

JARDINES DEL VALLE

FARMWORKER FAMILY HOUSING

Watsonville, CA



Jardines del Valle was named by the residents who experienced the transformation of the property site into “Gardens of the Valley.”

Before MidPen stepped in to create community improvements and maintain its affordable housing status, Jardines del Valle was Murphy’s Camp, one of California’s oldest and most dilapidated “bracero” camps for farm laborers. Residents were forced to live in squalor amid gang violence and drug-related activities. With a complete renovation to the property, Jardines del Valle became a vibrant farmworker affordable housing community with amenities that



include a community room, computer center, children’s playground, barbecues, and a soccer field. Residents also enjoy activities and events provided by MidPen Resident Services.

MidPen Housing has won two national awards for its turnaround of Jardines del Valle: a Maxwell Award of Excellence from the FannieMae Foundation, and the National Tax Credit Excellence Award from the Affordable Housing Tax Credit Coalition.

Developer	MidPen Housing Corp.		
Property Management	MidPen Property Management Corp.		
Development Type	1997 acquisition and rehabilitation of a farm labor camp into family rental units		
Construction Type	Wood frame with composition shingle roofs		
Site Area:	5.0 acres		
Density:	3.6 units / acre		
Parking Ratio:	2.4 : 1 – 44 spaces		
Development Profile	Type	No.	Size Units (sf)
	2 BR	2	640 - 860
	3 BR	12	950
	4 BR	4	1200
	TOTAL	18	
Amenities	Playground; community room; computer center; community gardens		
Services Offered	Afterschool and summer enrichment programs Social programs Health and wellness programs ESL classes Connection to community resources		
Resident Profile	Families earning 30% to 60% of the Area Median Income		
Funders	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • County of Santa Cruz Redevelopment Agency • State of California HCD & CHRP-R • Community Foundation of Santa Cruz County • Merritt Community Capital Corporation (tax credit investor) • Private donors 		
Contractor	C.W. Driver		

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