

# PROVIDING FARMWORKER HOUSING IN THE PAJARO VALLEY: THE CHALLENGE

The cost of living in both Monterey and Santa Cruz County is one of the highest in the United States. In addition, these counties are home to some of the richest and most fertile agricultural lands in the world, located in the Pajaro Valley on the county line between Monterey and Santa Cruz Counties. This presents the challenge of supporting the agricultural industry and its farm labor workforce by finding ways to develop affordable and well-designed farmworker housing to mitigate the area's high cost of living.

In order to address this challenge, the community must answer some key questions: What should farmworker housing look like? How can it be built? What are the obstacles facing its development? How can government, community organizations, developers, and the farmworker community work together to plan for future needed housing?

