

CULTURAL RESOURCES



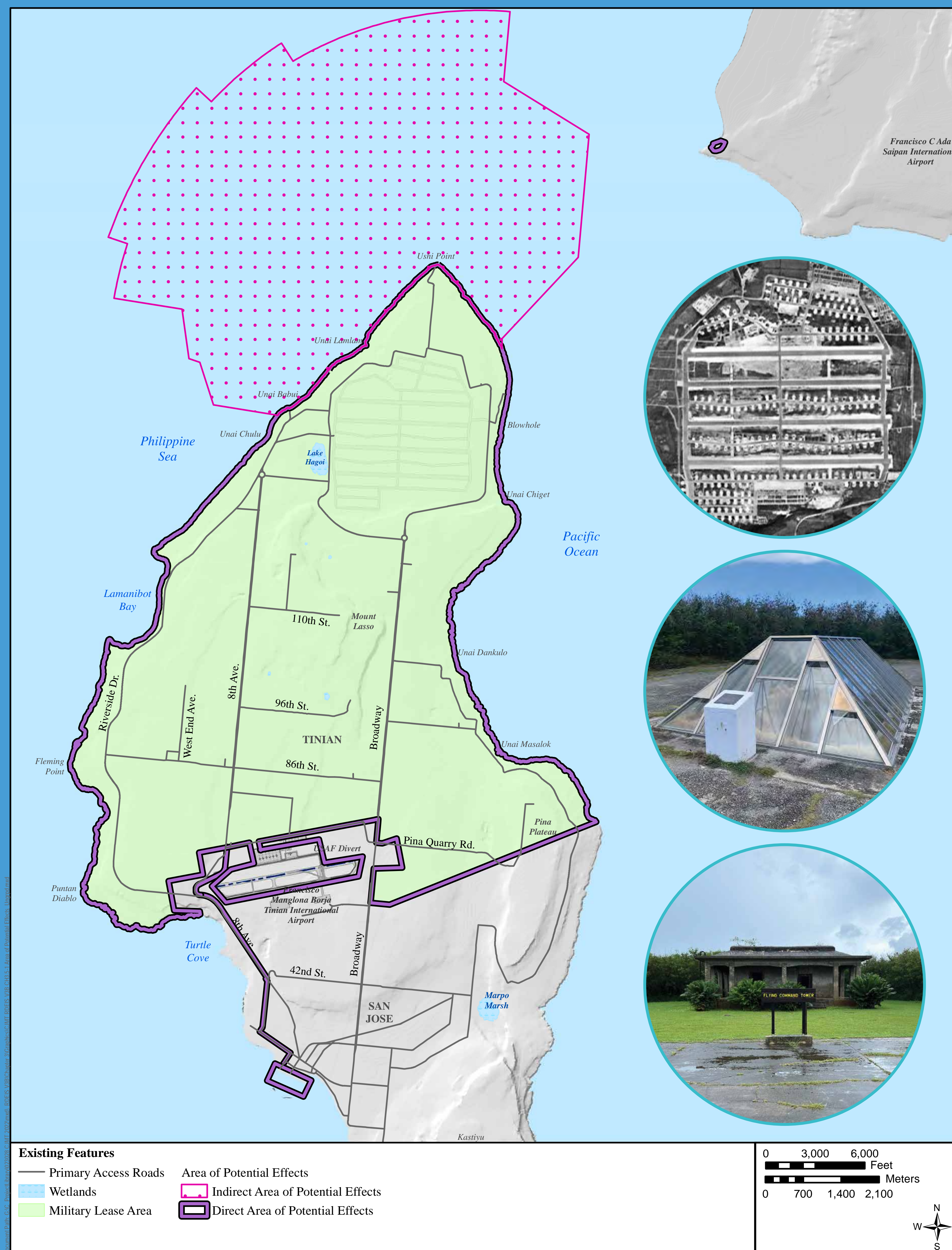
Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act requires federal agencies to consider the effects of their proposed projects on historic properties.

Since August 2023, the Marine Corps has worked with consulting parties to identify historic properties and ways to avoid, minimize, or mitigate effects of the Proposed Action. These parties include the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation, the CNMI Historic Preservation Office, National Park Service, The Mayor of Tinian's Office, and the public.



Cultural resources are the tangible and intangible remnants or traces left by prehistoric or historical peoples, reflecting past human activities and accomplishments.

- ▶ This includes historic properties and resources of cultural importance
 - 344 historic properties
 - North Field National Historic Landmark
 - 3 Traditional Cultural Places
 - Approximately 60 other resources of cultural importance



Avoidance and Minimization

- ▶ During training, foot traffic only except on roads and other improved areas
- ▶ Separate training areas
- ▶ Cultural resource training
- ▶ Painting of certain infrastructure to blend into the surrounding environment
- ▶ Archaeological monitoring of construction activities

Resolve Adverse Effects

- ▶ Interpretive signage
- ▶ Virtual tour
- ▶ Interpretive pamphlet
- ▶ Develop a plan for an interpretive center on Tinian
- ▶ Data recovery and recordation

The Marine Corps has developed two agreement documents to avoid, minimize, mitigate, and resolve adverse effects to historic properties and establish alternative review processes for actions with unknown effects:

- ▶ Training: Amended the existing 2022 *Programmatic Agreement Between the Commander, Joint Region Marianas and the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands State Historic Preservation Officer, Regarding Military Training and Testing on and Within the Surrounding Waters of the Islands of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands*
- ▶ Construction: Developed a programmatic agreement

