

# Groundbreaking today for new mutual housing in Davis

At 10 a.m. today, Sacramento|Yolo Mutual Housing Association is holding a groundbreaking ceremony for New Harmony - the nonprofit's 16th community in the region - in Davis.

The 69-apartment community will have 1, 2 and 3-bedroom flats for families of modest means. Each flat will have a private patio, energy-efficient appliances, environmentally friendly building materials and finishes as well as high-quality indoor air filters. The apartments will be wheelchair accessible, have free Internet access and minimal utility bills.

The complex is located at 3023 Albany Ave., in Davis, adjacent to the New Harmony site.



## Sacramento | Yolo Mutual Housing Association

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Sacramento Mutual Housing Association develops housing that is affordable to a diversity of households. Our housing builds strong and stable communities through resident participation and leadership development.

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New Harmony is an energy-efficient development with a solar-powered community building where financial education and ongoing workshops and classes will be held. Like most Mutual Housing communities, New Harmony residents will have a computer lab.

"At New Harmony, Davis families will soon have the option of moving to a green, healthy home," said Rachel Iskow, Mutual Housing's executive director. "That families of modest means will be able to live comfortably within their budgets in Davis should be a source of pride for this great community."

Since the community is next to Owendale - one of Mutual Housing's four other communities in Davis - residents will be able to share open space, a children's playground, a basketball court and community garden. Redwood and evergreen trees will be part of the landscaping. When completed, it will be connected to the city greenbelt/bike path.

Part of the green design was funded by a \$75,000 grant from the Home Depot Foundation, that included evaluating costs and benefits of various green building options. Mutual Housing staff is aiming for 100 green points, 30 above the 70 required for such projects in Davis.

Saving energy or water, improving air quality and access to public transportation all qualify for points.

This vacant parcel was one of the few multifamily-zoned lots left in Davis.

Funding for the new community came from partners such as the city of Davis Redevelopment Agency, California Tax Credit Allocation Committee, Merritt Community Capital Corporation, City of Davis HOME Program, Bank of America and the Federal Home Loan Bank of Atlanta.

Founded in 1988, Sacramento|Yolo Mutual Housing Association develops and operates well-designed rental housing for the diversity of the region's households. The communities have 2,600 residents, half of whom are children.

Through Mutual Housing's focus on leadership, the nonprofit also provides training and mentoring as well as educational programs, community-building activities and services for residents and neighbors.

For more information on housing, programs and services at Mutual Housing, go to <http://www.mutualhousing.com>.