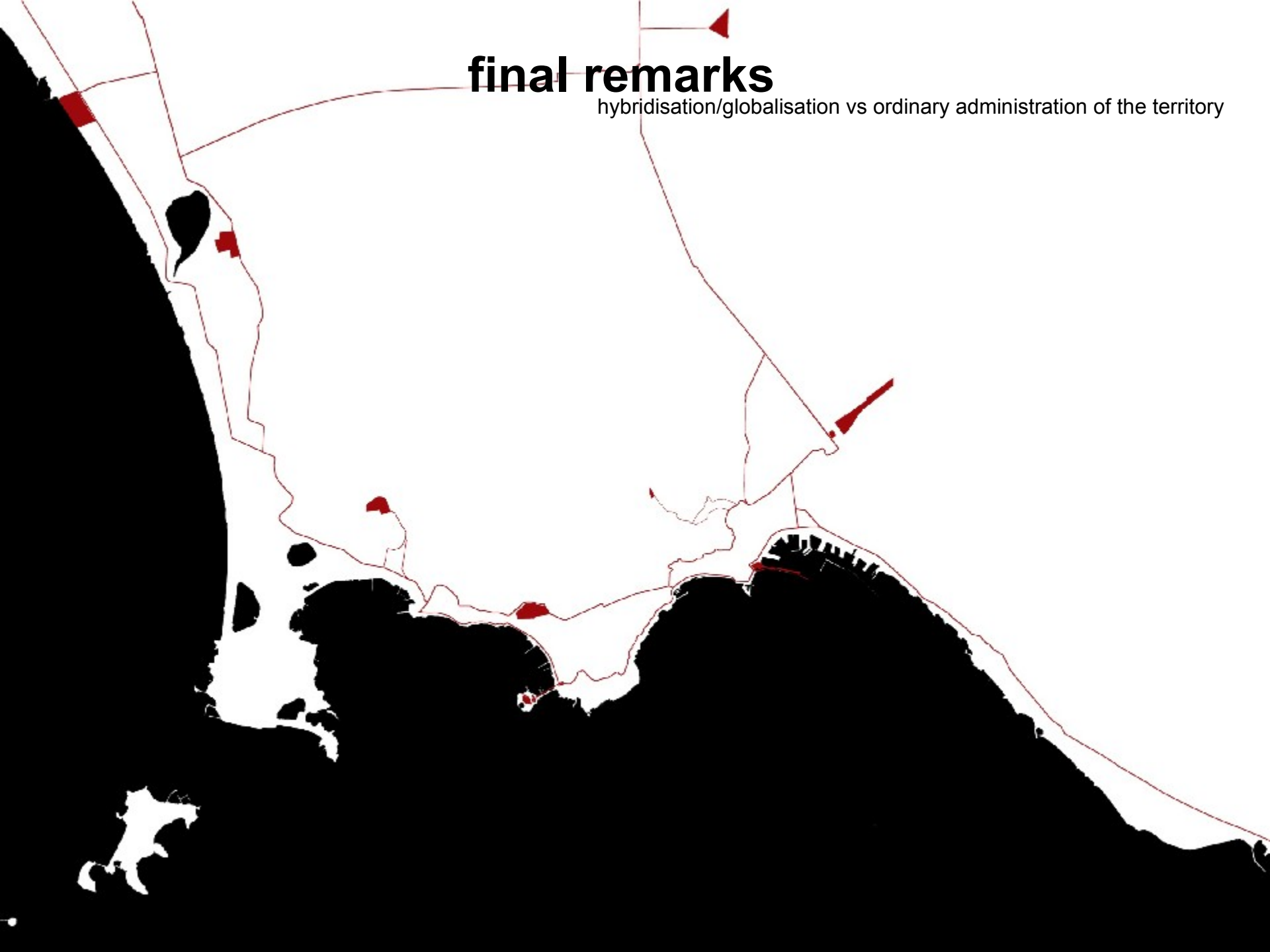
First visible consequences in the territory: new unauthorised constructions

