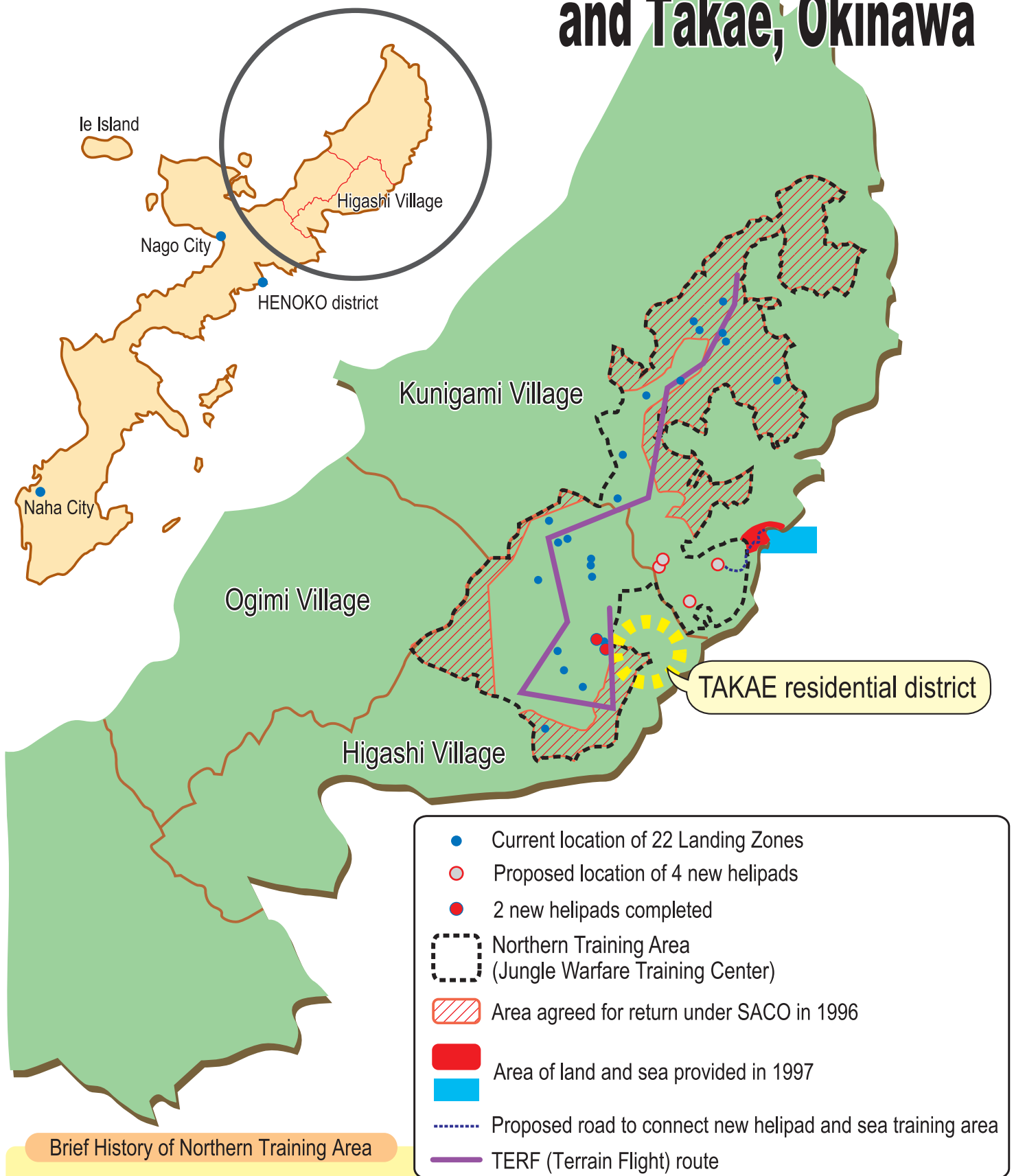


U.S. Marine Corps Northern Training Area and Takae, Okinawa



Brief History of Northern Training Area

- 1957 Northern Training Area officially opens.
- 1996 SACO agreement signed by US-Japan; approximately half of NTA to be returned with provision that helicopter landing zones (helipads) be relocated.
- 2006 Plans revealed to locate six helipads.
- 2015 Two new helipads completed and handed over to USMC prior to land return.