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\$190 million project to give city a taste of Italy

The largest planned addition to Cape Coral's downtown Community Redevelopment Area, now named Piazza di Venezia, means more shopping, restaurants, the city's second movie theater and a place to relax.

The plans show the project fronting on Cape Coral Parkway with Manor Court and Coronado Parkway on either side.

In the middle of the buildings, Atlantic Court will become a pedestrian area — or a piazza — with fountains and landscaping.

"We have moved beyond the concept stage," said Jerry D'Angelo, principal architect at J.G. Asso-

ciates Inc. of Fort Myers. "We are moving into design and engineering to bring to the city and make the project a reality."

If all goes well during the planning process, the city soon will have two Towers of Pisa, a Rialto Arch based on the one in Venice and a building that looks like the Roman Coliseum with a two-level, 10-screen movie theater inside — all on about 15 acres.

The Italian flavor of the architecture resulted in renaming the \$190 million Atlantic Court project Piazza di Venezia, said Lisa Wiskowski, a real estate broker with Florida Resale Properties.

Plans call for the Piazza to include a 250-room hotel with a heliport, office buildings, 350 condominiums, multiple retail shops and multiple restaurants.