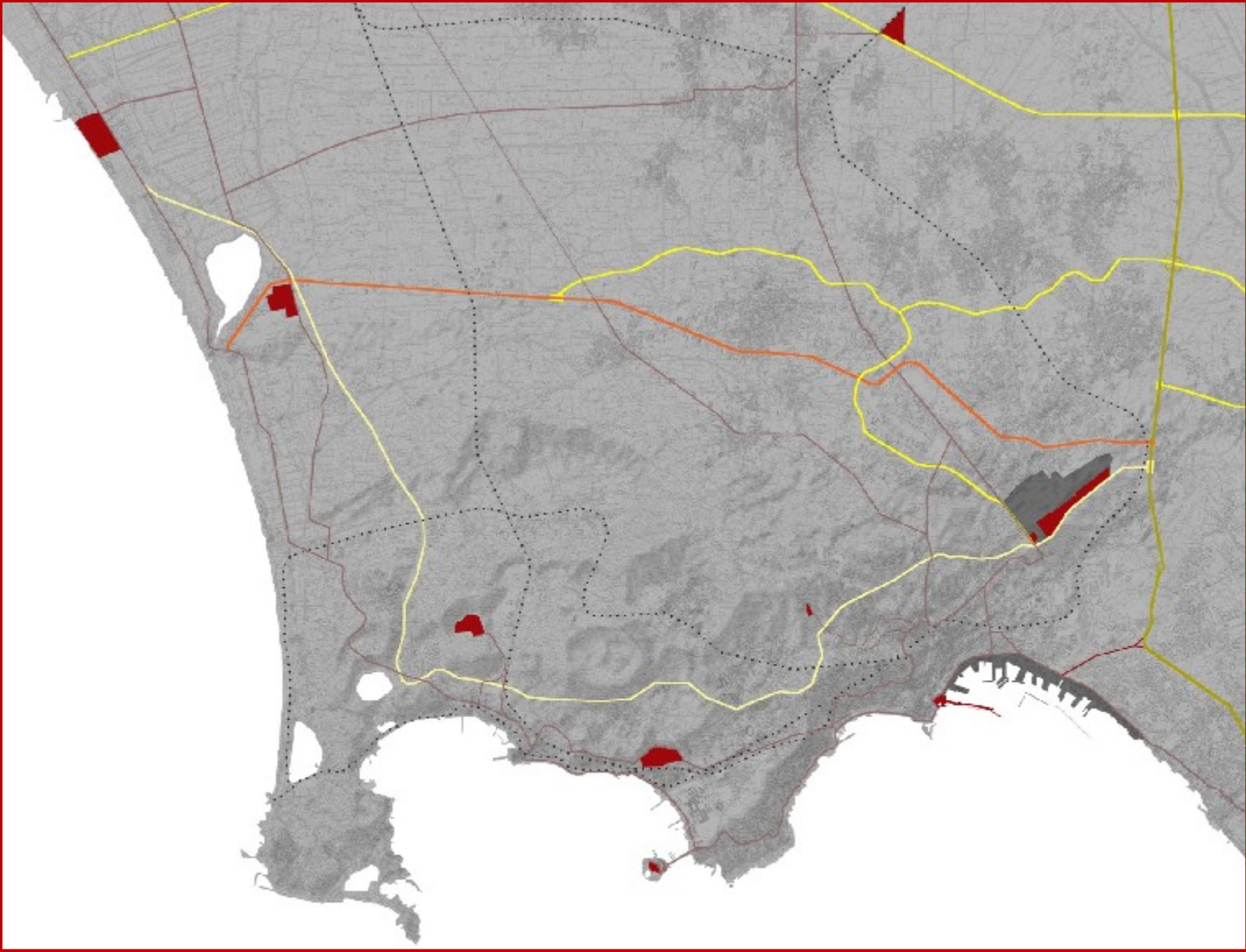




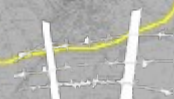
# final remarks

hybridisation/globalisation vs ordinary administration of the territory



