Bay Oaks, a joint venture between MidPen Housing and East Palo Alto CAN DO, a community-based non-profit organization, was the first major housing development to be developed in East Palo Alto after the city’s incorporation in 1983. Comprised of 38 family apartments on a two-acre site adjacent to East Palo Alto City Hall, Bay Oaks is part of a 62-unit planned community that includes 24 condominiums developed by Peninsula Habitat for Humanity.

The Bay Oaks rental units were carefully designed to complement the adjoining neighborhood of existing single family homes. The two- and three-story townhouses accentuate East Palo Alto’s architectural heritage. Bay Oaks includes attractive landscaping and front porch-style private entries. Numerous windows and vaulted ceilings add a feeling of spaciousness to the residences. A 1,300 square-foot community center, called the Oakes-Mouton Community Center, features a large meeting room, a community kitchen, a children’s play area and a computer center. The site includes a large outdoor playground, a barbecue and patio area, and a community garden area.