

Overview of the Mikura Area

About 200 families live in the Mikura area (2010). There are some residential buildings, iron and chemical related factories.

After the land readjustment projects, the cityscape was completely different from before the earthquake.



The Mikura Area around 1975

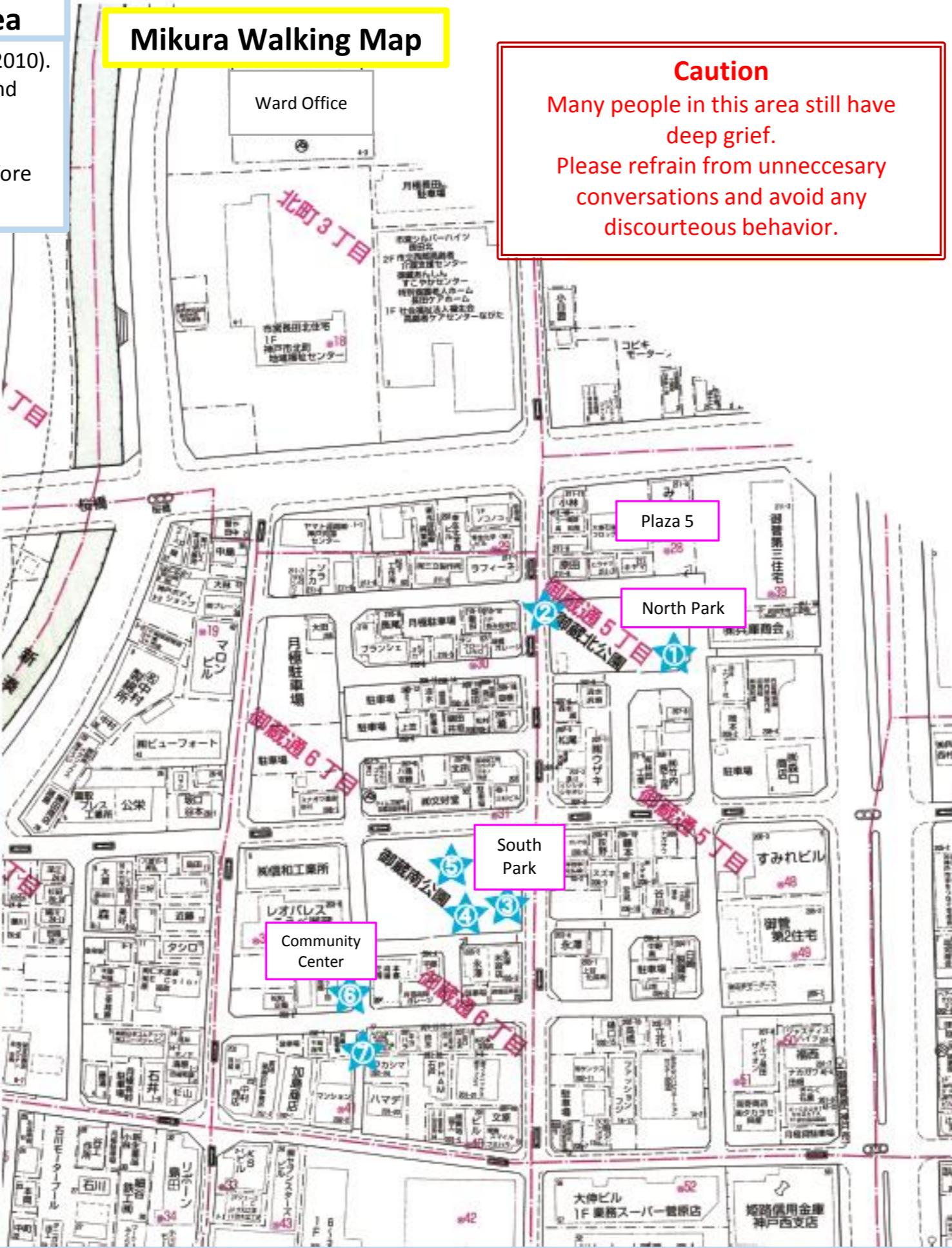


Many houses were next to each other.



Unpaved narrow alleys.

Mikura Walking Map



1. Damaged Utility Pole

The cityscape was completely changed by the disaster. An old utility pole has stood still in the park that was built before the earthquake.

2. Memorial Monument "Requiem"

The locals built the monument to the people who lost their lives by the earthquake by themselves. In the middle of the monument, there is a map that shows where the people died. And under the monument, they buried a time capsule and some memorial goods are inside.

3. Burned Camphor Trees

There was a small park in the same place. It's believed that the trees in the park stopped the fire spreading. The trees have stood still there.

4. Temporary Toilet

There are some holes for installing temporary toilets in the South Park. The holes are connected to the drain and other necessities are equipped at hand. In case of emergency, the locals can build the toilets by themselves.

5. Fire Cistern in the South Park

In the underground of the South Park, a 100t water tank has been installed that is intended for the initial fire extinguishing. Some hoses and pumps are stored in brick walls in the north area.

6. Community Center

The about 130-year-old building was donated by the people who live 160km away from Mikura. Many people volunteered to relocate and reconstruct this center. Since the completion in 2004, People have held events in this center.

7. Road

The roads in this area were built about twice or three times wider than before the earthquake. Each landlord contributed their properties in order to built a park and wider roads in this area. The area was eroded by the blaze. The original land height remains around the community center.

Welcome to the Mikura Area

The Mikura area suffered serious damage due to the earthquake that occurred at 5:46 on January 17, 1995. 128 lives were lost. We believe that telling people about experience and the lectures on what we learned from the earthquake are the only things we can do for society. We would appreciate it if the awareness helps people be considerate to their lives and their neighbors.

Transformation of the Mikura Area



① Feb. 20, 1995

One month after the earthquake, the debris was removed.



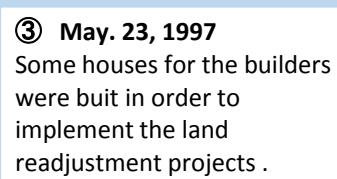
⑦ Apr. 1, 2013 (present)

Many houses were built and trees in the park grew bigger.



② Oct. 26, 1995

Some prefabricated buildings were built in the area.



③ May. 23, 1997

Some houses for the builders were built in order to implement the land readjustment projects .



④ Dec. 25, 1999

Individual housings are under construction.

Introduction to the Member of the Earthquake hands-on Lecturers.



Local Speakers

Each of us has various different experience during the time of earthquake. We hope the experience helps other people prepare well for future disaster mitigation situations.

Members come from their temporary houses, relative houses, and from other towns, and we get together in many different places to tell our experience.

NPO Machi Communication

is the group that supports communities which were affected by disasters.

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⑥ Jan. 17, 2002

The North Park was completed.