

Town of Erie In-Depth Community Survey

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Sex	Age Range	Party	Parent	Tenure	Neighborhood	Ward	Response
F	18-34	Unaf	Y	Less 5	Arapahoe Ridge	1	Seeing people you know in public places
F	35-44	Unaf	Y	Less 5	Arapahoe Ridge	1	Seeing people you know wherever you go, like community events or the library. Having town events that are not impossible to attend or park at due to congestion. Taking surveys Mike this one to have my opinion heard.
M	35-44	Unaf	Y	Less 5	Arapahoe Ridge	1	A small town feel means that I can walk to whatever I need
M	35-44	Unaf	Y	Less 5	Arapahoe Ridge	1	Community cohesion, small businesses, and happy vibes, but you don't need to remain small to get that
M	35-44	Unaf	Y	Less 5	Arapahoe Ridge	1	Community events.
M	35-44	Unaf	Y	Less 5	Arapahoe Ridge	1	More local businesses, less chains. Support of local arts, music, and culture.
M	45-54	Unaf	Y	Less 5	Arapahoe Ridge	1	Community events and a feeling of safety. Community gathering places like parks, dog parks, festivals, traffic times,. Having large amounts of open space, no big box stores, more small businesses
M	45-54	Unaf	Y	Less 5	Arapahoe Ridge	1	Losing the feel fast with condensed housing and rapid development.
M	18-34	Dem	Y	Less 5	Arapahoe Ridge	1	People engaging in community events and seeing a lot of the same people at those events. Never feeling like something is too crowded or inconvenient to attend.
F	35-44	Dem	Y	Less 5	Arapahoe Ridge	1	Being able to walk or bike around town
M	35-44	Dem	Y	Less 5	Arapahoe Ridge	1	Having walkable retail districts and community focused events
F	45-54	Dem	Y	Less 5	Arapahoe Ridge	1	Not being overwhelmed by the highest property taxes in the state, honestly how is this even possible? I can't wait to move somewhere with a reasonable property tax. I tell everyone I know how bad this is and to never buy a new home in a new neighborhood. It is a rip off! The building companies are raking in money and we pay for everything. Unsustainable.
M	45-54	Dem	Y	Less 5	Arapahoe Ridge	1	A safe place to raise a family and a safe place for recreation
M	45-54	Dem	Y	Less 5	Arapahoe Ridge	1	More green space and less concrete, no high rise buildings, small stores
F	18-34	Unaf	N	Less 5	Arapahoe Ridge	1	Actually knowing your neighbors and what is going on in your community
F	18-34	Unaf	N	Less 5	Arapahoe Ridge	1	Going to the grocery store and running into people you know, knowing your neighbors, actually having a sense of community in the place you live

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F	45-54	Unaf	N	Less 5	Arapahoe Ridge	1	Services and commercial areas are close together making it walkable between stores and easy to meetup with neighbors.
M	65+	Unaf	N	Less 5	Arapahoe Ridge	1	Great downtown, in touch with all levels of individuals
M	55-64	Dem	N	Less 5	Arapahoe Ridge	1	Vibrant old town area. Friendly community events. Low noise and traffic.
F	65+	Dem	N	Less 5	Arapahoe Ridge	1	A walkable downtown, good local businesses to balance necessary big box stores, responsive police force.
F	65+	Dem	N	Less 5	Arapahoe Ridge	1	Community events, friendly neighbors, not too much traffic
F	65+	Dem	N	Less 5	Arapahoe Ridge	1	We live on the Western edge of Erie where we don't really feel this. Being able to walk to shops and restaurants gives this sense of small town living.
M	65+	Dem	N	Less 5	Arapahoe Ridge	1	It isn't my experience in Erie . In small towns, everyone shares in community activities and "people know each other."
M	65+	Rep	N	Less 5	Arapahoe Ridge	1	Small downtown area with mostly local business. Many older neighborhoods with individual vibe. Open space without limiting home ownership opportunities.
M	55-64	Oth	N	Less 5	Arapahoe Ridge	1	Low or no traffic, low or no noise, and common decency demonstrated between and amongst citizens.
F	35-44	Dem	Y	11-20	Arapahoe Ridge	1	Not being overtaken by more crammed in housing and/or apartments.
F	35-44	Dem	Y	11-20	Arapahoe Ridge	1	Programs / events where you could actually meet your neighbors and get to know faces in your community. Feeling safe and that kids are safe.
M	35-44	Dem	Y	11-20	Arapahoe Ridge	1	Unique local shops and restaurants down town. Low key events that draw modest crowds
F	45-54	Dem	Y	11-20	Arapahoe Ridge	1	A small-town feel means that the town is inclusive and maintains rural charm with plenty of open spaces with family friendly events where the community gathers.
F	45-54	Dem	Y	11-20	Arapahoe Ridge	1	I agree on the small town feel. To maintain that would be to stop building so many new neighborhoods and instead add parks and bike lanes.

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F	65+	Dem	Y	11-20	Arapahoe Ridge	1	Friendliness, concern for others, support of others through good times and bad, support of both children and seniors, pride when alluding to Erie
M	45-54	Rep	Y	11-20	Arapahoe Ridge	1	Front porches, smaller local businesses,
M	55-64	Rep	Y	11-20	Arapahoe Ridge	1	Small government.
F	45-54	Unaf	N	11-20	Arapahoe Ridge	1	Critical
M	45-54	Unaf	N	11-20	Arapahoe Ridge	1	I feel that most of Erie was isolated suburban and the small town feel was an illusion. With all the new strip malls, houses and associated traffic the focus should be quality of life and preserving what space is left.
M	45-54	Unaf	N	11-20	Arapahoe Ridge	1	Open space, reduced traffic, vibrant town center to aggregate, less sprawl, less strip malls
F	55-64	Unaf	N	11-20	Arapahoe Ridge	1	Green/open space, trails, local unique businesses/less chain stores and restaurants, family-friendly community events, and balanced residential progress.
F	55-64	Unaf	N	11-20	Arapahoe Ridge	1	To me a small town has fewer residents. Seems too late to get that back.
F	55-64	Unaf	N	11-20	Arapahoe Ridge	1	Walk-ability, centralized downtown, no strip malls, manageable traffic. Erie needs to stop growth - way too many big developments going in and traffic is a nightmare.
F	65+	Unaf	N	11-20	Arapahoe Ridge	1	Open space. Home owned businesses. Unique restaurants and shops. Walkable spaces. Limited industry
M	65+	Unaf	N	11-20	Arapahoe Ridge	1	Relaxed, no crush of people and things
M	18-34	Dem	N	11-20	Arapahoe Ridge	1	I've been all over this country and by small town feel that means not a lot of people so you can really know your neighbor. I don't have a strong desire for a small town feel, I do have a strong desire for a good community where everyone is nice and treats everyone fairly

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F	45-54	Dem	N	11-20	Arapahoe Ridge	1	You see your neighbors at the store! Or at the park or the town pool. Everyone is friendly!
M	45-54	Dem	N	11-20	Arapahoe Ridge	1	Love the small town idea but we are well beyond that with the expected 66k growth coming our way. Let's focus on having a sustainable, multi-year growth plan while encouraging more "downtown" culture events, places for all people to visit/spend money year round (not a summertime water park)
F	55-64	Dem	N	11-20	Arapahoe Ridge	1	I think Erie is beyond this already
M	55-64	Dem	N	11-20	Arapahoe Ridge	1	Small geographic footprint People know each other Less car focused less sprawl
F	65+	Dem	N	11-20	Arapahoe Ridge	1	Being able to drive to main street and park within a few blocks to allow walking around.
F	65+	Dem	N	11-20	Arapahoe Ridge	1	Downtown small feeling, farmers market, nice restaurants.
F	55-64	Rep	N	11-20	Arapahoe Ridge	1	Keep our community small in size. Population Growth for the sake of growth will diminish our sense of community and small town feel. I'd like to keep Erie a small town
M	65+	Oth	N	11-20	Arapahoe Ridge	1	It's becoming ever harder to think of Erie as a small town when it stretches from Hwy 287 to I-25.
F	45-54	Unaf	Y	More 20	Arapahoe Ridge	1	Businesses on Main Street being full
M	65+	Unaf	Y	More 20	Arapahoe Ridge	1	Low traffic, lots of activities, small parks
F	35-44	Rep	Y	More 20	Arapahoe Ridge	1	Feels more country than suburb. Not sprawling development and neighborhoods everywhere you look. Traditional values.
M	35-44	Rep	Y	More 20	Arapahoe Ridge	1	Lower density, lower crime, less traffic, more farm/open space.
M	35-44	Unaf	N	More 20	Arapahoe Ridge	1	Small town feel to me is a place that is easily bikeable and walkable from town line to town line. Small town feeling is small corner markets in each defined neighborhood where having to drive 10 minutes to get to a store is not required. Also having developments laid out with mixed in stores and restaurants so you can just walk or bike and don't need a car.
F	45-54	Unaf	N	More 20	Arapahoe Ridge	1	Parks and bike trails

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F	55-64	Unaf	N	More 20	Arapahoe Ridge	1	Community events, a community center, unclogged roads, a place to come together. Continued sprawl of housing needs to be slowed. Businesses that support current population need to be entertained but slow the development down. For the future housing development, we need smaller and more affordable housing vs more million dollar home development
F	55-64	Unaf	N	More 20	Arapahoe Ridge	1	Erie does not have a small town feel. I grew up in a small town population 87. So Erie will never market to me a small town feel. Stop branding a rapidly growing suburb. Waste of money and time.
F	55-64	Unaf	N	More 20	Arapahoe Ridge	1	It is a place to go where you can have a sense of community and neighbors like when we go to Old Town Erie and can visit the restaurants and see people from all over Erie that helps to define the small town feel. Also, having events that attract many different interests that bring us all together helps us feel the small town feeling. Are the Town's ability to communicate to everybody about what's happening in the town? Also provides a sense of small town that is valued by many.
F	55-64	Unaf	N	More 20	Arapahoe Ridge	1	Keeping old town, vibrant with community events and charming decorations throughout the seasons. That's where people become proud of their town
F	55-64	Unaf	N	More 20	Arapahoe Ridge	1	When you can go downtown and know you have many options available. When you know all the areas and neighborhoods within the town (I don't anymore). When the residents are the top priority.
F	55-64	Unaf	N	More 20	Arapahoe Ridge	1	You know your neighbors and their children.
M	55-64	Unaf	N	More 20	Arapahoe Ridge	1	A dirt street. We are way past that. We I first moved to Erie the street to downtown was dirt. Don't overthink the small town feel.
M	55-64	Unaf	N	More 20	Arapahoe Ridge	1	Erie is not a small town. It is a suburb on the Front Range. Really when people say small town to they do not want growth or people from other areas moving in. Also, it means a way to keep out alternative points of view.
M	55-64	Unaf	N	More 20	Arapahoe Ridge	1	Erie no longer has a small tongue feel
M	55-64	Unaf	N	More 20	Arapahoe Ridge	1	Less traffic, better parking, more trails.

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M	55-64	Unaf	N	More 20	Arapahoe Ridge	1	Small town feel is driving around town and seeing open space, green space, low traffic, fields, horses, cows and the mountains. A welcoming downtown, community events, kids playing in the parks
F	65+	Unaf	N	More 20	Arapahoe Ridge	1	Cozy, know your neighbors
F	65+	Unaf	N	More 20	Arapahoe Ridge	1	I'd define it as a small town feel, the way the town was originally chartered...and the Council has totally lost sight of that. Small Prairie town with hopes and feelings, not neighbors that might be looking into your window, and lot sizes have shrunk and side distance from half milliondollar homes is 5-10 feet and you can hear your neighbor farting with the window open... not another Boulder. Look what that's turned into...
F	65+	Unaf	N	More 20	Arapahoe Ridge	1	Seeing more open space, farms and ranches. I lived in a very small town and Erie has severely diminished that feel by allowing these huge developments on every corner. I understand growth and tax base, but the small town feel is gone. Houses are crammed in everywhere and when you have to sit at a stop light for 2 rotations, that is not a small town feel!! Additionally, in small towns people know each other. In these big developments, you don't know anyone.
F	65+	Unaf	N	More 20	Arapahoe Ridge	1	You know people in your community, feel safe in your community, your basic needs can be met in your community (food, household goods, clothing, medical), police presence has a community feel rather than simply enforcement.
M	65+	Unaf	N	More 20	Arapahoe Ridge	1	People are friendly, don't want to stick to themselves, smile at you walking downtown. No fear of crime when outside. Can leave your garage door open, and no one will steal content when you aren't nearby.
M	65+	Unaf	N	More 20	Arapahoe Ridge	1	Small neighborhoods that allow for gatherings of all types.
F	45-54	Dem	N	More 20	Arapahoe Ridge	1	I can tell you how I would NOT describe "small-town feel. Ugly strip malls like the eyesore that is Nine Mile at a supposed "Gateway to Erie" point, no more structures (especially apartments) over three stories, and no more discontinuous structures near existing neighborhoods.

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F	45-54	Dem	N	More 20	Arapahoe Ridge	1	Most important aspect of a small town feel would be safety and a sense of connectivity to your neighbors. Consideration of one's neighbors, like maintaining yards, parks and local businesses also show town pride and help to improve property values.
F	55-64	Dem	N	More 20	Arapahoe Ridge	1	A place that offers everything you need within the town's boundaries. Shopping at local businesses that in turn support the town.
F	55-64	Dem	N	More 20	Arapahoe Ridge	1	I like the Main Street feel with activities happening, especially the farmers market. It's great to have small, family/individual owned restaurants on main street to walk between and visit.
F	55-64	Dem	N	More 20	Arapahoe Ridge	1	Inclusive and diverse population that provides opportunities to engage in community activities. It's a town where you have opportunity to gather in small and large activities. It's a town that serves the physical and social needs of its residents.
F	55-64	Dem	N	More 20	Arapahoe Ridge	1	Leaving Erie alone as it is. ZERO GROWTH WITHOUT INFRASTRUCTURE IS JUST PLAIN STUPIDITY The Governors push for this should be outright rejected by the town until and unless roadways and other infrastructure is in place to support growth. Who needs 66K residents in Erie and WHY?
F	55-64	Dem	N	More 20	Arapahoe Ridge	1	This question is ridiculous and entirely subjective.
F	65+	Dem	N	More 20	Arapahoe Ridge	1	Friendly people
F	65+	Dem	N	More 20	Arapahoe Ridge	1	Having a down town thats pedestrian friendly
F	65+	Dem	N	More 20	Arapahoe Ridge	1	Homeowners taking pride in their space; neighbors and businesses greeting you with smiles and offers of help even if you aren't personally acquainted; children being raised with respectful attitudes
F	65+	Dem	N	More 20	Arapahoe Ridge	1	Safe Walkability and walking distances to parks retail and restaurants, no traffic congestion, driving speed is safe, signature town events, a weekend farmers market with food vendors and music, activities for families
F	65+	Dem	N	More 20	Arapahoe Ridge	1	Sense of community
F	65+	Dem	N	More 20	Arapahoe Ridge	1	We all feel comfortable with each other as neighbors.
M	65+	Dem	N	More 20	Arapahoe Ridge	1	A vibrant downtown, lower densities, extensive parks and open space, trails.

