

Overview of multi-unit environmental housing in the United States

There are several housing projects in the United States that cater to people with multiple chemical sensitivity (MCS). There are only a couple that accommodate people with electrical hypersensitivity (EHS).

The oldest MCS housing projects were started in the 1980s (Ecology House, Ecology Housing, Sprague House), with two of them still in operation. Five of the projects listed are no longer operational for various reasons. At least two of them became too moldy.

Two projects are government funded to provide low-income housing: Ecology House (sponsored by HUD) and Rockin R Ranch (State of Arizona).

Two developments (The Commons and Hansa Trail) are unofficial ad-hoc neighborhoods, where people with MCS simply buy or build houses next to each other. Hansa Trail consists of individual houses on large lots (20+ acres). The Commons is a development of 21 regularly built townhouses, of which currently four are owned by people with MCS.

Four of the projects (Ecology Housing, Rosemary's, Lake Tawakoni and Pat Shirley's) are rustic rural camps where people live in trailers or little huts/cabins.

The projects are evenly divided between converted and purpose-built housing, as well as between attached and stand-alone structures.

Only one development (Rockin R Ranch) was specifically designed to be low-EMF for people with electrical sensitivities. A few others have minor modifications or features that reduce electronic radiation.

Some of the unit numbers are approximate as of 2011, or when the project closed. Ecology Housing had about twenty-five units (huts and trailers) in the 1990s, which made it the largest.

Several private residences have "granny flats" attached to them for rent. These are not included on this list.

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Name/Town	Units	Rental	Private	Rural	Camp	Detached	Status	Purpose Built	Comments
Arizona Hansa Trail <i>Snowflake</i>	13	Yes	Yes	Yes		Yes		Yes	Rural neighborhood on large lots
Rockin R Ranch <i>Snowflake</i>	4	Yes		Yes		Yes		Yes	State funded, low income only
Rosemary's <i>Chino Valley</i>	4	Yes		Yes	Yes	Yes		Yes	Steel huts and trailers
California Ecology House <i>San Rafael</i>	11	Yes						Yes	HUD funded, low-income only
Florida Pride and Joy <i>Melbourne</i>	8	Yes	Yes						Converted beachfront motel
The Natural Place <i>Deerfield Beach</i>	5	Yes							Converted motel(?)
New Mexico The Commons <i>Santa Fe</i>	4		Yes						Mixed with non-MCS townhouses
Pat Shirley's <i>Questa</i>	4	Yes		Yes	Yes	Yes	Closed		Trailer sites and one hut

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Texas									
Dr. Rea – Courtyard <i>Dallas</i>	23	Yes							Converted hotel suites
Dr. Rea – Meadow <i>Dallas</i>	18	Yes					Closed		Converted condos
Ecology Housing <i>Seagoville/Dallas</i>	10	Yes		Yes	Yes	Mixed		Yes	Steel huts
Lake Tawakoni <i>Point / Dallas</i>	3	Yes		Yes	Yes	Yes	Closed	N/A	Trailer sites only
Raintree <i>Dallas</i>	12	Yes					Closed		Converted apartments
Regina Caelis (Earl's) <i>Dallas</i>	18	Yes	Yes						Converted condos
Sprague House <i>Garland / Dallas</i>	5	Yes					Closed		Villa converted to rooming house

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