

Angelus Oaks, San Bernardino County

Community Profile

Overview

The community profile is a summary of the social, cultural, economic and historic dimensions of the community. It is a gathering of objective data collected through secondary sources meant to inform and help facilitate discussion during the community meetings. The profile, together with future studies and information gathered from residents during the community meetings, will highlight essential facets and “tell the story” of the Angelus Oaks community.

History

1849: The Glen Martin homestead was established and the area became a rest stop for travelers up to Holcomb Valley

1962: Seven Oaks and Camp Angelus Post Offices were combined, naming the community Angelus Oaks

1920s: The Lodge was constructed, Glen Martin area served as control point for cars traveling up the one way road

1987: Angelus Oaks Lodge was restored as a resort for visitors and remains open today

The Angelus Oaks community was a key rest location during the 1850’s, for miners traveling up to Holcomb Valley. Through the early 1900’s, stagecoaches used the old wagon road to bring passengers and mail up the back side of the mountain to Big Bear. During the 1920’s, Angelus Oaks transitioned into a rest stop and supply stop for automobile travelers. In 1961, State Highway 38 was completed traversing through the town. In 1962, the Seven Oaks and Camp Angelus Post Offices were combined, naming the community Angelus Oaks. In 1987, the Angeles Oaks Lodge came under new leadership and became a livable resort. The community remains small, with several nearby public Forest Service campsites and popular hiking trails.

Source(s): Wikipedia; Angelus Oaks Community Wildfire Protection Plan

Location & Geography

Angelus Oaks is located in the southern portion of San Bernardino County, in the middle of the San Bernardino National Forest. The community is extremely mountainous, and is located approximately halfway between Big Bear Lake and the County line.



Source: ESRI



Key Census Data

Category	Angelus Oaks		San Bernardino County		California		United States	
	Number	% of Total	Number	% of Total	Number	% of Total	Number	% of Total
Population								
Total Population	396		2,078,586		38,066,920		314,107,084	
2020 Population Forecast	408 (+1.0%)		2,227,066 (+7.1%)		40,619,346 (+6.7%)		334,503,000 (+6.5%)	
Total Households	173		607,604		12,617,280		116,211,092	
Average Household Size	1.90		3.34		2.95		2.63	
Median Age	47.2		32.2		35.6		37.4	
Education								
High School Diploma	N/A	N/A	330,613	26.3%	5,153,257	20.7%	58,440,600	27.95%
Education Past High School	N/A	N/A	417,953	33.3%	7,400,714	29.8%	60,821,634	29.1%
Bachelor Degree or Higher	N/A	N/A	336,315	26.8%	7,708,909	31.0%	61,206,147	29.3%
Housing								
Total Dwelling Units	258	n/a	703,737	n/a	13,781,929	n/a	132,741,033	n/a
Homeowner Occupied Units	139	53.9%	370,032	52.58%	6,908,925	50.1%	74,787,460	56.3%
Renter Occupied Units	34	13.2%	237,572	33.76%	5,708,355	41.4%	41,423,632	32.2%
Vacancy*	85	31.8%	96,133	13.7%	1,164,649	8.5%	16,529,941	12.5%
Median Year Structure Built	N/A	n/a	1976	n/a	1974	n/a	1976	n/a
Income								
Median Household Income	\$60,476	n/a	\$54,100	n/a	\$61,489	n/a	\$53,482	n/a
Persons Below Poverty Level	N/A	N/A	199,451	12.7%	3,354,518	11.2%	26,235,361	10.6%
Employed	N/A	N/A	812,707	86.1%	16,890,442	89.0%	143,435,233	90.2%
Unemployed	N/A	N/A	131,293	13.9%	2,084,564	12.3%	14,504,781	9.2%
Note: N/A indicates that the data is not available; n/a indicates that the category is not applicable								
*This figure may include seasonal households								

Table 1: Key Census Data

Sources: 2014 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates and ESRI

Census Data

Residents of Angelus Oaks have a higher median age when compared to the rest of San Bernardino County, the State of California and the Country. Homeownership in Angelus Oaks is comparable to the county, state and national averages. The median household income is higher than San Bernardino County, but comparable to the rest of the State of

California. Additionally, the average household size of Angelus Oaks is much lower than the average household size of San Bernardino County. Due to the small size of the Angelus Oaks community, certain census data was not available (including employment and educational attainment information).

Community Structure (Physical Characteristics)

Residential: Residences primarily consist of single family residential dwellings that are one story homes set close to the street and are nestled in the forest landscape.