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M	65+	Dem	N	More 20	Arapahoe Ridge	1	Erie does not have that anymore
F	55-64	Rep	N	More 20	Arapahoe Ridge	1	A close-knit community. Seasonal festivals and local events bring the community together, fostering connections among diverse residents. Overall, it's a warm, welcoming atmosphere filled with a sense of belonging and nostalgia.
M	55-64	Rep	N	More 20	Arapahoe Ridge	1	Being able to safely walk places
M	55-64	Rep	N	More 20	Arapahoe Ridge	1	Low crime Moderate traffic Local proprietors Cohesive neighborhood - not diverse, like minded
M	55-64	Rep	N	More 20	Arapahoe Ridge	1	Small neighborhoods, parks, and trails.
F	65+	Rep	N	More 20	Arapahoe Ridge	1	Safe, friendly, whole-community focused, engaged, service-minded, neighborly.
M	65+	Rep	N	More 20	Arapahoe Ridge	1	I can get to most services I need by walking or a short drive. Traffic is generally light. Lots of connecting trails between parts of town. Ampke parks to gather or just have a picnic lunch or watch a ball game. No buildings higher than 3 stories except the city center.
M	65+	Rep	N	More 20	Arapahoe Ridge	1	It's not all that small anymore.
M	65+	Rep	N	More 20	Arapahoe Ridge	1	Low commercialism's
M	65+	Rep	N	More 20	Arapahoe Ridge	1	More paths than streets
F	65+	NR	N	More 20	Arapahoe Ridge	1	Quiet, close knit community, where you are away from the hustle of a bigger city. Lots of trails around Erie to walk, bike

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F	55-64	Dem	Y	Ref	Arapahoe Ridge	1	Small towns have people of ALL ages and socio-economic levels in them, not just people who are wealthy and mid-to-late career, white-collar workers. Small towns have places where teachers, police, and town employees can afford to live. They can walk to the corner market for a snack, a thing or two you forgot for dinner, or regular community gatherings. Local merchants (not national chains) own the businesses and they live nearby. Young adults can stay in the community without living in their parents' homes. Divorced parents can keep their kids in the community on one income. And when people are ready to downsize or need to due to age or disability, there is housing available and affordable for them. The citizens, merchants, workers and politicians know each other by sight and by name. When someone is down the community steps up and HELPS THEM. Both through the government, through other organizations AND through individuals. There are also many different places for worship together. Not one.
F	35-44	Unaf	Y	6-10	Arapahoe Ridge	1	No chains or franchises. Lower speed limits. A lot of trees. No billboards or obnoxious signage (especially neon signs). High walkability scores. A lot of events. No giant roads to get people on the other side of I-25 into Boulder.... I mean, seriously. That would turn us into another Commerce City of the 90s.
F	45-54	Unaf	Y	6-10	Arapahoe Ridge	1	A place that feels safe, where you smile at your neighbor and the community works together for the well being of all.
M	45-54	Unaf	Y	6-10	Arapahoe Ridge	1	Nice downtown and parks
F	55-64	Unaf	Y	6-10	Arapahoe Ridge	1	Ease of access to a Main Street as well as things like healthcare, groceries, gym, etc. Minimal traffic congestion. Lots of open space, trails, and parks.
F	35-44	Dem	Y	6-10	Arapahoe Ridge	1	Having parks, trails and locally owned businesses.
M	35-44	Dem	Y	6-10	Arapahoe Ridge	1	I think Erie has lost that feel by over development.
M	35-44	Dem	Y	6-10	Arapahoe Ridge	1	Knowing my neighbors in the neighborhood and seeing them at town events and spaces

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F	45-54	Dem	Y	6-10	Arapahoe Ridge	1	Continuing to have plenty of inclusive, welcoming community events like Farmers Market, Pride events, holiday celebrations and parades. Acknowledgement that we're split between 2 school districts so that those of us zoned for BVSD feel more included.
F	45-54	Dem	Y	6-10	Arapahoe Ridge	1	I don't really care that it's a small town feel I like growth and more businesses.
F	45-54	Dem	Y	6-10	Arapahoe Ridge	1	Local stores and restaurants and easy access to these places, as well as grocery shopping, etc.
F	45-54	Dem	Y	6-10	Arapahoe Ridge	1	Where people know each other by name and look out for one another. Locally owned and operated spaces and places where everyone is welcome
M	45-54	Dem	Y	6-10	Arapahoe Ridge	1	Walkable and mixed commercial/ residential neighborhoods
M	45-54	Dem	Y	6-10	Arapahoe Ridge	1	We love that Erie is relatively quiet, compared to places like Boulder. We love that there are open spaces, bike paths, and even ranchers nearby and within the city. We love that traffic is relatively quiet!
M	18-34	Unaf	N	6-10	Arapahoe Ridge	1	To me, a small town feel means being able to recognize your town distinctly. Small towns have their own character.
F	45-54	Unaf	N	6-10	Arapahoe Ridge	1	Walkable places, spaces to eat without hearing traffic. The nine mile development doesn't have any of this feeling.
F	55-64	Unaf	N	6-10	Arapahoe Ridge	1	Low housing density, low traffic, ample open space and parks
M	55-64	Unaf	N	6-10	Arapahoe Ridge	1	Generally, I think people who cherish the Erie "small-town" feel are living in the past. Erie is now largely a suburban community and needs to look to the future. That said, the old town area does retain some of the small town feel and connections to and through old town that prioritize pedestrians, bikes, public transportation will best preserve the small town feel. For motorized vehicles, keep streets safe, slowing speeds, implementing traffic calming mechanisms - such as County Line Road, as well as traffic circles, will best preserve the small-town feel.

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M	65+	Unaf	N	6-10	Arapahoe Ridge	1	No tall buildings. No high density. Nothing that blocks views to the west. Friendly neighborhoods with trees and sidewalks. Nature is abundant. Eagles, owls, wildlife want to be here. Not a bunch of busy, multi lane streets with lots of traffic, lights and noise. Can't be a small town if the goal is to grow to 100,000 people.
M	55-64	Dem	N	6-10	Arapahoe Ridge	1	Less development and more ways to connect with the actual downtown Erie. Nothing to draw us there
F	55-64	Unaf	N	11-20	Baxter Farm	1	Fewer houses, less traffic, plenty of undeveloped land.
M	65+	Rep	N	More 20	Baxter Farm	1	Less traffic more roads exiting the town fewer large projects like home development being reduced.
F	65+	Dem	Y	Less 5	Brennan Lifestyle Community	1	The small town feel is gone, strips centers built with no decent shopping, restaurants or grocery
F	35-44	Unaf	N	Less 5	Brennan Lifestyle Community	1	Walkability, safety, activity opportunities for all ages
F	45-54	Unaf	N	Less 5	Brennan Lifestyle Community	1	Locally owned shops and restaurants, space for community to gather (gazebos, library), walkable places that are safe (trails off the main road)
M	55-64	Unaf	N	Less 5	Brennan Lifestyle Community	1	You know your neighbors names, and thier children. You support local businesses and everyone kind of keeps an eye out for each other one
F	65+	Dem	N	Less 5	Brennan Lifestyle Community	1	Tight knit communities, open spaces, community parks, local activities like the Christmas parade and balloon festival.
F	65+	Rep	N	Less 5	Brennan Lifestyle Community	1	Friendly welcoming clean and comfortable to walk and shop
F	55-64	Unaf	N	11-20	Brennan Lifestyle Community	1	Keep the open space and farm land. It's not small any more, we're beyond that.
F	55-64	Dem	N	11-20	Brennan Lifestyle Community	1	Community events, small businesses as opposed to big box stores, locally owned restaurants, walkable,
M	65+	Dem	N	More 20	Brennan Lifestyle Community	1	Erie downtown
F	55-64	Dem	Y	6-10	Brennan Lifestyle Community	1	Low density rural open spaces. Limit growth
F	45-54	Unaf	N	6-10	Brennan Lifestyle Community	1	Choice in owner/operator businesses (not franchised restaurants), running into neighbors when frequenting businesses

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F	55-64	Unaf	N	6-10	Brennan Lifestyle Community	1	A town that is friendly and welcoming. Supportive community members. Small local businesses. Community Events for residences to gather. (There should be a vote on those if events and if current events should contribute following year). Bike friendly (this includes fur kids) and good walk ability.
F	55-64	Unaf	N	6-10	Brennan Lifestyle Community	1	Less traffic, community events and ways to connect with other residents
M	55-64	Unaf	N	6-10	Brennan Lifestyle Community	1	Keeping original buildings and streets. Less expansion and building so the small town feel is not lost.
F	65+	Unaf	N	6-10	Brennan Lifestyle Community	1	Friendly services
F	65+	Unaf	N	6-10	Brennan Lifestyle Community	1	Neighborhoods supporting neighborhoods!
M	65+	Unaf	N	6-10	Brennan Lifestyle Community	1	Erie isn't small anymore
M	65+	Unaf	N	6-10	Brennan Lifestyle Community	1	I can go out my front door on foot and have 4-5 good options of destinations, all of which have nice scenery and an open space feel. Plus, my neighborhood is low key and people are predominantly friendly and relaxed. K
M	65+	Unaf	N	6-10	Brennan Lifestyle Community	1	Knowing your neighbors
M	65+	Unaf	N	6-10	Brennan Lifestyle Community	1	Rural neighborhood with a few nearby essentials. Minimal density and low traffic. High occupancy development is counter productive to a small town atmosphere. This type of development should be limited. Local restaurants, coffee shops desired
O	65+	Unaf	N	6-10	Brennan Lifestyle Community	1	A thriving downtown area as a priority and community events in the downtown area. A town where all residents feel welcome, accepted and have a voice. A walkable town. In other words, not highlands ranch.
M	35-44	Dem	N	6-10	Brennan Lifestyle Community	1	Most amenities within a walkable distance

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F	55-64	Dem	N	6-10	Brennan Lifestyle Community	1	Local farmers market, once a month Arts festival but downtown needs to be bigger and more parking downtown with a few little grassy areas to sit in while downtown, a locally owned grocery store downtown with a coffee/sandwich shop attached like the one in Niwot, more shops/restaurants in downtown, more tennis courts (and a tennis program) with a nice gazebo and tables for groups to gather next to the tennis/pickleball courts, slower traffic and less traffic on Isabelle, Erie Parkway, Arapahoe, and county line road. It seems like most traffic is just using Erie as a way to get to I-25.
F	65+	Dem	N	6-10	Brennan Lifestyle Community	1	A Main Street with small businesses, family oriented activities and spaces.
F	65+	Dem	N	6-10	Brennan Lifestyle Community	1	Close community. Opportunities for engaging with others in the community. Slower paced. Less congestion. Prioritize local businesses and opportunities. Participation in community projects.
F	65+	Dem	N	6-10	Brennan Lifestyle Community	1	Condensed town easy enough to walk everywhere, lots of local businesses, community coffee cafe's, frequent events in town for all ages such as talent shows, pillow fights, folk festivals with the diversity of cultures and all that goes with it, Briggs St community cleanup, indigenous day festival, old fashioned fire fighter competition between Lafayette and Erie stations with a water ball, hose competition. More outdoor seating, and planters w flowers,
F	65+	Dem	N	6-10	Brennan Lifestyle Community	1	Less traffic when I am on my scooter.
F	65+	Dem	N	6-10	Brennan Lifestyle Community	1	Minimal "Big box stores"; many community events, pride in the town by maintaining its upkeep;
M	65+	Dem	N	6-10	Brennan Lifestyle Community	1	Quiet, friendly, accessible
M	65+	Rep	N	6-10	Brennan Lifestyle Community	1	Low crime
F	65+	Oth	N	6-10	Brennan Lifestyle Community	1	Crowds not too big, lots of events available for families to attend,
F	18-34	Unaf	N	Less 5	Candlelight Estates	1	Our local events are very important to me. I think this makes community and our small town feel vibrant. If we could walk or bike to grocery stores, dispensaries, and more restaurants, this would keep our town walkable and more dense, limiting the urban sprawl that takes away from small town vibes.

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M	65+	Unaf	N	Less 5	Candlelight Estates	1	Im not sure I would agree with the statement in that it appears as one of the fastest growing communities nationally. To me small town has a more rural feel
O	65+	Dem	N	Less 5	Candlelight Estates	1	A community that brings residents together with meaningful events encouraging resident participation.
M	65+	Rep	N	Less 5	Candlelight Estates	1	A downtown area with retail, nice restaurants and ambiance
F	45-54	Unaf	Y	11-20	Candlelight Estates	1	Inclusive, great balance between independent, small businesses and chain type businesses, a way for visitors to stay close by those they are visiting, strong relationships between the public and local PD and FD, public servants who appropriately balance the short and long term needs of our town.
F	35-44	Dem	Y	11-20	Candlelight Estates	1	Driving on "back roads" as opposed to main busy thruways. Lots of pedestrians out and about. Lots of big mature trees growing on the side of the roads. Lots of playgrounds and open park space. A walkable "center of town" where all the essentials are located within walking distance.
F	35-44	Dem	Y	11-20	Candlelight Estates	1	Small local businesses and restaurants, events for the community where the entire town is able to participate
M	65+	Dem	Y	11-20	Candlelight Estates	1	I wouldn't. We have already lost it.
M	65+	Rep	N	11-20	Candlelight Estates	1	Survey's like this help and downtown Erie has a small town feel. Local events like the firework show are good examples although he show was really lame this year.
F	65+	Rep	N	More 20	Candlelight Estates	1	Open space! No mega buildings like large grocery stores or hotels. No chain restaurants. When you talk about growing the town population by 20% it's very hard to keep a small town feel. Traffic down Erie Parkway has gotten so congested. Put less focus on population growth!! I believe taxpayers would consider paying a bit more tax than to continue to have these huge subdivisions built everywhere in our town
M	55-64	Oth	N	Ref	Candlelight Estates	1	Support small businesses

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F	35-44	Unaf	Y	6-10	Candlelight Estates	1	I agree. Erie captures this. You run into friends all over town at events, kid sports, and coffee shops. It's a laid back, friendly place where residents feel known and welcomed by their neighbors. As an architect / designer this happens at PLACES - so creating meeting opportunity locations such as parks, unique food and beverage facilities, the farmers market, community center, churches, concerts, museums, gyms, anywhere people gather. Great examples nearby = rayback collective, average brewery, the bolder boulder, superior community center (awesome for kids to hang out and also for adults to work), outdoor courtyards and patios of adjoining cafes, pedestrian-only streets like Pearl street, Chautauqua dining hall and auditorium, Dushanbe tea house, Rosetta hall....
F	45-54	Unaf	Y	6-10	Candlelight Estates	1	I think small town "feel" means you live somewhere where people know each other. You run into someone you know everywhere you go and you have sense of belonging. I think this can be achieved through local and social events that bring the community together. I believe Erie does a good job of this already but do see it becoming a challenge with the expansion of residential development in the area.
F	45-54	Dem	Y	6-10	Candlelight Estates	1	Walkable/bikeable town, community center, locally owned businesses, minimal franchises
M	55-64	Unaf	N	6-10	Candlelight Estates	1	Walkability.
F	65+	Unaf	N	6-10	Candlelight Estates	1	A town that is easy to navigate, meets the needs of all age groups and provides employment opportunities for all age groups
F	45-54	Unaf	Y	Less 5	Candlelight Ridge	1	Familiarity, predictability, community, self sufficient. Erie doesn't have a small town feel. There are tens of thousands of residents.
M	45-54	Dem	Y	Less 5	Candlelight Ridge	1	Maintaining quaint downtown - avoiding large chain stores, prioritizing aesthetics
F	55-64	Unaf	N	Less 5	Candlelight Ridge	1	Little traffic. Lack of crowds. Open space, including farmland. Welcoming residents. Independent businesses.
F	65+	Dem	N	Less 5	Candlelight Ridge	1	Lots of community gatherings plus cozy main street or downtown
M	45-54	Unaf	Y	11-20	Candlelight Ridge	1	Gone

