## APTOS BLUE FAMILY & SUPPORTIVE HOUSING Aptos, CA



**Aptos Blue** provides 40 families with affordable rental homes in Santa Cruz County. Located near a major shopping center, public library, and public transportation lines, Aptos Blue residents live, work, and play in their neighborhood.

The community marks one of the six sites re-zoned by the County with the goal to provide affordable housing. Five units are set aside for individuals and families with special needs.

In addition to new construction, Aptos Blue includes the



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Developer	MidPen Housing Corp.		
Property Management Resident Services	MidPen Property Management Corp. MidPen Services		
Development Type	New construction of two- and three-story apartments and rehabilitation of the historic Castro House		
Construction Type	Wood frame type IV construction		
Site Area:	2.2 developable acres (5.5 total acres)		
Density:	20 units / acre		
Parking Ratio:	2.5 : 1 - 101 spaces		
Development Profile	Туре	No.	Unit Size (sf)
	Studio	4	411
	1 BR	4	639 - 658
	2 BR	16	813 - 912
	3 BR	16	982 - 1,149
	TOTAL	40	
Amenities	Community room; play structure; laundry facilities; computer lab; community gardens; after school program in historic house		
Services Offered	<ul> <li>Academically-based after school and summer programs for youth</li> <li>Financial literacy courses</li> <li>Vocational development</li> <li>Health and wellness programs</li> <li>Computer lab and assistance</li> <li>Connection to community resources</li> </ul>		
Resident Profile	Households earning up to 50% of the Area Median Income		
Funders	<ul> <li>County of Santa Cruz</li> <li>California Department of Housing and Community Development - HOME</li> <li>California Tax Credit Allocation Committee</li> <li>CalHFA - Mental Health Services Act</li> <li>Wells Fargo</li> </ul>		
Architect	Hunt Hale Jones Architects Anderson McKelvey Architects (Castro House)		
Contractor	Kent Construction		

renovation of the historic Castro House. Originally built in the mid-1870s by Vicente Castro, a prominent rancher and orchardist, the Castro House site is part of the former Aptos Rancho. Through the years, the home was owned by other prominent business leaders and was used to entertain well-known celebrities and politicians. In 2001, the Castro House was added to the Santa Cruz County Historic Resources Inventory for its association with the rancho period in Santa Cruz history and its distinctive representation of Colonial Revival residential architecture from the 1860s.

The house now provides a shared space for the residents including a community room, a common kitchen, an After School Program classroom, and a beautiful community garden outside.

