

Marin City



Working with a partnership of the Marin City Community Development Corporation, the Marin City Community Services District, and the Bridge Housing Corporation, a large nonprofit affordable housing developer, the SWA Group prepared a master plan and landscape design that addressed redevelopment issues and community goals for the 50-acre redevelopment site located five miles north of San Francisco. The project included 340 apartments or townhouses, 186,645 square-foot of retail development, relocation and rebuilding of an existing church, a day care center, major rebuilding of the freeway interchange, a bus transit station, and parks and roadways to serve the project.

Given the project's location within a primarily low income community, the project included many public benefit efforts such as affirmative action agreements, programs for leasing retail space to community residents, and homebuyer's education. The site plan and

Location

Marin City, California

Client

TMG Partners (formerly The Martin Group)

SWA Scope

Master Plan, Approvals
Public Participation Process

Size

50 acres / 20 hectares

Award

Advocacy Planning Award, American Planning Association, California Chapter

landscape design integrated the very large buildings accommodating discount retail users such as a low-cost food market and home improvement store, into a shopping center intended to also serve the existing community. To achieve a community consensus and gain governmental approvals, SWA conducted community workshops, prepared a master plan, precise development plan, and provided full landscape architectural services for implementation.