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F	45-54	Rep	Y	11-20	Candlelight Ridge	1	A small town feel suggests the following: Light traffic Local events for families Not a lot of homes
M	55-64	Oth	Y	11-20	Candlelight Ridge	1	Reasonable cost of living. Bring in more restaurants and businesses people want that would then contribute towards tax money for the city. There are very few great options that drive people to spend money in downtown Erie.
M	55-64	Unaf	N	11-20	Candlelight Ridge	1	Quiet, lots of open space, building height restrictions, lots of small local businesses,
F	65+	Unaf	N	11-20	Candlelight Ridge	1	Centrality with unique shops, non-chain restaurants, parks, adequate parking, reasons to gather (theater, performing arts complex, senior citizens facility), walkability.
F	65+	Unaf	N	11-20	Candlelight Ridge	1	STOP BUILDING. Buffers between the cities. Keep the firm lands larger lots in a historical downtown that actually offer something other than office space a gathering place
M	65+	Unaf	N	11-20	Candlelight Ridge	1	A town that has small growth, A community that generally is safer away from the city crime, a place where you can gather with friends and family and is peaceful and quiet.
M	65+	Unaf	N	11-20	Candlelight Ridge	1	Doesn't feel small town given all of recent housing construction
M	65+	Unaf	N	11-20	Candlelight Ridge	1	No traffic jams. A good library.
M	65+	Unaf	N	11-20	Candlelight Ridge	1	Quiet, walkable communities, low auto traffic, no traffic or airplane noise in our back yards, lots of trees and shade, community events, and volunteer opportunities that bring people together.
F	65+	Dem	N	11-20	Candlelight Ridge	1	An "old town" down town with walkable streets with restaurants and community needed services such as accounting offices, attorneys, post office. The town would have commutable bike paths from surrounding neighborhoods heading into downtown. Library and recreation centers close by.
F	65+	Rep	N	11-20	Candlelight Ridge	1	Consideration for each other, better property care of yards, and no solicitation by businesses and services.
M	55-64	Unaf	N	More 20	Candlelight Ridge	1	A walkable downtown area adjacent to schools and public amenities like parks and schools

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F	65+	Unaf	N	More 20	Candlelight Ridge	1	Not too much traffic, maintaining farms including horses and cattle, lots of open space, walkable town center
M	65+	Unaf	N	More 20	Candlelight Ridge	1	Vibrant downtown that is easy to walk with weekly spring through fall events.
M	45-54	Rep	N	More 20	Candlelight Ridge	1	Fewer traffic lights.
M	65+	Rep	N	More 20	Candlelight Ridge	1	Small commercial area, no outside influences, locally owned and operated, no chain stores or retail businesses
F	35-44	Unaf	Y	6-10	Candlelight Ridge	1	Walkability, trails, safe recreation for young kids when biking or playing at the parks, a connectedness in the community, community events and spaces that allow for gathering.
M	35-44	Unaf	Y	6-10	Candlelight Ridge	1	That small town feel is gone
F	45-54	Unaf	Y	6-10	Candlelight Ridge	1	Quiet neighborhood. Single family homes!!!. Farmers market. Quaint main street with local restaurants, shops and coffee shops. Beautiful parks.
M	45-54	Unaf	Y	6-10	Candlelight Ridge	1	Minimal housing and local Main Street.
F	35-44	Dem	Y	6-10	Candlelight Ridge	1	Great parks, a safe feel (which requires enforcement of things like E-bikes) protecting the spaces you've established, access to public amenities that is not prohibitive (like Mini miners hours making moms feel that they don't have access to that facility because it's being kept closed for the daycare) feeling like our opinions matters, friendly public officials (like our police-they're so great) and keeping shopping centers small, and pocketed. Local businesses vs. chains, etc.
F	35-44	Rep	Y	6-10	Candlelight Ridge	1	Being able to participate in many town sponsored events in Erie while running into people I know. Having the same traditions every year like the Christmas Paragr or the farmers markets.
F	55-64	Unaf	N	6-10	Candlelight Ridge	1	A place where local the neighbors can meet and know other people that are there. A vibrant, authentic downtown.
F	65+	Unaf	N	6-10	Candlelight Ridge	1	Mixed use including smaller retail areas as opposed to big parking lots with box stores. Controlled chain retail
M	65+	Unaf	N	6-10	Candlelight Ridge	1	Less traffic community events develop old town
M	65+	Unaf	N	6-10	Candlelight Ridge	1	Minimal traffic!!! Especially cross-town. Quaint and quiet. Access by walking and biking. More private and small businesses.

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F	65+	Dem	N	6-10	Candlelight Ridge	1	Lack of traffic, being in town supporting local businesses and seeing familiar faces. Knowing your towns leaders and they are accessible.
M	65+	Rep	N	6-10	Candlelight Ridge	1	Comfortable
F	18-34	Unaf	Y	Less 5	Canyon Creek	1	Lots of open space around, public events in old town
F	18-34	Unaf	Y	Less 5	Canyon Creek	1	Small town has a cute main street like Briggs lined with local businesses (boutiques, restaurants, etc). There are also many farms, open spaces and small housing neighborhoods. There are not mega apartment complexes and massive cookie cutter subdivisions.
F	35-44	Unaf	Y	Less 5	Canyon Creek	1	Walkability, unique shops and restaurants rather than chain stores and food, housing diversity
F	45-54	Unaf	Y	Less 5	Canyon Creek	1	Low profile buildings, traffic jams, farm fields, view of the mountains, NO BIG BOX STORES, prioritizing local produce and businesses over large developers projects. Affordable housing should be well maintained, nice looking, and using clean energy!!
M	45-54	Unaf	Y	Less 5	Canyon Creek	1	Maintaining open space and rural pockets throughout the town
M	45-54	Unaf	Y	Less 5	Canyon Creek	1	Stability...when older buildibgs and open spaces aren't constantly being torn down and replaced with tacky apartments and chain stores.
M	55-64	Unaf	Y	Less 5	Canyon Creek	1	Safe, family oriented, privately owned restaurants and businesses, public gathering areas and events to see friends and neighbors. Think Louisville, CO
F	35-44	Dem	Y	Less 5	Canyon Creek	1	A community where you know the families and business owners in town. It is friendly and has limited to no chain type businesses.
F	35-44	Dem	Y	Less 5	Canyon Creek	1	Small-town feel would embody a strong sense of community where people recognize each other at local events and have in person access to their elected representatives.
M	35-44	Dem	Y	Less 5	Canyon Creek	1	A small town feel is walking down Briggs with your family and running into your neighbors. While I enjoy this about Erie, a 'small town feel' is much lower priority to me than good schools, a diverse community, and access to services.
M	35-44	Dem	Y	Less 5	Canyon Creek	1	Central downtown core, small businesses, community events, close with neighbors,

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M	55-64	Dem	Y	Less 5	Canyon Creek	1	Local business over strip malls, lots of trees and parks, and community activities
M	35-44	Unaf	N	Less 5	Canyon Creek	1	I'm not really sure what this means. To me, a small town has a small population and does not feel crowded. Beyond that I welcome people from all walks and backgrounds.
M	55-64	Unaf	N	Less 5	Canyon Creek	1	Where the sidewalks are community owned and maintained and there's not a developer middle man at every turn.
M	65+	Unaf	N	Less 5	Canyon Creek	1	Be able to walk downtown enjoy the shops , No traffic or crowds .
F	18-34	Dem	N	Less 5	Canyon Creek	1	Little or minimal franchise establishments such as Starbucks or McDonalds, rather local businesses owned to locals who live in town. Community events by the community. Having a unified culture, such as "keep Boulder weird" from back in the day. And lastly a main heart destination, such as old town, but it need more expansion and night life (especially if you want to attract a younger generation to move in).
M	18-34	Dem	N	Less 5	Canyon Creek	1	Erie is not a small town and honestly should not be described as such.
M	45-54	Dem	N	Less 5	Canyon Creek	1	Strong community, reasonable growth, small quaint buildings with space around them, nice community gather places that are easy to get to.
F	65+	Dem	N	Less 5	Canyon Creek	1	Peace and Quiet. Except for the 4th of July
M	65+	Dem	N	Less 5	Canyon Creek	1	Last question: general fund; bonds; etc. there are other options that were omitted. This is not an appropriate question to be asking the general public unless they are well versed in finances. More goats, sheep, chickens and horses. I love animals. I'm not really interested in the "small town feel." I prefer access to services and amenities locally rather than having to drive to Lafayette, Longmont, Boulder or Denver and adding to their tax base.
F	35-44	Unaf	Y	11-20	Canyon Creek	1	Walkable, events everyone goes to, local shops
F	35-44	Unaf	Y	11-20	Canyon Creek	1	When we first moved here 10 years ago Erie was a cute small town. Now it's just filled with aggressive people driving too fast on our small roads. Too much road construction everywhere and too many house being built. Stop building here to keep people out
M	35-44	Unaf	Y	11-20	Canyon Creek	1	Having a downtown area that is accessible by bike, limited sprawl and strong community events and engagement.

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F	45-54	Unaf	Y	11-20	Canyon Creek	1	Quaint, know your neighbors, walkable, open areas, slower-paced, not congested, selective/mindful/common-sense building.
F	45-54	Unaf	Y	11-20	Canyon Creek	1	Thriving downtown area. Not big box retail strips.
M	45-54	Unaf	Y	11-20	Canyon Creek	1	I don't believe we fall in this category anymore
M	45-54	Unaf	Y	11-20	Canyon Creek	1	Low congestion in schools and roads. Open space. How many people live in a square mile? Make a building that houses that many and leave the rest of the area open. You are cramming everyone together. It's congested and ugly.
M	55-64	Unaf	Y	11-20	Canyon Creek	1	It's not anymore
F	35-44	Dem	Y	11-20	Canyon Creek	1	Knowing people wherever you go. Well-planned and low-/no-cost community events that are well-attended and inclusive of all income levels that increases the sense of belonging.
F	35-44	Dem	Y	11-20	Canyon Creek	1	Local events, small businesses (not chains and big box stores), supporting and building community, local rec leagues for kids,
M	35-44	Dem	Y	11-20	Canyon Creek	1	Charming locations (parks, art installations, small business owned shops and restaurants.
F	45-54	Dem	Y	11-20	Canyon Creek	1	Feeling safe in town, attending events like the farmer's market or just being out and seeing friends and neighbors. Having teens, I appreciate the network of parents and neighbors watching out for each other and our kids.
F	45-54	Dem	Y	11-20	Canyon Creek	1	Few chains, thriving small businesses, cute retail and restaurant spaces, especially in downtown.
F	45-54	Dem	Y	11-20	Canyon Creek	1	Know people when you go to Sweets or Christos
M	35-44	Unaf	N	11-20	Canyon Creek	1	I used to like the open space we had. But much of that has been developed over with homes which is a bummer. To me small town means open space and not being under constant expansion.
M	35-44	Unaf	N	11-20	Canyon Creek	1	No vape shops. Small businesses. No chain restaurants. Walkable. Safe. Community focused.

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F	65+	Unaf	N	11-20	Canyon Creek	1	Small town feel is the ability to walk to most places you need to go and people you interact with while doing business or participating in social activities are friends, neighbors, and people you know. Other than the area of Old Town, Erie is a typical suburban bedroom community that depends on a car to participate in most day-to-day activities. Erie does not have a small-town feel. I have been to many Town events and never see anyone I know.
M	65+	Unaf	N	11-20	Canyon Creek	1	Not Erie anymore.
M	65+	Unaf	N	11-20	Canyon Creek	1	The small town feel in old town is a joke , run down buildings and houses. The lack of building codes and any enforced quality was totally lacking for years. Erie is such a mix of housing and quality that it may never achieve a level of small town feel. The money wasted would be better used on roads. This need for money to expand the Police Building is an example of very poor planning, the existing building is just a few years old but needs to be expanded at a cost of 14 million?
F	55-64	Dem	N	11-20	Canyon Creek	1	Not too crowded and no Walmart
F	65+	Dem	N	11-20	Canyon Creek	1	Community events where residents can gather; walkable shopping, parks
F	65+	Dem	N	11-20	Canyon Creek	1	Less traffic, interacting with acquaintances in stores, restaurants and other public places.
F	65+	Dem	N	11-20	Canyon Creek	1	The main hub is within 4-5 blocks.
M	55-64	Rep	N	11-20	Canyon Creek	1	No longer here. Small town feeling is less populated town
M	65+	Rep	N	11-20	Canyon Creek	1	Stop building so many homes. Erie had a small town field several decades ago. It's way beyond that now.
M	45-54	Unaf	Y	More 20	Canyon Creek	1	Back when we moved here in 2005. Stop the residential building
M	45-54	Unaf	Y	More 20	Canyon Creek	1	Well for starters, it doesn't take two hours to leave a community event like fireworks or balloon glow (by car) in a small town so the toothpaste might be out of the tube on this one. But generally, it's seeing people I know at different venues in the community, knowing about varied opportunities to help out in the community, easy access to town staff, and the ability to get help if needed.

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M	55-64	Unaf	Y	More 20	Canyon Creek	1	A town that spent its money wisely on the safety, security, and well being of its community without trying to grow too fast just to get more revenue.
F	65+	Unaf	Y	More 20	Canyon Creek	1	A main street that offers various services. Know your neighbors.
F	35-44	Dem	Y	More 20	Canyon Creek	1	Doing events for the town that have activities and things for everyone to do
F	45-54	Dem	Y	More 20	Canyon Creek	1	Erie had the small-town feel in 2004 with approximately. 12,000 people. The population explosion from 2012-present has taken the small-town feel away from Erie. It is a town that is out of control, building housing community after housing community and stripping Erie of all its once sought-after charm. Our town is now vanilla.
F	45-54	Dem	Y	More 20	Canyon Creek	1	Friendly neighbors, community events(but these got too big, so don't go anymore), walkable neighborhoods
F	45-54	Rep	Y	More 20	Canyon Creek	1	Many community events, not too commercialized, ability for a diverse population of people to live
F	45-54	Unaf	N	More 20	Canyon Creek	1	A nice and small downtown, quiet residential neighborhoods, places where residents can gather, events that connect people with the town's historic past.
F	45-54	Unaf	N	More 20	Canyon Creek	1	Walking into any place, seeing someone you know; SAFE so that you know if kids are outside playing, riding bikes around town- they are safe
M	45-54	Unaf	N	More 20	Canyon Creek	1	No airports. Easily walkable and bike-able to places to eat, shop, etc. Public spaces that encourage people to gather to enjoy arts, recreation, etc. Minimal traffic.
M	45-54	Unaf	N	More 20	Canyon Creek	1	What Erie was 20 years ago
F	55-64	Unaf	N	More 20	Canyon Creek	1	I get the "small town feel" when I enter a business and people greet me, are friendly, and are happy to help me in their business. They are glad I entered their establishment. I also get this feeling around town when people are saying hello to each other as they are passing by. Not because they know each other; they are being kind; being neighborly.
F	55-64	Unaf	N	More 20	Canyon Creek	1	Little congestion. Small business Limited expansion of new housing
F	55-64	Unaf	N	More 20	Canyon Creek	1	The blocks of Briggs with small businesses.