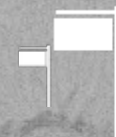


## ENCLAVE



Space of the  
exception

## ARCHIPELAGO

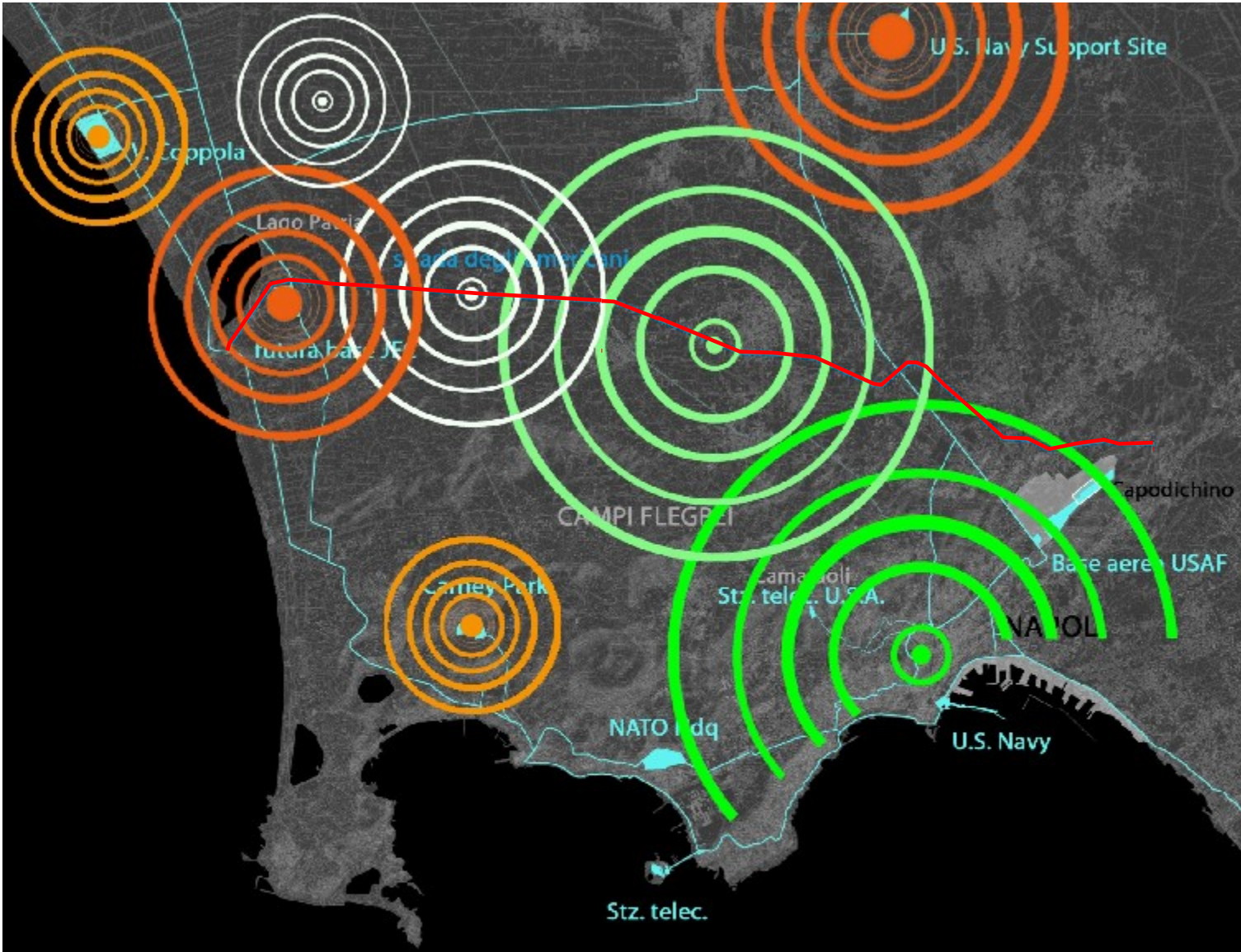


Space of  
the flows

figures:







