



VILLA VASCONCELLOS

WALNUT CREEK, CA

Privacy and Efficiency in Landmark Green Senior Community

DESCRIPTION Villa Vasconcellos is an 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 for independent seniors, 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.

VISION Create sustainable, accessible housing for independent senior living with the goal of “aging-in-place”.

PROJECT REQUIREMENTS Develop 70 green, accessible and affordable housing units for seniors.

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



GREEN FEATURES

- Solar hot water heating
- Photovoltaic panels
- Naturally lit corridors
- Energy Star® appliances
- 80% of construction waste recycled
- Recycled content carpet
- Sunshades at south-facing windows
- Native drought tolerant planting
- Permeable concrete paving
- Linoleum flooring in common areas
- Stained concrete as finish floor
- Bioswales for rainwater retention
- Low VOC paint, caulking and adhesives
- Urban infill project near public transportation and services



Client: Resources for Community Development

Building size/acres:
60,392 sq.ft./1.37 acres

Density: 51 units/acre

Completion: February 2008

Construction est.: \$11M

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