Commercial: Commercial uses are concentrated in the northern portion of the community along Highway 38. This district consists of a mixture of different businesses in wide one-story red wood “A-frame” buildings with surface parking in front.

Transportation: The main thoroughfare in Angelus Oaks is Highway 38 (SR 38), a paved two lane highway with one travel lane in each direction. There are no pedestrian or bicycle facilities associated with SR 38. Local roads are paved and lack pedestrian and bicycle facilities. No public transit serves the plan area. The WalkScore for Angelus Oaks indicates that all errands need to be completed by car.

Sources: Google Earth, County of San Bernardino, WalkScore.com

Community Amenities

Parks and Trails: The San Bernardino Peak Hiking Trail begins in Angelus Oaks, and offers mountain views in all directions. Other recreational activities including hiking trails and campsites located around the plan area.

Hospitals: There are no hospitals located within the plan area. The closest hospitals are Bear Valley Community Hospital (Big Bear Lake), Redlands Community Hospital (Redlands), and the Loma Linda University Medical Center (Loma Linda). Urgent care facilities include Bear Mountain Family Urgent Care (Big Bear Lake) and Urgent Care by Pinnacle Medical Group (Yucaipa).

Schools: The community is served by the Fallsvale Elementary School in Forest Falls and Big Bear High School in Big Bear City. The schools are operated by the Bear Valley Unified School District.

Fire Protection: Angelus Oaks is served by the Angelus Oaks Fire Station (PCF #98), Forest Falls Fire Station (PCF #99) and the Mentone Fire Station (Station #9). The Angelus Oaks Fire Station and Forest Falls Fire Station are staffed by paid call firefighters, and the Mentone Fire Station is staffed by a combination of full-time personnel and paid call firefighters. Response times from the Angelus Oaks station are 6 to 10 minutes, if staffing occurs, and response times from the Forest Falls station are 15 to 20 minutes if staffing occurs. Response times from the Mentone station are 26 minutes.

Police Protection: The plan area is served by the San Bernardino County Sheriff's Department out of the Yucaipa Police Station. The station employs 33 safety staff members and 10 professional staff members.

Source: Bear Valley Unified School District, County of San Bernardino Fire and Sheriff Departments, Wikipedia and San Bernardino National Forest

Community Development Organizations

Greyback Disaster Preparedness Group

<https://www.citizencorps.fema.gov/cc/showCouncil.do?id=46087>
(909)-794-1926

Code Enforcement

Common issues that are noted within the community include:

Residential: Junk and trash, excessive outside storage, inoperative vehicles and construction activities without permits.

Commercial: Excessive signs and banners, outside displays of products, lack of commercial area and limited public parking.

Crime: Speed of vehicles traveling through on Highway 38; response times for report calls; hunters getting too close to the community.

Source: San Bernardino County Code Enforcement

Retail Services

The 2016 ESRI Community Analyst Report showed that Angelus Oaks has approximately ten businesses in five business categories. The majority of businesses are oriented toward services (50 percent) and government (20 percent).

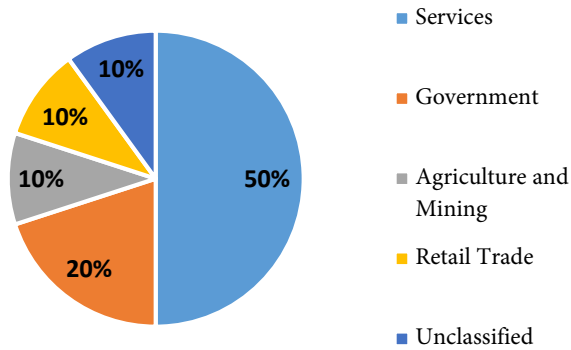


Figure 3: Retail Services

Source: ESRI

Community Events

- **Canyon Clean Up.** Annually.

Source: Mountain C.A.R.E.

Public Health

Chronic Disease: Due to the size of the Angelus Oaks community, there is insufficient data available to determine the rates of chronic disease hospitalization and emergency room visits.

Source: Healthy San Bernardino County

Air Quality: Table 3 below shows the air quality near Angelus Oaks, measured at the Redlands – Dearborn monitoring site, in terms of the number of days that area exceeded the federal standards for pollutants (exceedance days). The table shows that the monitoring site near Angelus Oaks had fewer exceedance days for each pollutant than that of the overall Mojave Air Basin, in which Angelus Oaks is located.

Air pollution is one of the contributing factors linked to the development of chronic diseases such as stroke, heart disease, lung cancer, and respiratory diseases. By reducing levels of ambient pollution (outdoor air pollution), communities can lessen the impact that it has on resident's health.