## Endogenous processes

metropolization

Globalized market

Industrial districts

## Exogenous processes

Gated community

No public space

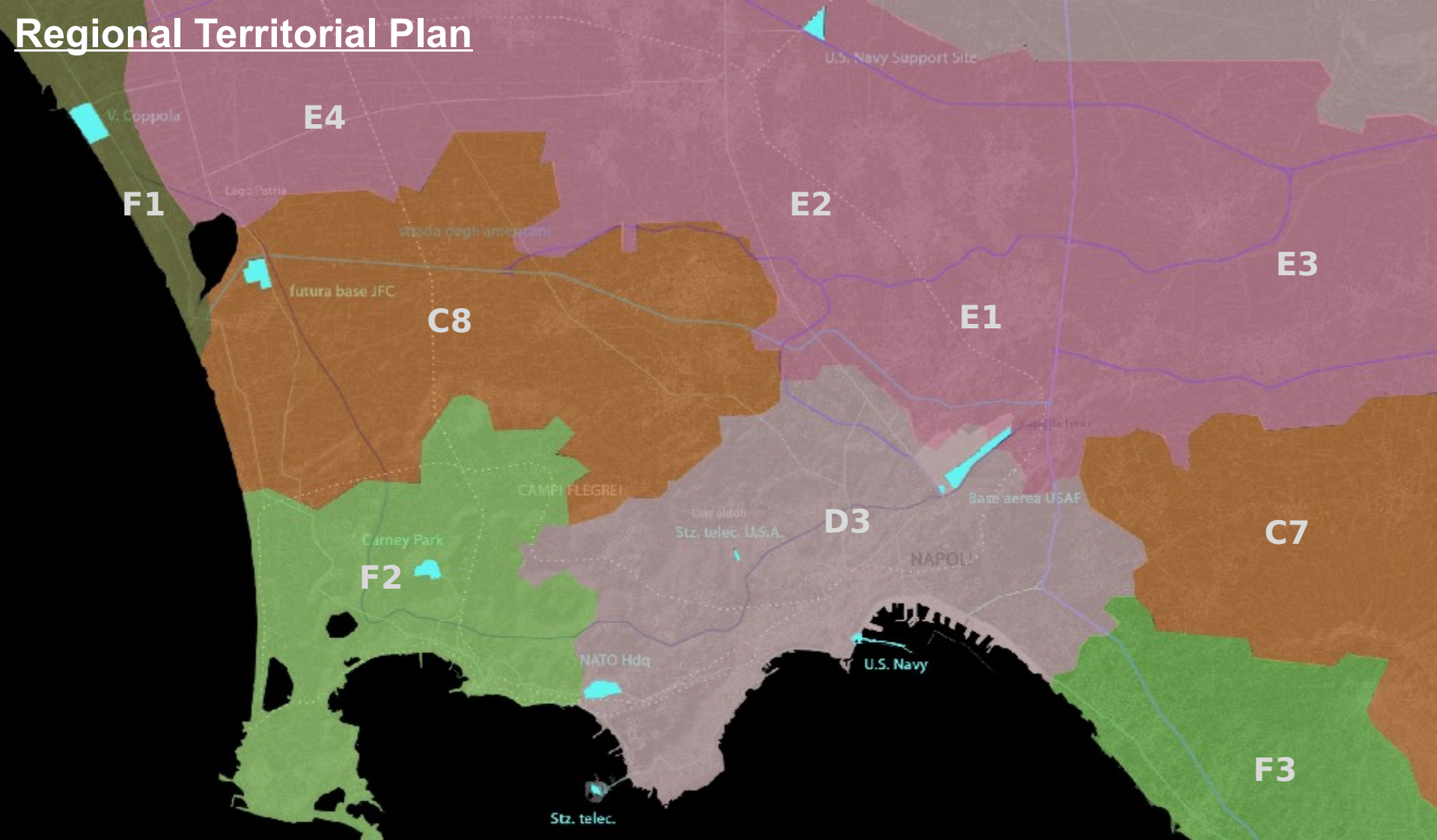
Military government axis

## RISKS

- the imposed control prevails over the spontaneous;
- the total sharing (or null) in the neighborhood, is predominant compared to partial;
- the continuous separation of commercial and collective functions from housing, in favor of the extremely private dimension of the latter, generates desolation;



