

# Casa Familiar

San Ysidro, CA, USA



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**Size:**

Indeterminate; two small projects

**Dates:**






2001 - Present



**Project Team:**

Casa Familiar Community  
Development Agency; Estudio  
Teddy Cruz (director of design)

**Conceiving the neighborhood as a producer of new housing policy and economy.** Designed to provide a new type of affordable housing, and to stimulate political, economic, and social transformation.

## Goals & Strategies

 Place	
<b>Food</b>	<b>Goals:</b> Provide opportunities for gardening <b>Strategies:</b> Community gardens that are considered small infrastructure for affordable housing.
<b>Transportation</b>	<b>Goals:</b> Goals not stated. <b>Strategies:</b> Elements of the site made available for specific collective programming to support informal economies and social organization. Includes church, social rooms, and collective kitchens.
 Water	(Details not provided by researchers)
 Energy	(Details not provided by Researchers)
 <b>Health + Happiness</b> (Details not provided by researchers)	
 Materials	
<b>Material Plan</b>	<b>Goals:</b> Goals not defined. <b>Strategies:</b> Building reuse.

 Equity	
<b>Neighborhood &amp; Access</b>	<b>Goals:</b> 100% affordable housing. <b>Strategies:</b> Strategies not reported.
<b>Access to Community Services</b>	<b>Goals:</b> Community engagement on all fronts: education, economics, politics, urbanism, and architecture. <b>Strategies:</b> Strategies not reported.
 Beauty	
<b>Inspiration</b>	<b>Goals:</b> Community engagement in public art. <b>Strategies:</b> Strategies not reported.

> See next page for Performance Levels achieved

## Performance Levels Achieved:

	Standard	Good	Better	Living	Regenerative
<b>Place</b>					
Limits to Growth					
Food					
Habitat					
Transportation					
<b>Water</b>					
<b>Energy</b>					
<b>Health + Happiness</b>					
Civilized Environment					
Neighborhood Design					
Biophilia					
Resilient Connections					
<b>Materials</b>					
Material Plan					
Embodied Energy & Carbon					
Waste					
<b>Equity</b>					
Neighborhood & Access					
Access to Nature					
Access to Community Services					
Investment					
<b>Beauty</b>					
Beauty & Spirit					
Inspiration					

### Sources:

<https://www.casafamiliar.org/moma-small-scale-big-change/>

<https://vimeo.com/36577737>

[https://www.moma.org/interactives/exhibitions/2010/smallscalebigchange/projects/casa\\_familiar.html](https://www.moma.org/interactives/exhibitions/2010/smallscalebigchange/projects/casa_familiar.html)

*\*Note: This case study was developed using found information.*

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