



THE EVOLUTION OF THE APPLE BARN





APTOS VILLEGE PLAN

On February 23, 2010, the Santa Cruz County Board of Supervisors adopted the Aptos Village Plan. The plan was the result of decades of hard work by the County and the community.

1979: the Aptos Village Community Design Framework was the original Specific Plan adopted for the community.

1985: the plan was amended.

2001: the Aptos community and County began efforts to coordinate new development for the Aptos Village Community. Swenson Builders assembled seven parcels totaling 11.5 acres.

The project plan recognizes the historic development and the heritage of Aptos Village and calls for new residential and commercial development, public open space, recreation areas, infrastructure improvements and improved circulation for vehicles, bicycles and pedestrians. The plan includes a strong element of historic preservation to maintain the community's historic sense of place. Key in this was preservation of the Hihn Apple Barn.





Kelly Brothers House Movers lifted and moved the Apple Barn to its new location in 2016.

Credit: MBA Architects



Metal newspaper press plates were used to reroof the Apple Barn roof, and were recovered when the barn was relocated and restored.

Historic Barn Relocation:

Historically, buildings including the Bayview
Hotel were moved as communities changed and
grew. As part of the Aptos Village Plan, relocating
the historic Hihn Apple Barn was necessary to
preserve the building, and to provide improved
safety and access for the community.

The Hihn Apple Barn was relocated in 2016 by Kelly Brothers House Movers. The building was separated at one of its joints to create two parts, and long steel girders were installed underneath it so the building could be lifted and moved. The barn was raised on jacks and carefully wheeled to its new location on rollers. The barn was moved an estimated 250 feet and rotated 160 degrees.

In its new location, the building was supported on jacks while the new concrete slab floor and perimeter footing walls were constructed, then the original wood floor was removed, and all the interior wood floor joists and flooring was salvaged for reuse. It now serves as a centerpiece of Aptos Village.

Rehabilitation

"The act or process of making possible a compatible use for a property through repair, alterations or additions while preserving those portions or features which convey its historical, cultural or architectural significance."

The rehabilitation of the Apple Barn for use as a grocery store preserves important historical features and materials that tell the story of the building for future generations.

Interior Features:

- The wood timber construction is visible in the barn columns.
- A portion of the interior wall at the entrance is visible, exhibiting the plank board and batt walls, and post and beam construction. The carpenter trusses and exposed roofing are visible at the interior.
- At the main entrance of the rehabilitated barn, a portion of original wood flooring was salvaged and utilized for the new store.
- Attached to this panel is a historic apple scale that was used as part of the apple packing plant.

Construction: Wood timber structural system of posts, beams and trusses.

Shape: Three gable bays, pitched roofs with ridge pop-up venting Interior open spaces.

Materials: Exterior vertical board and the board and batt in the gables.

The exterior skirting has been reinstalled over the new concrete perimeter foundation.

Features: Interior wood wall systems, interior floors, doors and window openings, historic hardware, industrial door systems and loading dock.

