



Privacy and Efficiency in Landmark Green Senior Community

Client: Resources for Community Development

Site Area: 60,392 S.F. / 1.37 acre

Density: 70 units - 51 DUA

Completion: February 2008

Construction est.: \$11M

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Villa Vasconcellos is a 70 units affordable senior housing project located in Walnut Creek, CA. This is one of the first green multi-family housing projects in the city, with solar energy and hot water heating. Designed to create sustainable, accessible housing for independent senior living with the goal of "aging-in-place", the modern two- and three-story building contains fully accessible and adaptable units, organized around two courtyards for gatherings, outdoor exercise and community functions. Through porches, balconies, covered entries, trellises and communal courtyards, residents can enjoy both private and shared outdoor spaces.

Design Features

- Two courtyards for gatherings, outdoor exercise and community functions
- Porches, balconies and shared courtyards emphasize an indoor-outdoor connection
- Modern architectural massing and carefully articulated details
- Natural light and ventilation
- Urban infill project near public transportation and services
- Linoleum flooring in common areas
- Stained concrete as finish floor

Green Features

- Energy Star® appliances
- 80% of construction waste recycled
- Recycled content carpet
- Sunshades at south-facing windows
- Native drought tolerant planting
- Permeable concrete paving
- Bioswales for rainwater retention
- Low VOC paint, caulking and adhesives