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M	55-64	Unaf	N	More 20	Canyon Creek	1	Old Town has the small town feel. The surrounding area with the 4 lane parkways and construction, not so much.
M	55-64	Unaf	N	More 20	Canyon Creek	1	Old Town is what gives Erie the small town feel. More should be done support and enhance that area.
M	55-64	Unaf	N	More 20	Canyon Creek	1	Small town feel would have us easily getting from place to place for our day to day activities without having to worry about traffic delays. And when we get to those places, we encounter people that are kind and courteous, with a good chance of seeing familiar faces
F	65+	Unaf	N	More 20	Canyon Creek	1	Family activities that bring generations together for fun activities such as parades and fireworks.
F	65+	Unaf	N	More 20	Canyon Creek	1	Low crime, feeling comfortable and safe in my town/neighborhood, open spaces around neighborhoods to enjoy and not feel overwhelmed by more traffic, more people moving here and overcrowding our town.
F	65+	Unaf	N	More 20	Canyon Creek	1	Neighborhood rather than large developments.
F	65+	Unaf	N	More 20	Canyon Creek	1	Old town feels small, great neighbors and walk ability. Lacking is a good local small town grocery!!!
M	65+	Unaf	N	More 20	Canyon Creek	1	No traffic congestion. Different business areas congregated
M	45-54	Dem	N	More 20	Canyon Creek	1	Community events by nonprofits Community participating in events/gatherings Neighborhood gatherings Easy accessible recreation Attending youth sporting events rooting for 1 school
F	55-64	Dem	N	More 20	Canyon Creek	1	A small town as in small population. When I think of a quaint warm small town I think of Niwot. Small cute main street small population community engagement. People who know each other. 22 years ago, Erie was a small town feel. No more. Please stop building every square inch of land
F	55-64	Dem	N	More 20	Canyon Creek	1	Enjoying community events, large choice and variety of restaurants, feeling safe when walking in my neighborhood
F	65+	Dem	N	More 20	Canyon Creek	1	Ability to walk to shops and not having to dodge speeding cars. Acknowledging that the Boulder county side of Erie is part of Erie.
M	65+	Dem	N	More 20	Canyon Creek	1	Being able to walk to stores, cafes and restaurants.

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M	18-34	Rep	N	More 20	Canyon Creek	1	Minimal commercial business in Town. Keep businesses away from the heart of Erie. Maintain our open spaces. We will lose our small town feel if we continue growing... Stop the development!
M	55-64	Rep	N	More 20	Canyon Creek	1	Erie a few years ago before all of the retail influx and major traffic woes
M	65+	Rep	N	More 20	Canyon Creek	1	No planes constantly flying low over my house continually. No helicopters learning to fly over my house every day. Police who dont write tickets to make money for Erie city. Surcharge on every traffic ticket.
F	45-54	Oth	N	More 20	Canyon Creek	1	Quiet without airport noise Areas with restaurants and shops Nice housing Open space
M	18-34	Unaf	Y	6-10	Canyon Creek	1	Walkable, local businesses, public spaces. Fun annual events. Fewer new housing developments
F	35-44	Unaf	Y	6-10	Canyon Creek	1	Going to the grocery store and knowing folks by name. Kids riding their bikes without supervision. Helping neighbors and friends, and knowing them well.
F	35-44	Unaf	Y	6-10	Canyon Creek	1	Robust downtown/oldtown, community events, community spaces.
M	35-44	Unaf	Y	6-10	Canyon Creek	1	In a small town, you may not know everyone, but you recognize a lot of people. With Erie growing 50%, that makes it more difficult. Also, the downtown area is quaint and older, providing a small-town feel. With Erie having 66,000 people, it will be difficult for the current downtown to accommodate that population. In sum, the accelerated expansion of Erie is making Erie a crowded town.
M	35-44	Unaf	Y	6-10	Canyon Creek	1	People say hey to each other, things are walkable and bikeable, there's plenty of green space, and the town government remains accessible and receptive to the residents.
M	45-54	Unaf	Y	6-10	Canyon Creek	1	Active affordable Main Street.
F	35-44	Dem	Y	6-10	Canyon Creek	1	Community events, nice neighbors, good schools, positive local law enforcement, independently owned businesses, limited population growth, community gathering places I.e. public pool
F	35-44	Dem	Y	6-10	Canyon Creek	1	Sense of community, affordable rec experiences, safe
F	35-44	Dem	Y	6-10	Canyon Creek	1	Walkable community including parks and businesses with multi-level incomes families

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M	35-44	Dem	Y	6-10	Canyon Creek	1	Briggs Street is the perfect example of the small town charm that I love. Please preserve the existing historic buildings rather than creating new ones.
F	45-54	Dem	Y	6-10	Canyon Creek	1	Lots of local places to eat with patios and nice outdoor spaces
M	35-44	Rep	Y	6-10	Canyon Creek	1	And area with few homes and few businesses. Erie is in no way a small town. Small town means the majority of its population works in that town
F	35-44	Unaf	N	6-10	Canyon Creek	1	Enjoy having Briggs as the Main Street in town
F	35-44	Unaf	N	6-10	Canyon Creek	1	We are losing our small town feel because of all of the high density housing being built around town
M	35-44	Unaf	N	6-10	Canyon Creek	1	Atmosphere, community, pace of life. I desire a tight knit community with locally owned businesses, low crime and slower pace with a strong civic identity, minimal urban sprawl with limited traffic and short commutes
M	65+	Unaf	N	6-10	Canyon Creek	1	Thriving Old Town District, good traffic control, avoid large busy shopping centers, prioritize open space and bike/hiking trails
F	55-64	Dem	N	6-10	Canyon Creek	1	Local businesses, gathering spots with local flavor
F	55-64	Dem	N	6-10	Canyon Creek	1	Walking access to and around the community, public events that bring community together, thriving local businesses, having the community serve older citizens as well as families
M	65+	Dem	N	6-10	Canyon Creek	1	Briggs street down town.
F	35-44	NR	N	6-10	Canyon Creek	1	A sense of community built through events like ballon fest, farmers markets, festivals, etc. small town feel comes from diversity of architecture, lifestyles, and people who share fondness for where we live and who we live by
F	18-34	Unaf	Y	Less 5	Canyon Creek South II	1	A community with a sense of belonging where you know your neighbors and patronize local businesses over online or out of town businesses.
F	18-34	Unaf	Y	Less 5	Canyon Creek South II	1	Friendly people and cute events, such as the farmers market. Less emphasis on big box stores.

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F	18-34	Unaf	Y	Less 5	Canyon Creek South II	1	There are only a few significant areas where the families go to hang out and where people gather period I see those as the. Rec center, downtown Erie, the parks, and the activities geared toward children. I frequently run into people that I know. Because everything is a little bit more centralized, with the suburbs surrounding the central downtown.
F	35-44	Unaf	Y	Less 5	Canyon Creek South II	1	A place where my family feels safe, sees themselves in the community (has diversity), and we know and like our neighbors (find them to be friendly and respectful)
F	35-44	Unaf	Y	Less 5	Canyon Creek South II	1	Community events, outdoor space for walking, biking. Recreation opportunities. More local businesses vs chains. Expanding downtown/Main Street feel. Less housing development.
F	35-44	Unaf	Y	Less 5	Canyon Creek South II	1	I want Erie to be walkable— businesses dispersed not just in town center, but near neighborhoods— I'd love to take a short stroll to a coffee shop in or around my neighborhood and not have to get in a car or worry about crossing busy Erie parkway. Maybe a walkway above Erie parkway could be a good idea? I want to be able to walk and see neighbors and not have chain restaurants everywhere. I want Erie to have housing for everyone, but I feel like all Erie is IS housing. Sometimes I want to move because there I have to leave Erie to do anything anyway.
F	35-44	Unaf	Y	Less 5	Canyon Creek South II	1	The downtown area near Briggs, small locally owner shops, farmers market, and events that draw in the community
M	35-44	Unaf	Y	Less 5	Canyon Creek South II	1	Community based activities
M	35-44	Unaf	Y	Less 5	Canyon Creek South II	1	I would describe a "small town feel" as unrealistic for a town (city?) that plans to have 66,000 residents. The reality is that Boulder and neighboring cities are too expensive. People will continue to move here to raise families.
M	45-54	Unaf	Y	Less 5	Canyon Creek South II	1	It is a dog whistle for wanting to keep things the way they are or used to be. Safe, quaint and being an inclusive community are much better descriptors of where I want my family to live.
M	45-54	Unaf	Y	Less 5	Canyon Creek South II	1	It's quickly losing the small town feel. Small town is running into friends at event and general errands.

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F	55-64	Unaf	Y	Less 5	Canyon Creek South II	1	Slower pace of life and no mall, just small businesses and food and stores
M	35-44	Dem	Y	Less 5	Canyon Creek South II	1	No big box stores that drain the local economy. Arts and culture, local government that promotes civic engagement, and strong protections against oil and gas interests.
M	45-54	Dem	Y	Less 5	Canyon Creek South II	1	Knowing your neighbors. Feeling sense of community
F	35-44	Unaf	N	Less 5	Canyon Creek South II	1	I love having a cute downtown to go to and walk around, eat at and enjoy the farmers market.
M	35-44	Unaf	N	Less 5	Canyon Creek South II	1	Locally owned businesses and bike/walking paths. A local performing arts venue.
F	45-54	Unaf	N	Less 5	Canyon Creek South II	1	A walkable downtown with parking and quaint shops and dining options
F	18-34	Dem	N	Less 5	Canyon Creek South II	1	Community programs being widely available.
F	18-34	Dem	N	Less 5	Canyon Creek South II	1	Knowing and recognizing people within the community, community events that are generally attended, and for fun/food/activities to feel affordable to the average resident and not priced for the wealthiest people only.
F	18-34	Dem	N	Less 5	Canyon Creek South II	1	Walkable, and easy to get around without a car. Friendly and connected.
M	18-34	Dem	N	Less 5	Canyon Creek South II	1	Not overrun by corporations. Being able to bike throughout town. Open spaces and scenic walkways and viewa. Town events.
M	35-44	Dem	N	Less 5	Canyon Creek South II	1	More open and green spaces, less of dense housing areas.
F	45-54	Dem	N	Less 5	Canyon Creek South II	1	Knowing your neighbors. This is no longer a small town
F	45-54	Dem	N	Less 5	Canyon Creek South II	1	Seeing people you know at events, restaurants or stores.
F	55-64	Dem	N	Less 5	Canyon Creek South II	1	Lots of small businesses, not a lot of high buildings, sense of community, keeping a lot of farm land
F	65+	Dem	N	Less 5	Canyon Creek South II	1	Community engagement, small, privately owned businesses, vibrant downtown with a variety of retail shopping stores. Restaurants, bars, coffee shops, art galleries, etc.
F	65+	Dem	N	Less 5	Canyon Creek South II	1	Family oriented.
F	65+	Dem	N	Less 5	Canyon Creek South II	1	No traffic, people at shops know your name, no lines at post office, activities (like fireworks).

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							Events that are not overcrowded. Such as expanding the space used for the farmers market so that people can enjoy the events rather than fight the crowds. Maybe offer more locations for smaller events rather than one giant event. Housing is balanced with local shops, parks and amenities within walking distance to limit the over crowded roads. Communication about town events and news more accessible to residents. So they don't have to go searching for Information. Recreational programs for kids easily accessible, not a race to sign up at 7 am before they fill up. Better community gathering spaces for local neighborhood gatherings so neighbors can get to know each other. Overall the small town feel which we are losing is going places in the community where you don't feel rushed or overwhelmed by people and can actually relax and enjoy the event ir space rather than be pushed through by the crowds this allows better connection to others in the community creating the small town feel.
F	35-44	Unaf	Y	11-20	Canyon Creek South II	1	
F	35-44	Unaf	Y	11-20	Canyon Creek South II	1	Local restaurants and markets, community events
							Not a lot of strip malls or endless commercial as you drive through town. Large number of community events and community gathering spaces (rec centers, outdoor pool, neighborhood parks etc). Lots of trail connections and open space so it's easy for non vehicles to explore the town.
F	35-44	Unaf	Y	11-20	Canyon Creek South II	1	
M	35-44	Unaf	Y	11-20	Canyon Creek South II	1	Recognize neighbors at community amenities, don't sit in traffic, have spending opportunities that aren't all big box stores or chains
F	45-54	Unaf	Y	11-20	Canyon Creek South II	1	A vibrant old town. Low speed traffic.
F	45-54	Unaf	Y	11-20	Canyon Creek South II	1	Community events, small/local businesses, paths and walk ability, commitment to aesthetics
F	45-54	Unaf	Y	11-20	Canyon Creek South II	1	Knowing neighbors, feeling safe in town, local shops and restaurants, no high-rise buildings
							Low housing density, small roads, rather than highway/high speed traffic through the town, town events like the hot air balloon fest, 3rd of July fireworks etc.
F	45-54	Unaf	Y	11-20	Canyon Creek South II	1	

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F	45-54	Unaf	Y	11-20	Canyon Creek South II	1	Part of the small town feel is the fact that the community is, in fact small. It is easier to know your neighbors and maintain community events when the population is limited.
M	45-54	Unaf	Y	11-20	Canyon Creek South II	1	Erie lost the charm it use to be 5 years ago, like to have the small town feel again, limit the growth of new communities
M	45-54	Unaf	Y	11-20	Canyon Creek South II	1	Not as noisy, less congested roadways than a city like Boulder or Broomfield, local business, but with a mix of bigger retailers.
M	45-54	Unaf	Y	11-20	Canyon Creek South II	1	Reducing the number of new neighborhoods that spring up every year
F	35-44	Dem	Y	11-20	Canyon Creek South II	1	Seeing someone you know anywhere you go in town.
M	35-44	Dem	Y	11-20	Canyon Creek South II	1	A feel that Erie is longer able to obtain.
F	45-54	Dem	Y	11-20	Canyon Creek South II	1	A Main Street filled with small or family-owned businesses. Town and community events that bring the community together. Public art.
F	45-54	Dem	Y	11-20	Canyon Creek South II	1	Safe, know people, opportunities for connecting with friends and neighbors
M	45-54	Dem	Y	11-20	Canyon Creek South II	1	A lot of nostalgia goes with the idea of small town community strength but nostalgia is overrated, things are and have been getting better over time. Nobody likes traffic and long lines but being welcoming is the heart of the feeling I believe people think of when they think small town, being welcoming means actually allowing affordable housing and new people in and businesses of all kinds. Right now it feels like a small town, sure... there's no jobs or futures for our kids right here in Erie.
M	45-54	Rep	Y	11-20	Canyon Creek South II	1	Lots of local small businesses and no big apartment buildings like what was built by Erie High School, which calls for drug dealers to setup shop across from high school. Crazy!
F	45-54	Unaf	N	11-20	Canyon Creek South II	1	Community events Walkable/bikeable retail Thriving small businesses
F	55-64	Unaf	N	11-20	Canyon Creek South II	1	Cozy and embracing.....but not boring! Feeling familiar and connected....a place where life is happening, but without the overwhelm! Lots of trees and nature! Places for people to stumble upon each other, and places for solitude as well. 😊
F	55-64	Unaf	N	11-20	Canyon Creek South II	1	Ease of parking, free parking, cafes, gathering areas, community spaces.

