The opening of Moonridge I in 1999 and Moonridge II in 2001 marked the successful conclusion of a 15-year effort to develop affordable housing for farmworker families on the San Mateo County coast.

In 1996, San Mateo County turned to MidPen Housing to help overcome various obstacles to the project’s progress, including site access, financing, sewer and water issues and concerns about the potential impact on local schools.

Today, Moonridge offers 160 units of affordable housing for agricultural workers in a development designed to reflect the many turn-of-the-century farmhouses in the area. Duplex and four-plex-style buildings in small clusters give the development the feel of a small town. MidPen Housing Services provides and coordinates a huge variety of services at Moonridge, including classes provided by the College of San Mateo and early childhood development services from Head Start. The development also features a computer center funded by Intel and several community gardens which are planted and tended by residents.

Moonridge has been awarded the prestigious National Low-Income Tax Credit Coalition’s Award: “Best Rural Project in the Nation,” a Gold Nugget Award from the Pacific Coast Builders Conference and an award from the California Council of the American Institute of Architects.