Aptos Blue provides 40 families with affordable rental homes in Santa Cruz County. Located near a major shopping center, public library, and public transportation lines, Aptos Blue residents live, work, and play in their neighborhood.

The community marks one of the six sites re-zoned by the County with the goal to provide affordable housing. Five units are set aside for individuals and families with special needs.

In addition to new construction, Aptos Blue includes the renovation of the historic Castro House. Originally built in the mid-1870s by Vicente Castro, a prominent rancher and orchardist, the Castro House site is part of the former Aptos Rancho. Through the years, the home was owned by other prominent business leaders and was used to entertain well-known celebrities and politicians. In 2001, the Castro House was added to the Santa Cruz County Historic Resources Inventory for its association with the rancho period in Santa Cruz history and its distinctive representation of Colonial Revival residential architecture from the 1860s.

The house now provides a shared space for the residents including a community room, a common kitchen, an After School Program classroom, and a beautiful community garden outside.