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F	55-64	Unaf	N	11-20	Canyon Creek South II	1	Regular events that appeal to a majority of residents, especially events to celebrate community and country. Parades, fireworks, town festivals. ..events that bring people more physically together
M	55-64	Unaf	N	11-20	Canyon Creek South II	1	I don't think that there is the small town feel in Erie. Subdivisions are walled off from each other, often separated by empty land with nothing but weeds. More connectivity would help.
M	55-64	Unaf	N	11-20	Canyon Creek South II	1	No such feel at all. Erie is just a big bedroom. Small businesses avoid Erie due to expensive water and big property taxes. Most Erie residents shop and eat in other neighboring towns leaving our own money in other communities.
F	65+	Unaf	N	11-20	Canyon Creek South II	1	A sense of community and knowing your neighbors. Being there for each other. Open space. Not totally closed in by development. The reason I moved from Louisville to Erie. The farms are disappearing under housing developments so quickly.
M	65+	Unaf	N	11-20	Canyon Creek South II	1	Outdated. Erie is going to grow if we like it or not. The Town can preserve some of the more historic buildings/neighborhoods, yet still make to Town more modern and livable.
F	45-54	Dem	N	11-20	Canyon Creek South II	1	Knowing your neighbors, knowing the teachers, police officers. Community events for all.
F	45-54	Dem	N	11-20	Canyon Creek South II	1	Safe, friendly, community vibes.
F	45-54	Dem	N	11-20	Canyon Creek South II	1	We have already far surpassed the "small town feel" with the explosion of new homes in the past few years. If you want to bring it back, make neighborhood services walkable. Bring more businesses in, designate a grocery store, PLANT TREES so walkability is shady. Small town feel is about doing activities where you don't have to drive or park.
F	45-54	Dem	N	11-20	Canyon Creek South II	1	You feel connected to your community and don't feel lost in the crowd.
M	45-54	Dem	N	11-20	Canyon Creek South II	1	By having an abundance of green space, low profile buildings, easy access to parking
F	55-64	Rep	N	11-20	Canyon Creek South II	1	Thriving small businesses and many community activities
M	55-64	Rep	N	11-20	Canyon Creek South II	1	Local businesses, few chain stores. Summer festivals. Well maintained public spaces. Destination restaurants.

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F	35-44	Oth	N	11-20	Canyon Creek South II	1	A small town feel is where people know and respect each other. I think more shops, restaurants, breweries, bakeries, and events will bring people together.
M	55-64	Dem	Y	More 20	Canyon Creek South II	1	Good
M	45-54	Rep	Y	More 20	Canyon Creek South II	1	Small town feeling not traffics
M	55-64	Rep	Y	More 20	Canyon Creek South II	1	Still feels like the small old Erie Traffic is getting worse.
F	35-44	Oth	Y	More 20	Canyon Creek South II	1	A place where there is community. People know other people, who owns what store, your go to guy for handyman services etc. I grew up in Erie when it was a small town, but it was an ignorant place, and I'm proud of the "growth". I just wish the growth didn't equate to unattainable sign ups for sports, kids activities and camps.
F	45-54	Unaf	N	More 20	Canyon Creek South II	1	Walkability. small, independent businesses and restaurants. clean town. landscaped. town supporting neighborhoods - assisting established (original) neighborhoods and HOAs with landscape, park maintenance building outdoor community pools. adding a small healthy grocer. desirable businesses within walking distance.
F	65+	Unaf	N	More 20	Canyon Creek South II	1	A strong sense of community; feeling safe in my home, neighborhood and town. Open space
F	65+	Unaf	N	More 20	Canyon Creek South II	1	Quiet, uncrowded
M	65+	Unaf	N	More 20	Canyon Creek South II	1	Dispersed not centralized
F	45-54	Dem	N	More 20	Canyon Creek South II	1	A centralized downtown area with plenty of restaurants and shops.
F	55-64	Dem	N	More 20	Canyon Creek South II	1	A safe place with small businesses
M	55-64	Dem	N	More 20	Canyon Creek South II	1	Local events like the summer concerts, biscuit days, etc. are great for the small town feel.
F	65+	Dem	N	More 20	Canyon Creek South II	1	I really like the way Old town Erie is being respected. Great park. Rec center is great tho being too small for the size town is getting to. Love the library and that area.
F	65+	Dem	N	More 20	Canyon Creek South II	1	Small town to me means: friendly / welcoming atmosphere
F	65+	Dem	N	More 20	Canyon Creek South II	1	Small-town feeling is long gone but overall area is an excellent place
M	65+	Dem	N	More 20	Canyon Creek South II	1	Are small town feel is slowly going away too much building
M	45-54	Rep	N	More 20	Canyon Creek South II	1	Everyone knows everyone. Support for local businesses is huge. No huge stores in the town.

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M	45-54	Rep	N	More 20	Canyon Creek South II	1	We have lost the small town feel.
M	35-44	Unaf	Y	6-10	Canyon Creek South II	1	A small town feel is knowing your community. Whenever you go out and about, you run into someone you know, and can chat for a minute. Feeling like you belong to a place that cares about you, and you care about it. The events, like the farmers market, boo on Briggs, and others, all help to build that feeling.
M	35-44	Unaf	Y	6-10	Canyon Creek South II	1	Focus on local businesses vs. chains. Would like to see us get more locally owned shops (e.g., Fox Dog, Erie Social Club) vs. bringing in more Burger Kings, Starbucks, etc., especially where we are building the Town Center
M	35-44	Unaf	Y	6-10	Canyon Creek South II	1	Knowing your neighbors, not overregulated, having open space and prioritizing quality of life over letting greedy developers cram low grade homes into every square inch of farm fields or on top of old abandoned mines. We're selling our souls to KB Homes and the like.
M	35-44	Unaf	Y	6-10	Canyon Creek South II	1	Walkable community, unique dining and retail experiences, architecturally interesting buildings, maintenance of historic feel
M	45-54	Unaf	Y	6-10	Canyon Creek South II	1	Small town feel means that all services are available within a short distance. Everyone identifies as being an Erie community member, and does not identify as Erie Commons, Canyon Creek, or one of the other many residential developments across Erie.
M	45-54	Unaf	Y	6-10	Canyon Creek South II	1	Welcoming, friendly, family driven.
M	55-64	Unaf	Y	6-10	Canyon Creek South II	1	Being able to walk or bike to shopping, restaurants, knowing your neighbors.
F	35-44	Dem	Y	6-10	Canyon Creek South II	1	A small town feel is defined by its close-knit community, slower pace of life, and deep sense of familiarity. It's a place where people know each other by name, local businesses thrive, and traditions carry weight. Daily life is grounded in personal connections—neighbors help each other, news travels by word of mouth, and simple routines like stopping at the post office or attending a high school football game foster a strong sense of belonging. The atmosphere is warm, predictable, and rooted in a shared history, offering comfort in its simplicity.

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F	35-44	Dem	Y	6-10	Canyon Creek South II	1	A town that prioritizes small business over big, promotes diversity equity and inclusion, and where there are plenty of community spaces and events to gather and connect.
F	35-44	Dem	Y	6-10	Canyon Creek South II	1	Knowing people when you are out and about, being able to get to places in a small amount of time and having the option to walk, bike or drive there, community events that bring lots of people together, feeling safe and secure in your home
F	35-44	Dem	Y	6-10	Canyon Creek South II	1	Our downtown captures it perfectly. Charming, small.
F	35-44	Dem	Y	6-10	Canyon Creek South II	1	Small town feel offers local restaurants/shops, activities in the town like parades/fireworks/concerts in the park and fairs.
F	35-44	Dem	Y	6-10	Canyon Creek South II	1	Strong community, locally owned businesses
F	35-44	Dem	Y	6-10	Canyon Creek South II	1	Town events where local schools are highlighted. Events are focused on family friendly gatherings. Several opportunities throughout the year to bring the community out to celebrate.
M	35-44	Dem	Y	6-10	Canyon Creek South II	1	Being able to walk to the vital things like grocery stores or pharmacy.
M	35-44	Dem	Y	6-10	Canyon Creek South II	1	NO CHAIN RESTAURANTS AND BUSINESSES, and prioritizing home-grown businesses as much as possible in development areas.
M	35-44	Dem	Y	6-10	Canyon Creek South II	1	Open lots for recreation, parks, community events, and small businesses centered around gathering areas.
M	35-44	Dem	Y	6-10	Canyon Creek South II	1	Prioritizing walkable, community-centered design that encourages connection and slows people down just enough to say hello. •Preserving green space, views of the Front Range, and historic buildings that ground us in our identity. •Supporting local businesses so they continue to be the heartbeat of our downtown, not replaced by national chains. •Encouraging development that enhances community values—safe neighborhoods, mixed-use areas, and public spaces that invite interaction. •Planning infrastructure that scales without sprawl—keeping traffic low, parks accessible, and civic resources strong. community festivals. No big chain stores. No strip malls.
M	35-44	Dem	Y	6-10	Canyon Creek South II	1	The downtown is small and has some historic buildings. There are a few smaller events that don't bring a large crowd.

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O	35-44	Dem	Y	6-10	Canyon Creek South II	1	Lots of open space areas, not expanding roads, limiting new developing of high density housing, and keeping the size of Erie similar to where it's at currently.
F	45-54	Dem	Y	6-10	Canyon Creek South II	1	Access to resources without everything feeling like it's maxed out and super crowded. Safety, low crime. Local events that draw neighbors but not a lot of strangers.
F	45-54	Dem	Y	6-10	Canyon Creek South II	1	Not too many houses, more greenery. Neighbors close and being able to communicate. No crime.
F	45-54	Dem	Y	6-10	Canyon Creek South II	1	Safe and friendly, easy to get around town
F	45-54	Rep	Y	6-10	Canyon Creek South II	1	Less homes, less dentist offices, more community events
F	45-54	Rep	Y	6-10	Canyon Creek South II	1	Love Old Town Erie- that all businesses and restaurants in this area are small and privately owned (not franchises). Love that big retail has been kept around the perimeter of the town. Love the town events that are available to families at no cost and the rec services available to families with kids of all ages.
F	55-64	Unaf	N	6-10	Canyon Creek South II	1	Fun gathering events where people can talk to their neighbors. Simple things like the food truck stops help bring neighbors out. Volunteering to beautify a park by neighbors.
F	55-64	Unaf	N	6-10	Canyon Creek South II	1	Less than 70k residence. Nice parks, quaint downtown with local businesses. Community activities. Possibly a community pool.
F	35-44	Dem	N	6-10	Canyon Creek South II	1	Community events and engagement. Continuing and prioritizing events that bring the community together. Minimizing the huge amount of homes that are being built, as much as possible. Helping small businesses to grow.
M	35-44	Oth	N	6-10	Canyon Creek South II	1	Our events, our open space, our landscape. Building mini mansions, or large "affordable living" complexes is anything but small town it more small city.
F	35-44	Unaf	Y	Less 5	Colliers Hill	1	It's not a small town anymore, too many new homes, very small downtown
M	65+	Unaf	N	Less 5	Colliers Hill	1	Like Briggs St for example

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F	55-64	Unaf	N	6-10	Colliers Hill	1	It does NOT INCLUDE the new huge, crowded neighborhoods with hundreds of houses Erie is currently building! It does include the open spaces Erie is gobbling up and developing into thousands of homes. It does include the events taking place in old town and more like it. It does include more restaurants that would keep tax revenue in Erie.
M	18-34	Unaf	Y	Less 5	Compass	1	Ensuring that small businesses can afford to stay put, and preserving the historic charm of buildings and architecture.
F	35-44	Unaf	Y	Less 5	Compass	1	A small-town feel to me is kind and respectful residents, neighbors who help each other regularly, and essential services provided within close proximity to where residents live. It feels easy to find what you need or a friendly person to direct you to the appropriate town resources, and there are lots of diverse and affordable community events that bring residents together in a fun way.
F	35-44	Unaf	Y	Less 5	Compass	1	A town where you can get to know your neighbors, a town that provides events that feel accessible and not overwhelmingly crowded.
F	35-44	Unaf	Y	Less 5	Compass	1	Lots of local, independent businesses and community resources and events
F	35-44	Unaf	Y	Less 5	Compass	1	Walkable, with public places to meet up with neighbors
M	35-44	Unaf	Y	Less 5	Compass	1	Local events and places where you see people you know
M	35-44	Unaf	Y	Less 5	Compass	1	More open space, safe bike and trail connectivity away from highways to all the neighborhoods such that people are able to go shopping, and travel around Erie without need of motor vehicles.
F	35-44	Dem	Y	Less 5	Compass	1	Shared community spaces (third spaces) where people of all ages can gather and connect. A local grocery store where you bump into your neighbors (we need a more centralized Erie grocery store asap). Small town events like parades, etc.
F	35-44	Dem	Y	Less 5	Compass	1	To me, small town feel would mean that you can attend town-sponsored events without feeling smothered by the crowd. It would also imply knowing your neighbors, and being kind to one another.

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F	35-44	Dem	Y	Less 5	Compass	1	Where there's a sense of community... Again, I don't really feel it. I feel like I'm in an island disconnected from the small town community. I wanted. We need to have sidewalks and we need to have a way to access the things that he has to offer without getting in a car.
M	35-44	Dem	Y	Less 5	Compass	1	Shops on a walkable main street in a friendly atmosphere, with neighbors that know each other
M	35-44	Dem	Y	Less 5	Compass	1	Smaller accessible commercial areas (Briggs St) with non/less corporate mixed businesses. Accessible services like the library and rec center.
M	35-44	Dem	Y	Less 5	Compass	1	The feeling that you know your neighbors and the town feels close rather than remote or without a soul.
M	35-44	Dem	Y	Less 5	Compass	1	Walkable/bikeable access to local shops/restaurants and community events that bring the town together.
M	45-54	Dem	Y	Less 5	Compass	1	A good balance of retail such as grocery stores, restaurants, other types of retail that is at least bikeable, and doesn't feel like you have to leave town to get to.
F	55-64	Dem	Y	Less 5	Compass	1	I live in the Compass Development and I feel like I'm completely stuck in suburbia. It frustrating not to be able to walk or bike anywhere. When I do go hiking, I leave Erie—go to Lafayette or Boulder. I don't have a sense of small town community at all.
F	55-64	Dem	Y	Less 5	Compass	1	Love the small town feel BUT it is not what pays the bills
F	55-64	Dem	Y	Less 5	Compass	1	Walkable, mom and pop shops, bicycle friendly
F	18-34	Rep	Y	Less 5	Compass	1	Easy to get to places, plenty of things to do in town so you don't have to leave, easily accessible grocery stores, community events that bring people together, celebrating our town and its accomplishments
M	35-44	Rep	Y	Less 5	Compass	1	Less corporate business. More family owned and operated.
M	35-44	Rep	Y	Less 5	Compass	1	Open space, local events, kids sports
M	35-44	Rep	Y	Less 5	Compass	1	Strong community connection in your neighborhood, overall community, and local businesses.
M	35-44	Rep	Y	Less 5	Compass	1	The town will lose its feel as we continue to develop. Less apartments the better.