Source(s): California Air Resources Board

	Redlands – Dearborn Monitoring Site			South Coast Air Basin		
	2012	2013	2014	2012	2013	2014
Ozone Federal 8-hour standard	79	63	55	111	88	92
Course Particulate Matter (PM ₁₀) Federal 24-hour standard	0	0	0	0	2	1
Fine Particulate Matter (PM _{2.5}) Federal 24-hour standard	*	*	*	17	13	15

Table 3: Air Quality Exceedance Days

Source: California Air Resources Board

* Indicates insufficient data

Modified Food Index: The Modified Food Index maps the availability of healthy food in a census tract. The lower the score, the less available healthy options are in the area.

The entire community area of Angelus Oaks ranks within the second lowest categories for food access, meaning that there are access to between 5 and 15 healthy food outlets within that area. Lower scores indicate that these areas contain many convenience stores and fast food restaurants compared to the number of healthy food markets.

Source(s): Modified Retail Food Environment Index Score Map

Community Engagement Summary

As a part of the Community Plans Continuum process, community members from Angelus Oaks were invited to participate in two community workshops. The first workshop, titled “What We Value”, took place on September 14th, 2016 from 6:00 – 8:30pm at the Angelus Oaks Fire & Rescue Co. 98. This workshop was attended by 40 community members. Workshop participants performed a SWOT analysis to identify strengths, weaknesses, opportunities, and threats within the community. Following that exercise, participants used that information to share what they valued about the community (Values) and what they want to see the community become in the future (Aspirations). Lastly, workshop participants worked on forming the draft focus and action statements that form the backbone of the community plan.

The second workshop, titled “Our Roadmap to Making it Happen”, took place on November 9th, 2016 from 6:00 – 8:30pm at the Angelus Oaks Fire & Rescue Co. 98. This workshop was attended by 12 community members. The purpose of this workshop was to continue to develop the draft focus and action statements created in workshop #1. The project team provided word for word summaries of the SWOT and Values and Aspirations exercises to use during the goal setting process. The workshop was primarily used to help prioritize the focus statements developed in the previous workshop while also identifying possible champions for each effort.

Information was also made available on project websites made specifically for each community. This information included:

- Background materials on the project
- Materials developed for each workshop
- Summaries of the information collected from past workshops
- Surveys developed to follow the process of each meeting and allow for further input

Community Identified Issues

SWOT Analysis

This section contains the results of the SWOT analysis conducted during the first workshop. A SWOT exercise stands for strengths, weaknesses, opportunities, and threats and is used to help gain insight into the community through local knowledge. In the first part, participants identify their communities’ biggest strengths, such as community assets like a library or community center, along with their biggest weaknesses, which could be a lack of open space or high rates of internal crime. Next, workshop participants looked at opportunities that the community could take advantage of as part of the community plans process. This builds off of what was identified in the strengths and weaknesses portion. Lastly, participants identify external threats to the community. These are generally concerns that are outside of the control of community members, such as natural disasters or changes in economic conditions. This information was then compiled and used throughout the rest of the community plans process to inform the values and aspirations exercises conducted at workshop #1, as well as the focus and actions statements.

Strengths

- Small
- People are friendly
- Self-sufficient
- Beautiful location
- Isolated, quiet, small
- Help each other
- Great cohesiveness of community in emergency
- We are organized to handle disasters
- Attractive vacation spot for tourists
- Rural forested, quiet, water quality
- First responders
- Active volunteer fire department, disaster group and search + rescue
- We all care but we need to respect the speed limits and neighborly love
- Fire department
- Post office
- More relaxed atmosphere
- Close knit community
- Clean up process, dumpsters, hippies
- Tight need (“tight-knit”) community
- Love bears
- Secluded, quiet
- Not having any street lights
- Good neighbors
- Weather, environment
- Preservation of wildlife
- Bears
- Independent personalities
- No destination place
- Air quality
- Peace
- Privacy
- No developers
- All the residents own the water company, we are self sufficient
- History of the community
- Not over commercialized
- Older demographic
- Peace and quiet
- Hiking trails
- Nature

- A.O. community group and our new fire station
- Pacific Pines elder care facility
- Quiet
- Community pulling together
- AOCA Angelus Oaks Community Association
- Community closeness
- People connected
- Quiet
- People in community
- Cool temperature
- Quiet
- Wilderness
- Sense of community
- Fire house
- Natural setting/environment
- Good snow removal
- Very little traffic
- Little crime
- Small community