# Regional Territorial Plan



## Dominant Systems of Territorial Development

**Environmental Landscape**  
F1 DOMITIAN COAST

**Landscape-CULTURAL-Environmental**  
F2 Campi Flegrei  
F3 Miglio d'oro-Torre Stabiese

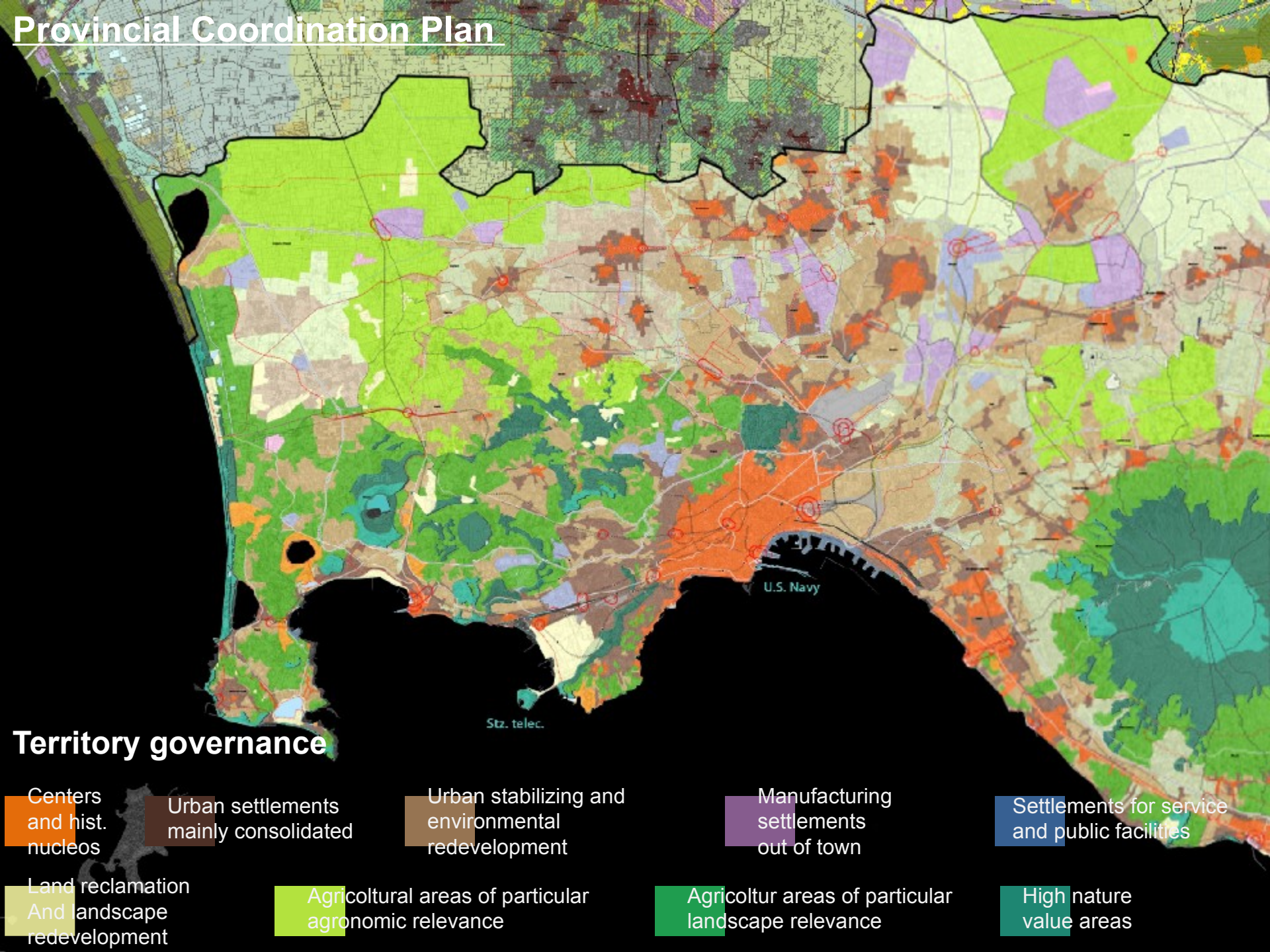
**Rural-Manufacturing**  
C8 giuglianese  
C7 Vesuvian towns