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F	45-54	Rep	Y	Less 5	Compass	1	We love Erie! However, we often find ourselves leaving Erie to shop/recreate as Erie doesn't have the amenities we need for our family. We have an autistic daughter who loves to play at the park, however we haven't found an accessible park here in Erie that accommodates her needs. We would love to be able to stay and recreate in Erie versus leaving to other neighboring cities to find the amenities we need to support our family. We also have a 12 year old who is active and would love a way to leave our neighborhood (compass) safely via sidewalks/ trail connections to meet friends at the community center or other Erie restaurants. A small town feel would be more readily available for our family if we had safe biking/walking connections into town which currently we do not have available to us in Compass.
M	35-44	NR	Y	Less 5	Compass	1	No small town feel anymore
M	45-54	NR	Y	Less 5	Compass	1	Neutral
F	18-34	Unaf	N	Less 5	Compass	1	Locations (both indoor and outdoor) don't feel crowded and everyone is friendly to the people they meet.
F	18-34	Unaf	N	Less 5	Compass	1	Numerous town events (ie 4th of July celebration), walkable, small businesses (no chains), friendly and helpful neighbors, common areas to gather (ie neighborhood parks)
M	18-34	Unaf	N	Less 5	Compass	1	There are many open spaces where farming is happening, neighbors who are friendly, and it doesn't take a long time to get places
M	18-34	Unaf	N	Less 5	Compass	1	Where you know your neighbors, local small restaurants and establishments are supported and thrive, town events to gather the people in common areas.
F	55-64	Unaf	N	Less 5	Compass	1	Quaint, friendly, accepting of all
F	55-64	Unaf	N	Less 5	Compass	1	Walking paths to stores, rec center, schools, restaurants. Minimal traffic lights. Open spaces. Minimal high density, low rent housing
M	55-64	Unaf	N	Less 5	Compass	1	Charming, with a respect for limiting size and a well planned mix of the old and the new. Any big box stores should be on the outskirts of town. Fewer strip malls. More retail space with character - areas well-designed architecturally.

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M	55-64	Unaf	N	Less 5	Compass	1	It's easy to navigate the town on a bike and community effects thrive
M	55-64	Unaf	N	Less 5	Compass	1	Not worried about small town feel, thanks.
M	55-64	Unaf	N	Less 5	Compass	1	Your premise is mistaken. Erie has no small town feel. It is a mishmash of large subdivisions such as compass and a small old town or downtown area. A small town feel is where services and community facilities are within a walking distance. Nearest grocery stores are not close.
F	65+	Unaf	N	Less 5	Compass	1	Downtown area is quaint and feels safe.
F	65+	Unaf	N	Less 5	Compass	1	Shops and restaurants that are easy to walk to. Community events.
F	65+	Unaf	N	Less 5	Compass	1	Where you feel safe, know your neighbors, frequent to same restaurants and businesses and participate in "whole town" activities (like the balloon festival!!
M	65+	Unaf	N	Less 5	Compass	1	No strip malls, keeping/restoring architecturally significant structures, many locally owned businesses.
F	18-34	Dem	N	Less 5	Compass	1	Community events, multiple places of business in the downtown area (locally owned).
F	18-34	Dem	N	Less 5	Compass	1	Small town feel means: warm, friendly, active/alive (everyone is out and about enjoying the town), relaxed, strong sense of connection and belonging
F	18-34	Dem	N	Less 5	Compass	1	Small town feel would include easily walk able, which Erie is not.
M	18-34	Dem	N	Less 5	Compass	1	A charming downtown vibe. That is, mom and pop shops instead of chain stores. Same for restaurants. Outdoor seating availability. Dogs are welcome.

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M	18-34	Dem	N	Less 5	Compass	1	We love the small town feel of Erie. Parks, trails, playgrounds, sports and rec center programs, and the rec center are all places where neighbors can meet to socialize and create relationships. We have an autistic teenager who would love an adaptive/inclusive park. She loves to swing and the parks in Erie aren't accommodating to her needs, so we often find ourselves leaving Erie to neighboring cities to recreate. We love to swim and are disappointed that we don't have an outdoor swimming pool or aquatic center. We also leave Erie to recreate in the summer since those amenities are not offered here in Erie. Although some neighborhoods have neighborhood pools, ours does not. We would love to create memories with our Erie neighbors through swimming and hanging out at the local playground that would accommodate our special needs family and stay in Erie versus leaving to other cities.
F	35-44	Dem	N	Less 5	Compass	1	Seeing people walk around and be outside of their cars is huge for this. When kids and families are safe to cross at crosswalks or bike around town, this is what looks and feels small and special. Additionally, keeping a historic downtown area alive with local businesses as well as services, like our post office and clerk's office, and hosting events in this area.
M	35-44	Dem	N	Less 5	Compass	1	Not too crowded; More local businesses than corporate businesses.
M	35-44	Dem	N	Less 5	Compass	1	Walkability, locally owned stores and restaurants
F	45-54	Dem	N	Less 5	Compass	1	I'm not sure a small town feel is what I'm after. I would like great restaurants and shops and easy access to get around town driving, riding, or walking.
M	45-54	Dem	N	Less 5	Compass	1	Feeling like you live in a safe neighborhood/keep crime low.
F	55-64	Dem	N	Less 5	Compass	1	History, smaller business, affordable restaurants, friendly neighborhoods
F	55-64	Dem	N	Less 5	Compass	1	Safe, clean, friendly, charming feel and community events, places to shop, eat/drink, local entertainment, community center, neighborhood events/activities.
F	55-64	Dem	N	Less 5	Compass	1	Small town, less people, less traffic, no building projects.

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F	65+	Dem	N	Less 5	Compass	1	Friendly, inclusive, community with good services to bring people together like retail stores and good restaurants
F	65+	Dem	N	Less 5	Compass	1	The walkable street on Briggs is fun. There r a variety of stores, restaurants, bars, bike trails and parks all in the same area.
F	65+	Dem	N	Less 5	Compass	1	To achieve a true small town feel, most everything should be pedestrian-accessible. We are lacking the necessary sidewalks to accomplish this.
M	65+	Dem	N	Less 5	Compass	1	Erie has lost that small town feel a long time ago. My brother and his family have lived here for 25+ years. Erie stopped being a small town around 10 years ago. I moved here 3 years ago. There's no way to put the small town flavor back in the box.
M	65+	Dem	N	Less 5	Compass	1	I think Erie should model itself after Lafayette.
F	55-64	Rep	N	Less 5	Compass	1	Moving from a much larger town/city in Texas, I have enjoyed the smaller town feel of Erie. I enjoy the Farmers Markets, downtown area, rec center, water park, Bocce courts in my neighborhood, Hoping to enjoy more concerts other than tonight's concert.
M	55-64	Rep	N	Less 5	Compass	1	Walkable events, restaurants and shops. Trail system to easily access places of business. Festivals and concerts.
F	35-44	Dem	Y	11-20	Compass	1	Community events; neighborhoods connected by paths, encouraging bikes and walking to town; parks that entice all ages of kids, through high school,
F	35-44	Dem	Y	11-20	Compass	1	Community-people know each other and are friendly and supportive; local folks work in town businesses; events for all generations; recreation opportunities for all ages; farmers markets; you can find everything you need in town (grocery, trails, parks, hardware, services, schools)
F	45-54	Dem	Y	11-20	Compass	1	Less traffic and community programs
M	45-54	Dem	Y	11-20	Compass	1	It's all good
F	35-44	Rep	N	11-20	Compass	1	Tight-knit community •Friendly faces •Slower pace of life •Everyone knows your name •Local restaurants and main street charm •Homegrown traditions •Neighborly spirit
F	18-34	Unaf	N	More 20	Compass	1	This question is useless as Erie is not and has not been a small town for a long time.

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F	45-54	Dem	N	More 20	Compass	1	Local events that bring neighbors together. It has a small town feel even though it's a city
F	55-64	Dem	N	More 20	Compass	1	Small. No long traffic lines, not many traffic lights. A big downtown that has many shopping needs(ex: grocery, art gallery, restaurants, small businesses for clothes, crafts, home goods, specialty foods, bakery). Where you can be in one area and find things you need. Not traveling 15-20 min across town to get from point a to b. Also, would be nice if we had a stage area downtown to have live music and night markets. Or Friday night music, etc.
F	18-34	Unaf	Y	6-10	Compass	1	Small town feel means that there are a variety of locally owned businesses, many community gathering areas, and community events
F	35-44	Unaf	Y	6-10	Compass	1	A community where there are town events, great local shops and restaurants, ease to get from one area to the next, a pull to stay local rather than go to other towns for shopping and fun. Great parks and rec activities, for kids and adults to meet and build community
F	35-44	Unaf	Y	6-10	Compass	1	Charming downtown that is walkable with none chain retail and restaurants. Town hosts annual events and festivals. Open space to differentiate Erie from surrounding towns. All big apartments and tall buildings stay by the 25 corridor.
F	35-44	Unaf	Y	6-10	Compass	1	Erie had a small-town feel until the developers moved in. The town grew fast...too fast. Schools are now overcrowded, stretching staff and resources thin. Class sizes are bigger, and new families keep coming, but without the retail or commercial development to balance it out. That means less tax revenue to invest in the very things growing towns need: updated schools, roads, sidewalks, libraries, recreational services, and local services. We've added homes faster than we've added essentials. No grocery store downtown. No real shopping hub. And yet, housing keeps going up. People came for the charm. Many are still trying to hold onto it. But without thoughtful planning and balanced growth, the hometown feel we all loved is getting harder to recognize.

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F	35-44	Unaf	Y	6-10	Compass	1	Neighborhood bbqs and block parties, town parades and town gatherings. Holidays together and celebrating each other's wins. Relying on neighbors as friends when you need someone. Waving and saying hi to people anywhere you go.
F	35-44	Unaf	Y	6-10	Compass	1	Town events that people can enjoy with their family, friends, and neighbors that are easily accessible by car or sidewalk. Parks that people can gather at. Streets that aren't under construction or crowded. No big chain restaurants or stores.
F	35-44	Unaf	Y	6-10	Compass	1	Walkable town centers and well designed public spaces to hang out with lots of options for shopping and eating. Family friendly.
M	35-44	Unaf	Y	6-10	Compass	1	Safe streets, sense of community, quality infrastructure.
M	35-44	Unaf	Y	6-10	Compass	1	The town is small enough that I know small business owners on a first name basis, we see friends routinely when going about Erie: our kids play sports together, we see them at local restaurants, we can get around town with ease while not having four lane roads and endless stoplights at every turn. There's unused space for the sake of unused space. I can bike with my kids to school. I feel comfortable allowing them to have some freedom moving about town on their own.
F	45-54	Unaf	Y	6-10	Compass	1	Being able to walk or bike to many of the town's offerings, locally owned businesses, annual celebrations in the community, strong support for local schools and teams, good recreation programs.
F	45-54	Unaf	Y	6-10	Compass	1	Erie is well past small town and it's time to accept that. We can't roll back the clock and remove the houses that are here. Instead, let's work to maintain a downtown that contains small and locally owned businesses and do our best to enhance small business thought the community. Also, working to create parks in communities and provide sidewalks and bike paths that safely connect all our neighborhoods will offer a sense of community and connection.
F	45-54	Unaf	Y	6-10	Compass	1	Quaint old town, many walkable activities, holiday traditions, friendly neighbors, safe streets.
F	45-54	Unaf	Y	6-10	Compass	1	The only thing that is small turn about Erie is the lack of resources and downtown businesses being closed on Monday.

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M	45-54	Unaf	Y	6-10	Compass	1	Knowing those people within the town.
M	45-54	Unaf	Y	6-10	Compass	1	Light traffic, feeling of general safety, investment and comfort with the community while in public places
M	45-54	Unaf	Y	6-10	Compass	1	Walkable, safe, local businesses.
M	45-54	Unaf	Y	6-10	Compass	1	We don't need the small town feel. We need a town that is functional and efficient.
F	35-44	Dem	Y	6-10	Compass	1	A community that celebrates and values the diverse heritage of its residents, promotes inclusivity, and caters to the needs of its residents as opposed to attracting new ones.
F	35-44	Dem	Y	6-10	Compass	1	Amenities for all ages and walking trails. Connecting neighborhoods
F	35-44	Dem	Y	6-10	Compass	1	Gathering spaces where you see friends and neighbors, parades and events for holidays, discounts for residents.
F	35-44	Dem	Y	6-10	Compass	1	I think of a small town as having an "anchor" Main Street with a variety of restaurants and businesses and a place people gather. Not a vast area of big box stores and strip malls.
F	35-44	Dem	Y	6-10	Compass	1	Local businesses re supported and encouraged. Family and local events are prioritized.
F	35-44	Dem	Y	6-10	Compass	1	Local community events, accessible neighborhoods, gathering places like parks
F	35-44	Dem	Y	6-10	Compass	1	Local restaurants and shops located in one concentrated area. Houses and commercial properties not being built in between already existing towns. Running into people you know on the street and at local town events.
F	35-44	Dem	Y	6-10	Compass	1	Local shops and restaurants, you know people everywhere you go, neighbors helping neighbors
F	35-44	Dem	Y	6-10	Compass	1	No traffic or parking issues when attending events or restaurants
M	35-44	Dem	Y	6-10	Compass	1	Erie does not feel like a small town. It feels like suburban sprawl without any charm. Small town is a mix of housing types combined with local businesses for shopping and restaurants all within walking distance. Few who live in Erie get that experience.
M	35-44	Dem	Y	6-10	Compass	1	Small businesses, walkable streets, safety
F	45-54	Dem	Y	6-10	Compass	1	Being able to easily attend events