Weaknesses

- Speed bump or speed limits in residential area
- Funding
- Bad roads, speeding on Route 38
- Road conditions, no paving in 20+ years!
- No store anymore ☹
- No store
- Added fire taxes
- People putting on chains in middle of the roads
- Communication with County
- Police
- Stranded
- We live in a wonderful place, lets treat it that way and treat our neighbors that way
- Road conditions
- Consistent (“inconsistent”) power
- Limited law enforcement
- Water
- No crosswalks
- Speed enforced would be nice on Hwy 38

Weaknesses (continued)

- Huge snow berms left in driveways
- People forget to respect others
- No destination place
- Independent personalities
- Bears
- Marta Mt. Transport doesn't (go) up Hwy 28, they travel up 138 and 18
- Better/more commercial business, i.e. stores
- Roads not maintained, surface
- Local business, need store
- Cross walks repainted on Hwy 38
- Need road signs, street signs
- Water without fluoride
- When will the streets be repaved
- Bear proof trash cans
- Need enforcement of trails – motorcycled
- Bear proof trashcans needed
- Junk in yards
- Part of the community fears change
- Slow traffic down
- Lack of business opportunities
- Lack of communications in regards to a continuous thread [sic], Facebook, web, mail, etc.
- Lack of public funding
- Poor roads
- Water storage
- Lack of street lighting
- Infrastructure
- No paramedic services
- Public restroom
- Road repair
- Cell service, internet service
- Lack of public parking
- Internet
- No public restrooms
- Roadway concerns
- Road county communication
- Road needs fixing
- Traffic in winter
- Traffic – snow chains
- Nature & trash
- Trash cans, beards

- Utilities, frontier internet
- No back up electric

Opportunities

- Tourists stopping at restaurants
- Tourism could have visitor center... activities or not
- A community store would be nice and maybe even funded by Angelus Oaks
- Supply store
- More green waste recycling
- Opportunity for recycling in Angelus Oaks
- We do have organizations in A.O. that folks can help A.O. survive [sic]
- Markets
- Need public restrooms
- SB County stay involved
- Recycling
- Recycling
- More mountain bike trails
- Wildlife
- Protect wildlife
- Bike shop for bikers
- Community garden/surplus
- Community groups
- Build more community spirit
- Cultivate a community that caters to the elderly
- Manage growth through the plan
- Gas station
- Need crosswalk at Mt. Home Creek Road and Manzanita
- Grocery store, general store with “all” services
- Public transportation
- Acquire lake and bordering property
- Elementary lunch or after school program
- Grocery store
- Store reopened
- Community center for children activities
- Community center @ commercial property
- Destination place for tourists, like conservancy program
- Public day park

Opportunities (continued)

- Ball field
- Increased public parking
- Roadside signage for local business
- Bed and breakfast hotel
- Monument sign
- Increased police presence
- Need cross walk
- Meals on wheels
- Additional signage for hiking trails
- Dog park
- School
- Community center
- Community services expansion
- Cleaner environment
- Breathe clean air
- To keep A.O. clean and wild
- Stronger fire department
- More firemen
- Fire services more \$

Threats

- Isolation in natural disasters/emergencies
- Fire
- Educating new comers to A.O. on how the system works
- No water
- Natural disasters (fire, land slide)
- Trash, graffiti from visitors
- 98 acres
- Berms put in front of driveways by snow plow
- No development
- Tourists
- No expansion
- Tourism
- Wildfire

- There are 2 large sections of land, concern Water? Traffic? [sic]
- Development with light pollution
- We need a good gas pump
- Isolation in case of road closure
- Amount traffic to/front parking area for hiking. Need better signs to parking
- Fire
- Trash cans along Hwy 38 during snow season... tourist(s) leave trash all over the highway
- Offers from the community to help us?
- Tourists on a day after snow, blocking my highway, dangerous
- Tourists – a 2016 incident, I want to be able to come home on the Hwy after a snow day
- Fire
- Fire
- Water shortage
- No public restrooms during snow season
- Evacuation rumors theories [sic]
- Water shortage
- Tourists
- Fire
- Over developed community
- Bear proof trashcans
- Not having input on our “plan”
- Bear proof trash cans
- Winter time – intrusion on our space
- Fires
- Fire threat – roads & county planners
- Fire, bears, coyotes
- Development
- Planning department
- Development
- Future change and uncertainty



APPENDIX B

Action Plan Template



Community Focus Statement: _____

Action Statement: _____

Champion: _____

Estimated Cost: _____

Action	Action Leader	Timeline	Resources
1.			
2.			
3.			
4.			
5.			