**Urban**  
D3 Urban System Naples

**Urban-Industrial**  
E1 Nord Naples  
E2 Nord-est Naples  
E3 Nolano  
E4 Aversano



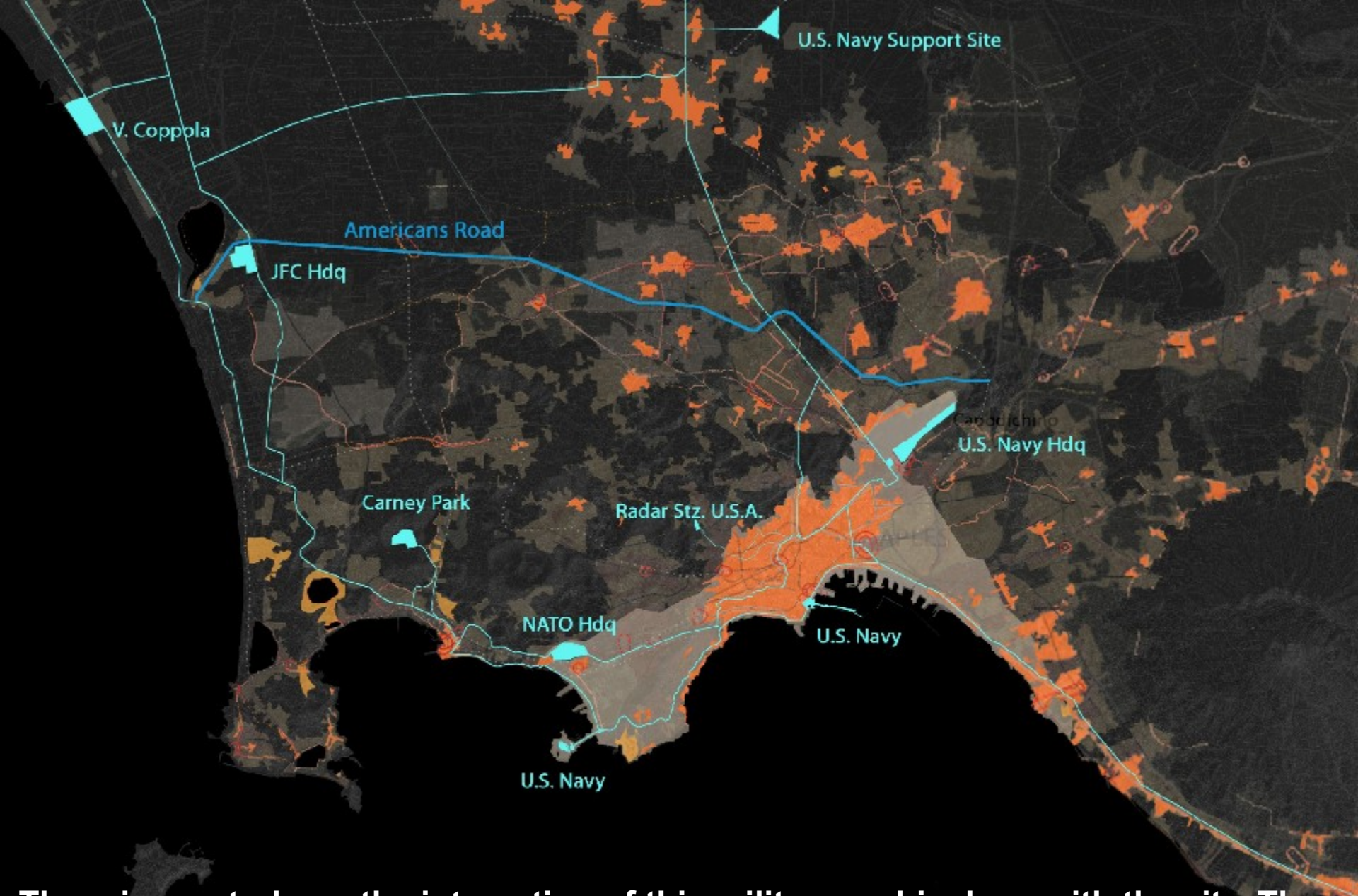
# Provincial Coordination Plan



## Territory governance

- Centers and hist. nucleos
- Urban settlements mainly consolidated
- Urban stabilizing and environmental redevelopment
- Manufacturing settlements out of town
- Settlements for service and public facilities
- Land reclamation And landscape redevelopment
- Agricultural areas of particular agronomic relevance
- Agricultur areas of particular landscape relevance
- High nature value areas