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F	45-54	Dem	Y	6-10	Compass	1	Locally owned businesses and walkable places like Briggs.
M	35-44	Rep	Y	6-10	Compass	1	Open spaces, simple Main Street that offers good places to eat and do fun things. Nice public parks and recreation centers.
M	35-44	NR	Y	6-10	Compass	1	There is nothing small town about Erie anymore. This is an overpopulated metropolis city with big city problems....as soon as you all realize this, you might make better decisions
M	55-64	Unaf	N	6-10	Compass	1	A thriving Main Street. Walkable/cyclable from all parts of the town. Especially Compass and the growing Parkland.
M	55-64	Unaf	N	6-10	Compass	1	Cities with historic in well defined downtown areas evoke a small town feel. Erie should continue to capitalize on it having such an area and prioritize, keeping it historic while attracting restaurants and walkable areas with Mom and pop shops.
F	65+	Unaf	N	6-10	Compass	1	Gone
F	65+	Unaf	N	6-10	Compass	1	Low traffic, areas to done, recreate, exercise that are not overcrowded
M	65+	Unaf	N	6-10	Compass	1	I think the small town field is being lost to a sea of subdivisions. Pretty much every vacant lot in Erie is having homes built on it with no retail with no ability to walk to places, and so the creation of a crowded car community is overtaking. The idea of small town feel. The downtown Briggs Street area is the only place that still feels like small town, Erie. And I think that the city council needs to decide. Are you trying to maintain a small town field or are you growing into a 60,000 or 70,000 person city because that's what it feels like.
M	65+	Unaf	N	6-10	Compass	1	Shops owned and operated by locals. Community programs, social and educational
F	35-44	Dem	N	6-10	Compass	1	Activities downtown, restaurants, not expanding
F	45-54	Dem	N	6-10	Compass	1	It's losing it because of all the new homes and no expansion of the roads
F	55-64	Dem	N	6-10	Compass	1	Difinitive downtown area which provides gathering space and destination restaurants/services. Community events such as fireworks, parades, holiday events thst engage various generations.
F	65+	Dem	N	6-10	Compass	1	Friendly people, people recognize neighbors, kids walking biking to school, good library

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M	65+	Dem	N	6-10	Compass	1	An organic community offering meaning and purpose that is ever evolving according to the changes in populace, cultural shifts and social conditions.
M	65+	Dem	N	6-10	Compass	1	Relaxing. Sitting outside and not hearing police, fire engines, ect. Walkable
F	65+	Dem	N	11-20	Cottages at Erie Village	1	Open Fields, small farms, walking and Bike paths, no crowded apartment buildings, small houses
F	45-54	Rep	Y	More 20	Cottages at Erie Village	1	Briggs Street is the main attraction for all of our parades or farmers markets and Town Fair. It hosts several successful restaurants. But we really miss Miner's tavern and a place to go and hang out and shoot pool/darts and listen to music and visit with our neighbors. Miner's tavern was at own and a local hot spot to go and always see friends. It was like our local Cheers bar. There is nothing like that anywhere near us now. And everything closes down at 10:00. P.m. I love that Erie is a relatively safe town. I love the diversity of the homes in Old Town Erie. With original homes and some that have been knocked down and rebuilt into nice homes. Even the trailer park has some character to it.
M	55-64	Unaf	N	More 20	Cottages at Erie Village	1	Doesn't exist here
F	45-54	Dem	Y	6-10	Cottages at Erie Village	1	Bike and walk ability, lots of fun gathering spaces with things to do (creative craft spaces, a mix of restaurants, different ethnic food choices). Preserving the historical buildings. Having good centrality located town gathering activities that have wide appeal.
F	45-54	Unaf	Y	Less 5	Cottonwood Vista	1	Pedestrian friendly, small number of traffic signals, and not having big box stores in your town center.
M	55-64	Unaf	N	Less 5	Cottonwood Vista	1	Not too crowded, know your neighbors, community events

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F	65+	Dem	N	Less 5	Cottonwood Vista	1	Restrict urbanization. Limit big box and expanded commercial development. Be discerning about businesses. Not a fan of fast food chains or stores like Walmart as encourages traffic and waste. The charm of Erie is to maintain a more pastoral feel. The way many would like to experience Colorado. Too many houses and people make it feel less like a close knit community and more like suburb. I believe we can achieve a nice balance with an eye toward providing services and amenities without selling out to too much commercialization and urban development.
M	65+	Rep	N	Less 5	Cottonwood Vista	1	Keep the population low with the old small town downtown feel.
F	35-44	Unaf	Y	11-20	Cottonwood Vista	1	Events, farmers market, and non over the top commercialized looking buildings for commercial. More unique building types and smaller locations. Good use of the downtown space and the ability to get all over the town in a short period of time. Being able to run into the people you know no matter where you go.
F	45-54	Dem	Y	11-20	Cottonwood Vista	1	A town that is safe and all people are accepted. A town that maintains it's open space/parks so it doesn't turn into a whole bunch of business/strip malls. A town that values small businesses and doesn't fill up with the same stores that are everywhere else.
F	45-54	Dem	Y	11-20	Cottonwood Vista	1	Fewer traffic lights, increased walkability community
M	45-54	Dem	Y	11-20	Cottonwood Vista	1	Erie has many positive elements supporting its small-town feel, such as the charming downtown area and excellent community events. However, these strengths are increasingly overshadowed by sprawling growth and unbalanced housing developments lacking necessary infrastructure—schools, restaurants, retail, and new community centers (the current facility is overcrowded). Additionally, the constant aircraft noise has escalated dramatically and now resembles a war zone, significantly detracting from the peaceful small-town atmosphere.
M	65+	Dem	N	11-20	Cottonwood Vista	1	Do not mix commercial and residential properties.

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M	65+	Rep	N	11-20	Cottonwood Vista	1	Not having new subdivisions that have 10 feet between buildings and high density apartments and not having million dollar homes 10 feet apart
M	45-54	Dem	N	More 20	Cottonwood Vista	1	No longer describes Erie
M	35-44	Rep	Y	6-10	Cottonwood Vista	1	Everyone know Everyone
F	45-54	Unaf	N	6-10	Cottonwood Vista	1	There are so many people who know each other it does feel like a small town- when you are in old town it has a small town feel
M	65+	Unaf	N	6-10	Cottonwood Vista	1	Except for Old Town the small town feel is gone.
M	18-34	Unaf	Y	Less 5	Country Fields	1	A town that feels like only a fraction of the people live in it. Opportunity to run into friends and neighbors at small local businesses and feel seen and heard. Not feeling to cramped or crowded with traffic
F	35-44	Unaf	Y	Less 5	Country Fields	1	Downtown small-business owned shops. Big box stores and chains are kept along highways like 287 and I-25. Open space! Lots of parks, walkable areas. Maintain agricultural space surrounding the town. Small towns should be a mix of rural and suburban.
F	35-44	Unaf	Y	Less 5	Country Fields	1	Knowing everyone. Not using all the land to build new housing
M	45-54	Unaf	Y	Less 5	Country Fields	1	A balance of homes to public resources such as parks, trails, open space etc. Erie is WAY out of balance with too much housing.
M	55-64	Unaf	Y	Less 5	Country Fields	1	Quiet; low crime rate; a feeling of safety; a feeling that we know a lot of the people that we might bump into on the street. I really like that right now, my 13-year-old daughter can ride her bike with a friend down to the Rec Center or to Old Town, and I'm not worried about her safety.
F	35-44	Dem	Y	Less 5	Country Fields	1	Seeing the same people at the grocery store, school, and parks
F	35-44	Dem	Y	Less 5	Country Fields	1	Walkable downtown with creative and diverse shops and restaurants. We'd love to see more offerings on Briggs Street.
M	35-44	Dem	Y	Less 5	Country Fields	1	I like having Briggs St as a town center, and also open space
M	45-54	Dem	Y	Less 5	Country Fields	1	Central area for town events, Main Street with local businesses,

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M	18-34	Unaf	N	Less 5	Country Fields	1	To me, A small town feel comes from making sure the town isn't too crowded. This means not endorsing high-density housing, building lots of parks connected by trail systems, not allowing buildings higher than a couple stories, creating multiple "downtown" areas that are mostly walking space where people can eat, shop, and hangout with no cars or traffic allowed, and having lots of community events that cater to all demographics. That feeling of small-town is where I feel connected to my town and to its people. I feel very safe and I can talk to anyone and roam around any part of town, nearly at any time of day/night.
F	35-44	Unaf	N	Less 5	Country Fields	1	Meaning the town has its own sense of identity, there are some small restaurants and community events. In a small town I don't expect to see lots of large apartment complexes of urban housing for example large complexes of townhomes with no charm or character. A small town has lots of green space with trails that connect the communities.
F	55-64	Unaf	N	Less 5	Country Fields	1	Quiet- less loud planes
F	18-34	Dem	N	Less 5	Country Fields	1	No tall buildings, walkability, not too many big chain businesses
F	18-34	Dem	N	Less 5	Country Fields	1	Streets where it's safe for kids to ride their bikes, neighborhoods where it's safe to be out after dark. Common areas like downtown Erie where you'll know you'll see familiar faces. Limited housing development so the population doesn't explode so much that the area gets congested.
M	18-34	Dem	N	Less 5	Country Fields	1	Much higher ratio of locally owned businesses vs franchises. Perponderence of local art. High volume of community events. Mixed commercial and residential spaces. Variety of density. Variety of architectural styles. Pedestrian friendly (walkable, safe, ie underpasses, connecting valued public locations)

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F	35-44	Dem	N	Less 5	Country Fields	1	Less franchise big box stores, less fast food, MORE small businesses, locally owned businesses. safe streets, lots of trees and parks. Thriving farmers markets, Art! Public art and painted murals that reflect the community. Higher density and walkability/bikeability. Pedestrian underpasses for busy roads that connect neighborhoods to amenities like libraries and rec centers to (ex: would love to see an east/west pedestrian underpass under county line road)
F	35-44	Dem	N	Less 5	Country Fields	1	Small town feel to me means that community is being fostered and prioritised over intense population and commercial growth. That places like the downtown/Briggs street and community centers are easily accessible (ideally walkable) to those that live here. That at a minimum the town's leaders are recognizable, showing up for not only local government planned events but school football games, arts performances, and other such events. That there is a focus on the people, communities, businesses, and organizations living here now.
F	35-44	Unaf	Y	11-20	Country Fields	1	Erie is no longer small town nor does it feel like it anymore.
F	35-44	Dem	Y	11-20	Country Fields	1	Community activities that increase connections with neighbors, access to community areas, public servants interacting with residents in positive ways, visibility to community projects and updates, local businesses.
F	35-44	Dem	Y	11-20	Country Fields	1	Not construction on every street corner, neighbors who know eachother (which we do), able to walk or short drive to businesses
F	35-44	Dem	Y	11-20	Country Fields	1	Pockets of residential density surrounded by open space. Successful environment for small businesses (no big-box stores!!)
F	45-54	Dem	Y	11-20	Country Fields	1	Knowing neighbors, regular town events, safety, multiple income variations
M	45-54	Dem	Y	11-20	Country Fields	1	Downtown events not over overly crowded to the point you can't park. Constant traffic and construction when trying to get someplace and mostly not houses on every open piece of land and or rezoning land to accommodate builders.

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M	45-54	Dem	Y	11-20	Country Fields	1	Friendliness, strong local business community, lots of restaurants and a downtown feel. Central resources and events that draw in the community- farmers market etc
M	45-54	Dem	Y	11-20	Country Fields	1	Friendly, walkable, safe
F	35-44	Rep	Y	11-20	Country Fields	1	Not having so many houses, having a safe place to live with low or now crime, being surrounded by nature, no over crowding, low traffic, sense of community.
M	35-44	Rep	Y	11-20	Country Fields	1	Way less people and less housing growth. It will never have a small town feel again like it used to
M	45-54	Oth	Y	11-20	Country Fields	1	Limited traffic and general congestion. Slower pace of life. Little crime. More open space. Nature instills peace, not concrete and buildings. If Erie grows to more than 66k, then a small town feel is gone for sure.
M	45-54	Unaf	N	11-20	Country Fields	1	Buildings with character, not cookie cutter pop up houses. Space between homes, pathways, parks, open spaces, old growth trees and an inclusion of nature in the designs. The farmers market on main street in great, the ice rink in the winter is great, and welcoming events like baseball and softball tournaments, and the uci pump track event are all wonderful things to focus on.
F	45-54	Dem	N	11-20	Country Fields	1	Knowing your neighbors and running into people you know at the store, restaurants. Helping each other.
F	45-54	Dem	N	11-20	Country Fields	1	Not hearing road noise when I'm enjoying my private property.
F	65+	Dem	N	11-20	Country Fields	1	Less houses and less traffic
F	65+	Dem	N	11-20	Country Fields	1	Walkable shopping areas Parks and walking/biking paths A good variety of retail shopping Attractive buildings and art
M	55-64	Rep	N	11-20	Country Fields	1	We don't have one. Council is too busy trying to recreate Boulder and destroy Erie in the same manner
M	65+	Rep	N	11-20	Country Fields	1	Literally a town with a smaller population, fewer cars on the streets, and a strong sense of community. Unfortunately we've already grown out of that.

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F	45-54	Dem	Y	More 20	Country Fields	1	We are just another suburb now, with no central community mindset. It feels like we are becoming Highlands Ranch with all of the development, and you can't get any "small-town feel" with all of the growth, and nothing to balance it out. Add arts, programs, to bring in external folks, but what will you do for the people that already live here to keep them here?
F	45-54	Unaf	N	More 20	Country Fields	1	A police force that does their job instead of allowing people to repeatedly break. The Law and inconvenience Homeowners.
F	55-64	Unaf	N	More 20	Country Fields	1	Available and needed amenities while preserving character and open space. Focus on small businesses and quality parks and rec and amenities without being overrun by malls and large commercial
F	55-64	Unaf	N	More 20	Country Fields	1	Not as many homes Open space Support of small, family-owned businesses including restaurants and shops.
M	55-64	Unaf	N	More 20	Country Fields	1	Courteous, respectful and safe
M	55-64	Unaf	N	More 20	Country Fields	1	Small town is a community that exhibits fiscal responsibility and doesn't try to become Boulder.
M	65+	Unaf	N	More 20	Country Fields	1	Having community activities that encourage residences to gather and interact with each other.
F	55-64	Dem	N	More 20	Country Fields	1	Local stores and restaurants, Farmers market
F	65+	Dem	N	More 20	Country Fields	1	I like to go to the businesses on Briggs Street, go to the Farmers Market on Briggs and attend some of the events such as concerts in the park and the town fair. It used to mean seeing people I knew when I went down to Briggs and the grocery store, but that doesn't happen much now that the population increased.
F	65+	Dem	N	More 20	Country Fields	1	What Erie used to be prior to 2015
M	65+	Dem	N	More 20	Country Fields	1	Being able to travel a small distance an then not see houses everywhere.
M	18-34	Oth	N	More 20	Country Fields	1	A town with many local family owned small businesses, a close-knit community where everyone knows each other, and outdoor recreational options.
F	35-44	Unaf	Y	6-10	Country Fields	1	The down town area with its shops and events is nice. The quiet neighborhoods.

