

## Community Focus Statement A: Preserve and enhance the rural agricultural character and setting of Oak Glen.

**Action Statement A.1: Encourage County identification and designation of important agricultural resources and collaborate to preserve these resources as historic landmarks. Consider establishing an Oak Glen Historic District.**

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**Benchmark:** Officially designate historic resources in Oak Glen and preserve them for future generations.

**Champion:** Volunteer group or person or can be identified by the community

**Estimated Cost:** \$15,000 - \$50,000 depending upon consulting costs



Oak Glen landscape. Photo source: [Don Graham](#)

To protect and enhance the historical resources and agricultural history of Oak Glen, the Oak Glen Apple Growers Association should coordinate with the County of San Bernardino Museum to preserve resources as landmarks. Identifying historic resources, buildings, streets, or other infrastructure is essential to their preservation. This identification should be driven by community members familiar with the Oak Glen community.

There are several benefits to conducting a community-based inventory to identify these existing resources. First, it creates an opportunity for Oak Glen residents to appreciate the value and enhance what is already existing in the community. Additionally, in this process, Oak Glen can identify historic resources that would be appropriate for preservation or other

beneficial community uses.

The following are examples of questions the community can ask during the identification process:

- Which structures or landscapes have distinctive architectural or cultural characteristics?
- Which structures or landscapes reflect important Oak Glen social history or planning and development?
- What sites or buildings have been gathering places or focal points of the community over the years?
- Which resources are associated with important people in Oak Glen history?
- How might these assets be connected to individuals, associations, and institutions in the community?
- How might the community begin to imagine and institute new uses for underused assets?

Open space and agricultural resource conservation has a variety of health and economic benefits, and would allow Oak Glen to protect natural resources for generations to come. By giving official designation to Oak Glen agricultural landmarks, the community can grow while honoring its historical roots and the natural environment.

Action	Action Leader	Timeline	Resources
1. Organize a committee of residents to serve as volunteers for historic preservation.	Champion	Month 1	Oak Glen Community Points of Interest <a href="http://www.oakglen.net/points-of-interest.html">http://www.oakglen.net/points-of-interest.html</a>
2. Develop a list of current historic landmarks and potentially new historic landmarks that need to be preserved and developed.*	Historic Preservation Committee	Month 2	California Register of Historical Resources, Designation Criteria <a href="http://ohp.parks.ca.gov/?page_id=21238">http://ohp.parks.ca.gov/?page_id=21238</a>
3. Research and discuss the benefits of establishing an Oak Glen Historic District	Historic Preservation Committee	Month 3	County Museum (Curator of History) <a href="http://www.sbcounty.gov/museum/">http://www.sbcounty.gov/museum/</a>
4. Divide into committee volunteer groups (schools, farms, parks, etc.) to preserve and maintain the landmarks.	Historic Preservation Committee	Month 3– on-going	
5. Develop ways to earn economic benefits from historic landmarks (for example, souvenirs, food).	Historic Preservation Committee	On-going	

\*This list of structures, buildings and landscapes can serve as the basis for design concepts for Action Statement A.2