

## CONCERTS WITH A CONSCIENCE

On April 26, 2016, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers issued a draft Environmental Assessment (EA) for Angelfest, a 3 day music and arts festival in Woodley Park in the Sepulveda Basin. **The EA shows <u>no</u>** <u>significant negative impacts on either the environment or the community.</u> That said, the <u>Make Good Group</u> - the festival's producers - not only want to produce a festival with "no significant negative impacts", they want to produce an event that truly "Thinks Global - Acts Local" by helping to restore our parks, our planet, and our local communities.

Angelfest will be built on three founding principles – celebrating Los Angeles, supporting our parks, and improving our environment. The producers are local community and environmental advocates with a longstanding reputation for successful socially conscious events and are committed to setting a new standard for music festivals. Angelfest has publicly committed to the highest level of sustainability goals in its operations: carbon neutral, zero waste, and "net zero" water.

Zero-Waste will include among other things sustainable procurement and purchasing policies, a ban on plastic bottles and bags, consumables served in 100% compostable packaging, and stages designed for deconstruction. "Net Zero" water means using reclaimed water working in a close partnership with city and county agencies including the Tillman Water Reclamation Plant - our Woodley Park neighbor. Carbon Neutral will support maximizing the use of renewable energy and biofuels, renewable powered electic vehicles and the advanced battery storage technologies.

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While a festival with these type of sustainability goals will be a significant accomplishment, Angelfest will go beyond these goals by creating *concerts with a conscience*. Angelfest intends to serve as a platform for local and national environmental campaigns, not just while the festival is happening, but throughout the year. Working with **our partners Tree People, LA Waterkeeper and Mujeres de la Tierra** along with a long list of supporting environmental and community organizations – Angelfest is building a green megaphone to inspire actions year-round in the communities it touches.

By uniting LA's rich music, entertainment and media resources to deliver a clear, green message – the festival can reach the widest audience. And, in a joyful way, with music and arts at its core – Angelfest will inspire action on a broad set of environmental issues that can make LA a healthier, cleaner and greener place for the next generation of Angelenos.

Lastly, Angelfest will bring much needed funds to the Sepulveda Basin to enhance and improve Woodley Park and the Basin's wildlife and recreational amenities. Angelfest will pay a \$250,000 permit fee, a \$50,000 remediation bond, and 3% of gross ticket sales – all towards supporting the highest priority projects and activities of the Basin. The money will be dedicated to things like environmentally friendly lighting for bike paths and the dog park, habitat restoration, litter removal, fence mending, landscaping, waterway cleanup, and water reclamation. In its first year, the Festival hopes to return more than \$600,000 dollars to the Basin.

The Make Good Group is designing this event in close cooperation with the LA Department of Recreation & Parks and governments agencies, as well as a network of supportive environmental organizations. See the Angelfest website for the latest developments and an updated list of partners and supporters.

## Carbon Neutral, Zero Waste, "Net Zero" Water to Inspire Change

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