El Bosque 1 Settlement

The settlement of El Bosque 1 is located in the municipality of Huechuraba, in the northern part of Santiago. It was first established in 1970 with the relocation of hundreds of pobladores who had participated in a massive land invasion in the area of Guanaco.

The land invasion in Guanaco took place in 1969 by numerous "comites de sin casa" (organized groups of renters, *allegados* and people who did not have the means to purchase their own house). In order to be part of these committees and participate in the invasion, the pobladores had to be enrolled in public housing programs which required a specific amount of housing savings, also known as cuotas CORVI. The invasion of Guanaco, like many other land invasions that occurred during that time, carried the support of important left-winged political figures, who ensured some level of success of the invasion as well as in the negotiations with government officials.

Once established in Guanaco, the leaders of the invasion reestablished dialogue with housing authorities in order to be given definitive sites. In 1970, the government relocated them to different sectors of Huechuraba, one of these became the settlement of El Bosque 1. The settlement was established as part of the "Operacion Sitio" program, in which every family was assigned a plot of land, but without the necessary basic infrastructure.

During the Allende administration, negotiations began regarding the type of housing that was to be built in the settlement. The type of housing chosen was built in two phases. The first phase was the construction of $36m^2$ of living space for a bathroom, a kitchen and living/dining room.The second phase was the construction of another $36m^2$ for the bedrooms.

When construction began in 1971, basic infrastructure such as water pipes and drainage were put in place. The first phase of construction was completed in 1973, but the second phase never took place. Later, the residents themselves gradually began building extensions and finishing their homes.