



AGRIHOOD



A SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITY

At a Glance...

Agrihood, located at 90 North Winchester Boulevard in Santa Clara on the former BAREC research site, is an innovative, multigenerational hub that is welcoming seniors and senior veterans into a first-of-its-kind urban farm community that connects contemporary urban living with Santa Clara's rich agricultural past.

The vision for Agrihood originated from the ground up in partnership with Santa Clara residents. The Core Companies sought input through dozens of small group meetings from a diverse coalition of Santa Clarans including seniors, veterans groups, farmers, non-profits, educators, and neighbors. The project team oversaw and supported a robust site design effort where stakeholders came together, participated in design and programming charrettes, and provided invaluable feedback that shaped the project.

The original planning application was submitted in December 2016 and was approved in January 2019. Throughout this period, The Core Companies partnered with The Project for Public Spaces (PPS) to develop a refined, clear, and inspired vision for what's possible in one of Santa Clara's last large open spaces, and how placemaking can connect and complement privately-owned land, public amenities, and existing infrastructure for the benefit of the whole city. The first group of Agrihood residents moved into their new homes in the summer of 2023.

By the Numbers



165

AFFORDABLE UNITS FOR
SENIORS AND VETERANS



99

GARAGE PARKING
SPACES



1.5

ACRES OF URBAN
FARM AND OPEN SPACE



2

NEARBY VTA STATIONS



Project Facts

THE HOMES

- Agrihood has 165 affordable units allocated for those 55 years old and over, with preferences for veterans and car-less households, and 54 units of permanent supportive housing.
- Great care was exercised to ensure architectural style, building massing, and materiality reflect the existing community around the development site.
- The site is located just blocks from Santana Row, Westfield Valley Fair Mall, Safeway, Walgreens, CVS, several banks, and public transportation.



THE FARM, OPEN SPACES, AND PROGRAMMING

- Agrihood's more than one-and-a-half-acre of open space cement intergenerational bonds among residents and neighbors of all ages and backgrounds.
- The urban farm will create produce for low-income seniors and the surrounding community, and promote physical and mental well being through therapeutic gardening.
- The farm's urban agricultural center sells produce yielded from the land and offers educational programs for local students to inspire the next generation of Bay Area environmental stewards.
- Core's partnership with Farmscape, the largest urban farming company in California, ensures the farm is maintained and providing nutritious produce.
- Core engaged the community and is developing programs and activities for the open space, which may include yoga, tai chi, walking groups, and therapeutic gardening.
- Agrihood has LEED Gold design, with sustainability features such as the storm solar panels, a water capture system used to water the farm, and more.
- A cafe space on site will be operated by a local vendor and feature local pop up vendors.

