# Sonoma's New "Green" Urbanism

*The land plan includes adaptive reuse of the 175 acre former Agilent campus.*

Within sight of gently rolling Sonoma Mountain, the 175 acre former Agilent Campus in Rohnert Park, California has lain dormant for years. Though the loss of thousands of jobs significantly impacted the area, the sheer expanse of land and extraordinary infrastructure left many planners hopeful for an ultimate, creative reuse of the property. A reuse that would be far from the ordinary.

Created and managed by Codding Enterprises, the plan for Sonoma Mountain Village combines high-tech and visionary business, comfortable residences, services, environmentally friendly community that is centered around the Village Square and a short walk from the proposed SMART Train.

Brad Baker, CEO and President of Codding, reflected recently on the site's promise to be a showcase of 21st Century New Urbanism. "Here we have this extraordinary opportunity to do it right, to use progressive New Urbanism thinking and every conceivable green technology. One of our many steps toward environmental commitment has been the purchase of $7,500,000 of solar panels to produce sustainable electricity. We are targeting a Platinum LEED Certification in neighborhood design from the US Green Building Council."

New technology and new ideas need a place to grow. A business incubator, the Sonoma Mountain Business Cluster, is already up and running under the experienced guidance of Executive Director Jerry Gladstone, formerly with Hewlett-Packard. The Sonoma Mountain Business Cluster focuses on incubating medical device and sustainable resource oriented technologies.

*The Village Square unites the residential area with the commercial core.*

Richard Pope, who formerly managed more than $2 billion in new home sales for Taylor-Woodrow, elaborates further on some of the "Green" standards at SMV.

"We are building in harmony with the existing man-made and natural assets, relying upon the principles of adaptive re-use and New Urbanism. To keep SMV green, Codding has made commitments to use cost-effective, healthy and environmentally responsible materials."

The 500,000 square feet of commercial space is being marketed as "green" office space. A town square and linear park connects the commercial and retail components with the 1,900 homes, which are proposed to range from 500 square foot condominiums to 3,500 square foot single-family residences.

The community will also include proposed parks, an international size all-weather soccer field, a fitness center, basketball areas and other community amenities. In May 2006 the preliminary development plan met with unanimous approval from the Rohnert Park Planning Commission and more commercial tenants moved in, including Codding Enterprises.

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