



Marine Corps Base Camp Blaz Civilian Infrastructure

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MCB Camp Blaz recognizes its impact to the local infrastructure. By working with local and federal partners, the base has directly contributed to the following projects to increase the quality of life for all who call Guam home. Ongoing and planned military construction continues to produce skilled labor and construction-related employment opportunities for the people of Guam.

Civilian Infrastructure Upgrades and Economic Benefits

- **Guam Cultural Repository:** The \$12 million repository is now complete and will be operated by the Government of Guam. The facility will be home to Joint Region Mariana's archaeological collections. The repository, located on the University of Guam campus, supports the curation of archaeological collections on Guam and serves as a source of information on Guam history and culture. The repository supports a critically needed curation capacity on the island and is part of several measures the DoD committed to in an effort avoid, minimize, and mitigate potential adverse cumulative effects from the relocation of the Marines to Guam.
- **Guam Wastewater Treatment Facility:** The DoD funded upgrades to Guam's Northern District Wastewater Treatment Plant. These upgrades with enhanced nutrient removal capabilities to better protect local reefs and other marine life from algae blooms. This project allows the Government of Guam to meet federal treatment standards and to reduce impact of wastewater discharge to coastal waters from both civilian and military customers, including Marine Corps Base Camp Blaz.
- **Northern Guam Lens Aquifer Monitoring Wells:** The DoD funded upgrades to Guam's Northern Guam Lens Aquifer monitoring network. These upgrades enhance the ability to monitor the health of the aquifer to ensure that groundwater pumping does not cause issues like saltwater intrusion or to better reduce the effects of drought on both civilian and military drinking water supplies.
- **Economic Stability:** Marines and their families stationed at and around MCB Camp Blaz will warrant lasting, positive economic impact through the general utilization of the local economy, retail spending, service acquisition and taxation associated with such. The additional local productive capacity will result in more revenue for the Guam economy, both through taxation and purchases. Also, Marine Corps Base Camp Blaz will generate new construction jobs and service contracts, and increase opportunities for additional federal funds to improve civilian infrastructure upgrades, to include utilities and transportation – the lifeline of the island. Ongoing and planned military construction continues to produce skilled labor and construction-related employment opportunities for the people of Guam.
- **Guam Readiness and Environmental Protection Integration (REPI) Project:** Camp Blaz staff were main contributors to the Joint Region Marianas (JRM) REPI team that successfully obtained more than \$11 million as of calendar year 2023 from the Office of the Secretary of Defense to pursue conservation of forests and watersheds located within Government of Guam conservation areas. The REPI effort is a partnership between JRM, National Fish and



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Wildlife Foundation, US Fish and Wildlife Service and the GovGuam Department of Agriculture. Initial projects will mobilize within Taguan limestone forests and the Masso Reservoir watershed area.

- **Road Improvement:** Improvements to Routes 1, 8, 11, and 3 as well as improvements to the Agana Bridge were funded through the Defense Access Road Program. Improvements to Guam road infrastructure totaled more than \$90 million. The DAR Program provides the legal means for DOD to pay its fair share for public highway improvements that are made necessary by sudden or unusual defense-generated impacts. These impacts are such that DOD cannot reasonably expect State and local authorities to plan for them in their normal highway improvement programs.