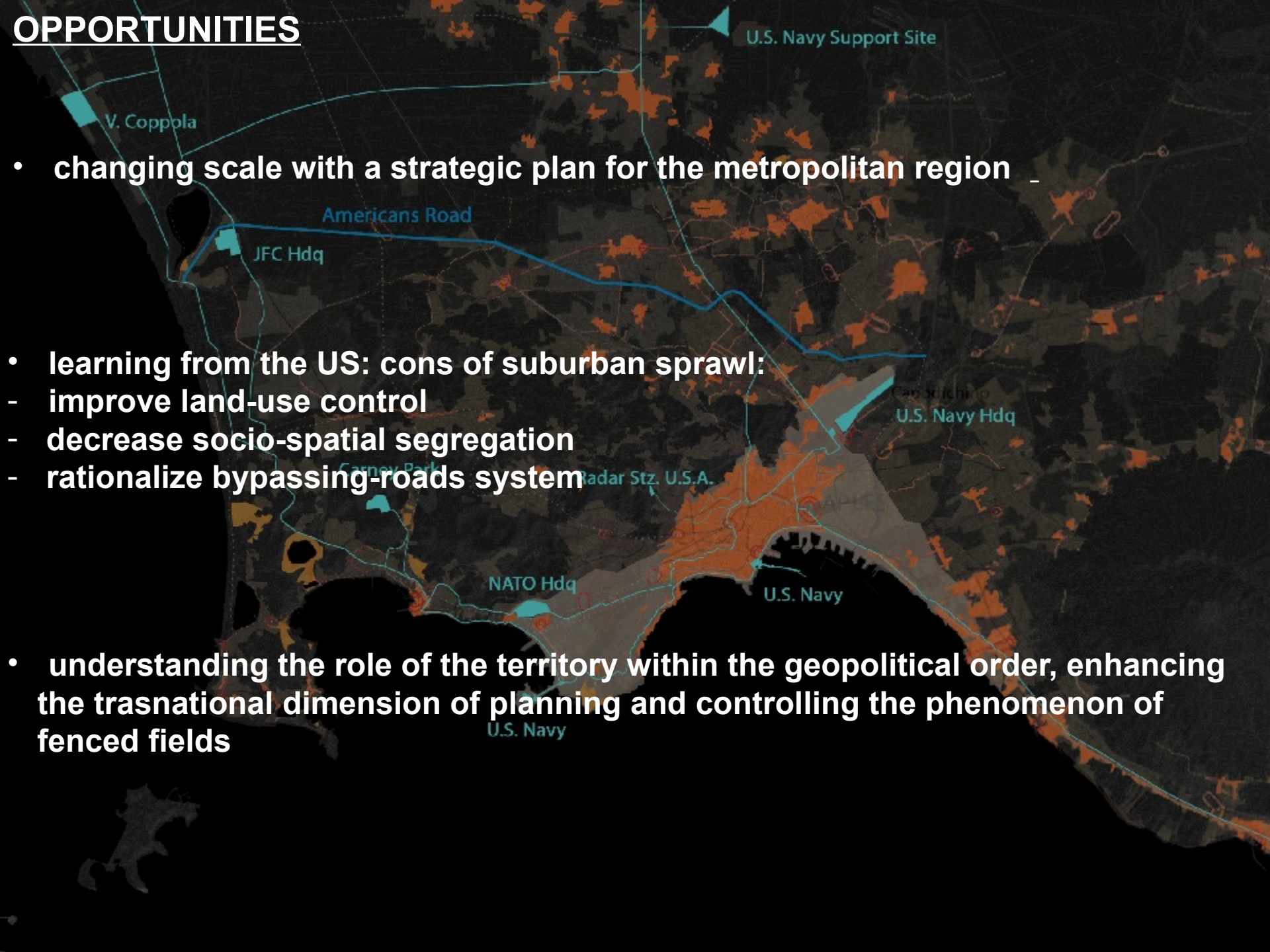


**There is no study on the interaction of this military archipelago with the city. The main reason is that there is a weak perception of the white zones and scarce awareness of the Naples military importance**



# OPPORTUNITIES

- changing scale with a strategic plan for the metropolitan region
- learning from the US: cons of suburban sprawl:
  - improve land-use control
  - decrease socio-spatial segregation
  - rationalize bypassing-roads system
- understanding the role of the territory within the geopolitical order, enhancing the transnational dimension of planning and controlling the phenomenon of fenced fields



“The camp is the space that is opened when the state of exception begins to become the rule”

from “*Homo Sacer*”, Giorgio Agamben