



Sara Conner Court

AFFORDABLE FAMILY HOUSING

Sara Conner Court is the first GreenPoint Rated affordable housing development in Alameda County; it is a 57-unit affordable family housing site situated within walking distance of the local elementary and middle schools, grocery shopping, a low-cost medical clinic, public parks and AC Transit bus line.

The goal of this project was to create a supportive family environment within the physical context of a busy four-lane boulevard, and to create a residential architecture that compliments the rolling hills of the adjacent regional park, and the scale of existing single family neighborhood while exemplifying good green building methods and materials.

Four buildings are organized around a central courtyard and play area. A taller building comprised of thirty 2- and 3-story, wood-frame townhouse-style units above a concrete parking podium provides a buffer to Mission Blvd. The town homes are organized in groups of six around entry courts that provide intimate outdoor play areas for smaller children. The remaining buildings consist of 1- and 3-bedroom flats at the ground floor and 2-story townhouse-style apartments above. Private patios are oriented towards the main courtyard to encourage interaction among residents. Amenities include a community room and computer learning lab, laundry facilities, play areas, a tot-lot, barbecue and picnic areas.

As a project seeking to further develop green affordable family housing, Sara Conner focused on energy efficiency, healthy landscaping and indoor air quality. Efficient lighting and plumbing fixtures, appliances and heating systems were installed, as well as Bay-friendly landscaping and low-V.O.C. paints, flooring and adhesives.



PROJECT DATA

- Client:** Eden Housing
- Location:** Hayward, CA
- Completion:** 2006
- Units:** 57 units
- Amenities:** community room, computer lab, play areas, BBQ areas
- Site Area:** 1.85 acres
- Project Area:** 82,000 sf
- Parking Ratio:** 1.7 spaces/unit
- Cost:** \$11.9 million
- Contractor:** Segue Construction