

HomeSafe

PROJECT DATA:

DESCRIPTION:

This project explores the co-housing model as an environment. This shared housing scheme creates a safe and uplifting environment for women and children fleeing domestic abuse.

TYPE:

Multi-Family

CONTEXT:

Six "big" houses consisting of four suites and shared living, cooking, and eating areas are gathered around a communal outdoor space

ARCHITECT:

Jeana Kim, Studio E Architects

TOTAL SF:

13,488 sq. ft

UNIT/ACRE:

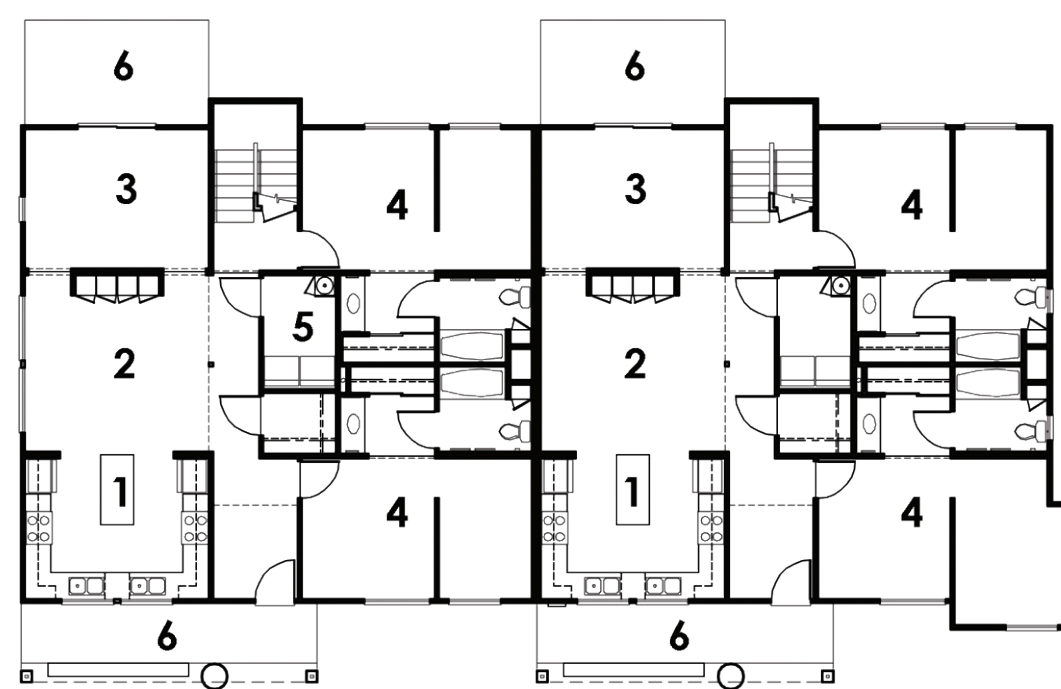
1.1 acre

UNIT BREAKDOWN:

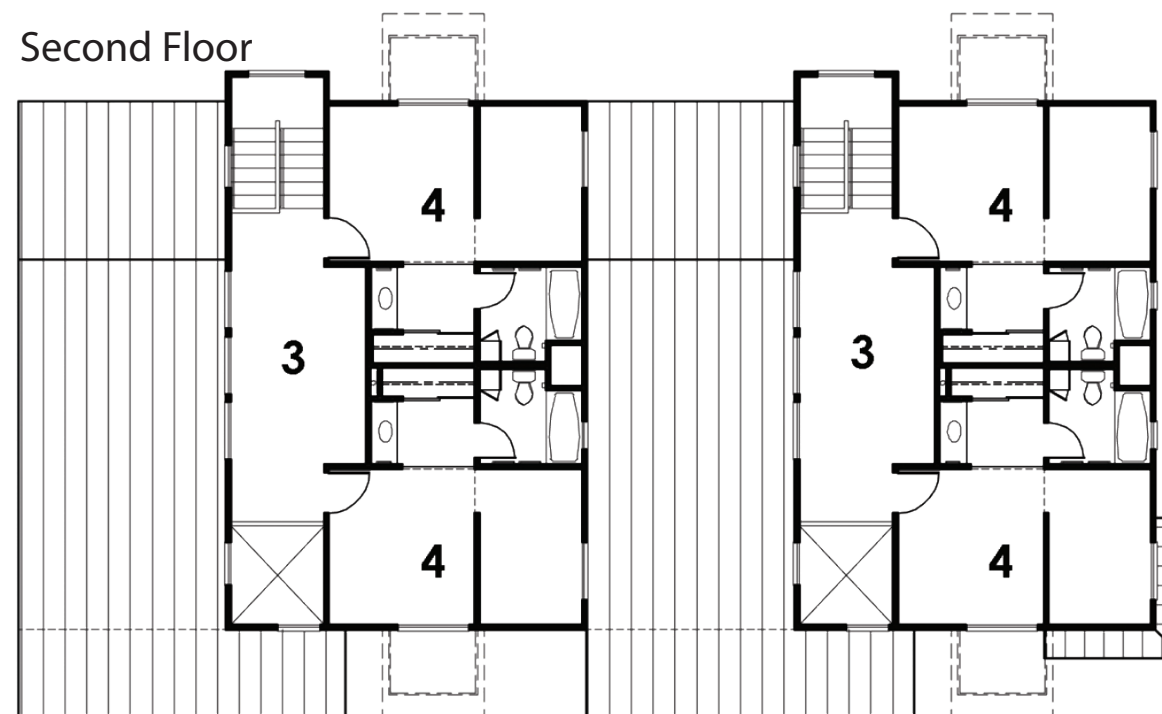
360 to 560 square feet per unit
(sleeping area plus one-quarter of common living area)
construction cost: \$185 per square foot
rental price: \$390 to \$410 per month
units in project: 25



First Floor



Second Floor



HOME QUALITIES:

A daycare and counseling facility stands watch at the "front door" to the project. Careful consideration was given to the creation of thresholds of privacy for the recovering families. HomeSafe divided the development's 25 units into three main residential buildings, layering common kitchen, dining, and living areas with private bedroom suites for each resident.

MATERIALS AND ASSEMBLIES:

recall the vernacular architecture of Santa Clara Valley's agricultural past. High sloping ceilings lend an unexpected expansiveness to the communal areas of the homes. The architect chose a light, neutral-colored plaster for the sides of buildings that face the property lines; bright, warmer hues enliven the courtyard facades. Saw-toothed metal roofs and deep awnings

SUSTAINABILITY:

The project meets the strict Title 24 California energy code that has some of the strictest energy use codes in the nation. Bright exterior colors contribute to the project's cheerful atmosphere, while the courtyard is a key part of the project. You can look across it and are able to look at your neighbor.



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