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M	35-44	Unaf	Y	6-10	Country Fields	1	The small town feel is definitely being destroyed as the priority is only to obtain more tax dollars from new home construction. No new taxes are needed to support these government functions.
M	35-44	Unaf	Y	6-10	Country Fields	1	You know and interact with your neighbors. People are able to work in the same town they live in. People of all backgrounds are welcomed and supported.
F	35-44	Dem	Y	6-10	Country Fields	1	Erie does not have a small town feel anymore. Erie is massively over developed and seems to be continuing down that path. I mean, you're building homes on top of the landfill now. Where does it stop?
F	45-54	Dem	Y	6-10	Country Fields	1	Having a vibrant, cultural, artsy, pretty old town area where people can go and spend time, walk up and down the streets, and participate in community events, parades, fairs, and celebrations.
M	45-54	Rep	Y	6-10	Country Fields	1	Local non chain business. More Signs! More local events.
O	18-34	Dem	N	6-10	Country Fields	1	Safety, convenience, and a caring community. Three things that are woefully missing from Erie. People are rude and entitled, leaving garbage everywhere, riding motorized vehicles on sidewalks, blasting through occupied crosswalks while running red lights, etc. There's very little accessibility; the infrastructure was either designed by someone with none of the requisite qualifications or someone who really hated disabled people, perhaps both. In a small town people can walk (or take their wheelchair) anywhere they need to go, including grocery stores, the post office, school, etc. It's shameful how poorly Erie does in this department.
F	35-44	Dem	N	6-10	Country Fields	1	No shopping plazas, small businesses, no huge developments - less HOAs
F	45-54	Dem	N	6-10	Country Fields	1	Community. Active. Great recreation and events.

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F	45-54	Rep	N	6-10	Country Fields	1	Locally owned businesses with a boutique-like feel, free parking downtown, summer concerts, reasonably priced dinner options for people enjoying a nice evening out, businesses within walking distance of my home, omissions of tacky fast food restaurants and tire centers that scream "corporate", quiet streets around homes, farmers markets (Erie does a great job keeping it non-junky), brew pubs, fireworks, parades, balloon fiesta
F	35-44	Dem	Y	Less 5	Creekside in Erie	1	A warm, welcoming atmosphere where life moves at a slower, more personal pace. Local shops and family-owned restaurants are the heart of the community—places where owners greet you by name and your business truly matters. Town events, from farmers markets to Friday night football games, are not just gatherings—they're where you're likely to run into a neighbor, friend, or coworker. It's a sense of connection, comfort, and everyday familiarity that makes small towns feel like home.
M	35-44	Dem	Y	Less 5	Creekside in Erie	1	Local and unique restaurants (keep out franchises) , more bike lanes and bike parking. Don't bring in high density apartments
M	35-44	Dem	Y	Less 5	Creekside in Erie	1	Open spaces.
F	35-44	Rep	Y	Less 5	Creekside in Erie	1	The small town feel we've grown to love is a more intimate community where lots of young families have chosen to raise their kids. Everyone is kind and willing to help one another. Small town feel is prioritizing the current residents and their needs instead of trying to promote rapid growth. It feels like the leaders would prefer to grow quickly by any means necessary (high density, low income housing, and development without accurate planning of schools and roads to support it). Please keep the Erie that drew so many of us here the same rather than rapidly growing it just to be a news story in the US about being one of the fastest growing cities. The current residents don't want that.
M	35-44	Rep	Y	Less 5	Creekside in Erie	1	Vibrant Main Street with limited chain restaurants and stores. Roads don't have traffic and population growth is managed responsibly. Crime is very low because of a strong police department. Sidewalks are clean and parks are maintained.

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F	18-34	Dem	N	Less 5	Creekside in Erie	1	Knowing your neighbors, being friendly and having local haunts. Walkability and being able to access locations without a vehicle. A community that helps others.
F	55-64	Dem	N	Less 5	Creekside in Erie	1	A clear center of town; neighbors who get to know one another and help one another; very friendly business and service workers; schools as gathering places.
F	45-54	Rep	N	Less 5	Creekside in Erie	1	No more big chain stores. Having all of the open areas and farmland/fields that we had, even just 12 months ago. I am totally ok having to drive to Boulder or Longmont for stores we don't have here. And no more apartments or condos. It is already starting to feel very overcrowded.
M	65+	Rep	N	Less 5	Creekside in Erie	1	Other than the small downtown area, too much growth, not enough amenities for the growth of every
M	35-44	Unaf	Y	11-20	Creekside in Erie	1	Getting worse
M	35-44	Unaf	Y	11-20	Creekside in Erie	1	Walkable, bikeable, not too many chain retail or restaurants,
F	45-54	Unaf	Y	11-20	Creekside in Erie	1	Friendly - familiar faces - town events that bring all ages together - walkable/little traffic - local stores and restaurants - no chains or big box stores - parks and paths I
M	45-54	Unaf	Y	11-20	Creekside in Erie	1	It is not a small town anymore. That feeling is GONE. There is no way to maintain that feel when there is such large growth so quickly.
M	45-54	Unaf	Y	11-20	Creekside in Erie	1	Less rules, less hassle for doing homeowner things, less grief for residents, all of which the Town of Erie fails at.
M	55-64	Unaf	Y	11-20	Creekside in Erie	1	Events in downtown, green spaces between developments, no buildings over 4 stories.
M	55-64	Unaf	Y	11-20	Creekside in Erie	1	Not interested in small town feel
F	45-54	Dem	Y	11-20	Creekside in Erie	1	My kids can ride bikes and walk to lots of parks, shops, rec center, pools and feel safe.
M	45-54	Rep	Y	11-20	Creekside in Erie	1	Erie is losing that small town feel. Especially with the development t of four corners etc.
F	18-34	Unaf	N	11-20	Creekside in Erie	1	It's not very small town anymore.
F	45-54	Unaf	N	11-20	Creekside in Erie	1	Erie is just sprawl. There is no community. None of my neighbors speak to each other.

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F	45-54	Unaf	N	11-20	Creekside in Erie	1	Small, family-owned local businesses, town events, community outreach from police and town staff.
F	55-64	Unaf	N	11-20	Creekside in Erie	1	Quaint and unique
M	55-64	Unaf	N	11-20	Creekside in Erie	1	Strong sense of community and a commitment to the people of the town, not outside interests (as at present)
F	55-64	Dem	N	11-20	Creekside in Erie	1	Access to needed business/service near your home provided by people who live in the community who you get to know/recognize. The teacher for my second grader lives next store to the woman who owns salon that does my hair and all of our kids are on same soccer team.
F	55-64	Dem	N	11-20	Creekside in Erie	1	Quaint downtown, bike paths, parks, and trails. Farmers market. Library and book sales. Community events. Walk ability
F	45-54	Unaf	Y	More 20	Creekside in Erie	1	The small town feel is gone.
M	45-54	Unaf	Y	More 20	Creekside in Erie	1	Know most people in town, no traffic, no large police force, no multi story housing, low crime rates.
M	45-54	Rep	Y	More 20	Creekside in Erie	1	Small town to me resembles open space, minimal traffic and a town center. Erie seems to have been developing any open space available, specifically with new homes. Road congestion has been an issue in Erie for years as roads are not widened to accommodate the increase in traffic. I moved to Erie 20 years ago; it felt like a small town then, but now feeling more and more like any other city. Looking to move within the next few years.
F	55-64	Rep	Y	More 20	Creekside in Erie	1	Limit housing growth
F	45-54	Oth	Y	More 20	Creekside in Erie	1	Events like Boo on Briggs, Holiday Parade, movies in the Park, etc.
F	55-64	Rep	N	More 20	Creekside in Erie	1	Not Erie. If there is a piece of land, Erie moves toward more houses, etc.
F	35-44	Dem	Y	6-10	Creekside in Erie	1	We love that you know your neighbors and run into people you know in Erie. We love the unique small downtown (without chain restaurants) We feel safe in this community.
M	35-44	Dem	Y	6-10	Creekside in Erie	1	Not overcrowded, plenty of open space between homes, not overbuilt with housing, friendly atmosphere, not over-regulated.
M	35-44	Rep	Y	6-10	Creekside in Erie	1	No the current trajectory the town is on.

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M	45-54	Unaf	N	6-10	Creekside in Erie	1	A town with 1-2 high schools, classic downtown area with local shops and restaurants, and people feel connected to the community instead of just being a suburb.
M	65+	Unaf	N	6-10	Creekside in Erie	1	Safe community with a diverse population. Local businesses, community events.
M	18-34	Dem	N	6-10	Creekside in Erie	1	Locally owned independent businesses. Walkable neighborhoods and retail spaces. Plenty of open space/park and rec areas. community events. Clean streets/public areas.
M	35-44	Dem	N	6-10	Creekside in Erie	1	Slower paced lifestyle, community, old town
F	45-54	Dem	N	6-10	Creekside in Erie	1	Walkable downtown with restaurants and shops. No chain, restaurants or shops, except on the out skirts of town. Friendly and neighbor-centric identity. Local events such as bringing back the summer concerts in the park.
F	55-64	Dem	N	6-10	Creekside in Erie	1	Erie is very close to no longer having a small town feel. Things supporting a small-town feel are the police department's social media presence, and community events like the farmers' market.
F	55-64	Dem	N	6-10	Creekside in Erie	1	Having a sense of community in my opinion means you have a sense of belonging. For me, this means knowing your neighbors and cultivating relationships with neighbors, other town residents, local stores and restaurants, etc. Having community activities that foster this sense of belonging. For example, it would be nice if the town encouraged block parties and the like. Not charging money for these type of permits, etc. Perhaps even providing (loaning out) materials for community use, i.e., tables, chairs, etc.
M	55-64	Dem	N	6-10	Creekside in Erie	1	My small town includes many locally owned businesses serving a diverse and friendly populace. I enjoy special events with local color and an able to get around well by foot, bike as well as car
M	65+	Dem	N	6-10	Creekside in Erie	1	Places to gather and community events.
F	35-44	Unaf	Y	Less 5	Creekside Townhomes	1	OPEN SPACE!!! please preserve SOME open space so our kids can breathe fresh air and feel like they can connect with nature.
F	45-54	Dem	Y	Less 5	Creekside Townhomes	1	Community events, knowing my neighbors
F	65+	Rep	Y	Less 5	Creekside Townhomes	1	Family time, history no more building of homes

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M	18-34	Unaf	N	Less 5	Creekside Townhomes	1	Walkability between neighborhoods and downtown, minimizing parking spaces (parking maximums instead of minimums from a zoning standpoint) and reducing vehicle prioritization. Also please stop the cookie cutter home building and prioritize diversity in home building. Briggs and the surrounding area has that small-town feel. But developer neighborhoods beyond have no charm, they have no breath, they are an abomination that America has fallen prey to at every turn.
F	65+	Dem	N	Less 5	Creekside Townhomes	1	Exactly but maybe a grocery store for easy shopping and more shops but really nice
F	65+	Rep	N	Less 5	Creekside Townhomes	1	Homes, parks, events, trees, water fountains a small grocery
M	45-54	Unaf	N	11-20	Creekside Townhomes	1	Walkable to old town with plenty of local businesses and events to support
F	55-64	Unaf	N	11-20	Creekside Townhomes	1	Welcoming
F	65+	Dem	N	11-20	Creekside Townhomes	1	Walkable with gathering places like coffee shops, parks, rec center, and activities that help people of all ages mingle
M	65+	Rep	N	11-20	Creekside Townhomes	1	Erie lost the small town feeling years ago. I grew up in a small town where everyone knows everyone.
M	55-64	Unaf	Y	6-10	Creekside Townhomes	1	Single lane roads, small population, minimal or no chain stores and restaurants, Erie is no longer a small town.
F	35-44	Dem	Y	6-10	Creekside Townhomes	1	Still small town enough
M	18-34	Rep	Y	6-10	Creekside Townhomes	1	Unforced sense of community.
F	45-54	Unaf	N	6-10	Creekside Townhomes	1	Safety after dark, trees/landscaping/open spaces, no strip malls, public events like live music, town bbqs, locally owned businesses
F	55-64	Unaf	N	6-10	Creekside Townhomes	1	Do not expand growth
M	55-64	Unaf	N	6-10	Creekside Townhomes	1	Stop building million dollar houses
M	35-44	Dem	N	6-10	Creekside Townhomes	1	I would say that a community which prioritizes connection and belonging, usually fostered through both public and private means, produces a small-town feel.
F	55-64	Dem	N	6-10	Creekside Townhomes	1	Old Town has a small town feel but Erie has exploded in the 6 yrs we have lived here. Too much expansion and repetitive retail stores are killing the small town feel and look.
M	55-64	Dem	N	6-10	Creekside Townhomes	1	Friendly people, nice shops, clean wide roads and nice parks.

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F	65+	Dem	N	6-10	Creekside Townhomes	1	A sense of community, adequate publicity of events, opportunities for all age levels to feel welcome, support for needy residents , public art and outdoor activities
F	65+	Rep	N	6-10	Creekside Townhomes	1	Love it but see it going away as the population grows daily to 60K
F	35-44	Dem	N	Less 5	Erie Commons	1	The massive housing developments are the antithesis of a small town feel. Being a small town means servicing the residents who already live here and keeping farms, ranches and open spaces as they are
M	45-54	Rep	N	Less 5	Erie Commons	1	Not overly crowded, less traffic. A large number of small businesses that aren't part of a chain or franchise model.
F	45-54	Dem	Y	6-10	Erie Commons	1	Walkable, shops and restaurants, quant, friendly
F	35-44	Dem	Y	Less 5	Erie Highlands	1	Know your neighbors and really, the whole town, being able to walk to whatever stores you need to get to, and everyone going to the high school games. Erie is growing too fast to be considered a small town anymore.
M	55-64	Unaf	N	More 20	Erie Highlands	1	Easy to walk and bike; local stores
F	18-34	Unaf	Y	Less 5	Flatiron Meadows	1	Small stores, clean streets, no huge malls, office buildings etc
M	18-34	Unaf	Y	Less 5	Flatiron Meadows	1	Low traffic, population under 100k with distinct separation from surrounding areas vs suburban sprawl. Few if any chain establishments.
F	35-44	Unaf	Y	Less 5	Flatiron Meadows	1	Community focused with limited population size where all locals feel appreciated, heard, and welcome. A place with a small, nice downtown area with small businesses, local restaurants, and community events for all ages.
F	35-44	Unaf	Y	Less 5	Flatiron Meadows	1	Mom and pop shops and restaurants, no traffic, quiet and peaceful, safe.
F	35-44	Unaf	Y	Less 5	Flatiron Meadows	1	Safe
M	35-44	Unaf	Y	Less 5	Flatiron Meadows	1	Neighborhoods that are not developed by Lennar and the other largest home builders in the country. Good public schools . Strong community events
M	35-44	Unaf	Y	Less 5	Flatiron Meadows	1	Small town feel is fueled by local establishments and community driven activities. It's a place where people feel safe, are engaged in activities, support local art and sports, and have pride in their town. Neighbors are willing to help. They feel supported and everyone feels welcome.

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M	35-44	Unaf	Y	Less 5	Flatiron Meadows	1	Vibrant and walkable core of the city that draws the community together. An identifiable character of the community members and a commitment to a better future for the community. I do not believe Erie has a small-town feel.
M	35-44	Unaf	Y	Less 5	Flatiron Meadows	1	Walkable downtown, safe streets, peaceful and quiet. Local shops and restaurants as opposed to large chains.
M	35-44	Unaf	Y	Less 5	Flatiron Meadows	1	Welcoming and inclusive communities allow for everyone to feel heard and supportive
F	45-54	Unaf	Y	Less 5	Flatiron Meadows	1	- Community events attended and organized by local Erie residents and businesses - A place to know others and be known - Limited chain retailers/franchises (outside of grocers), with small square footage - An abundance of homes and small/boutique businesses - Community spaces to gather in for activities and events - NO industrial/manufacturing areas - Wholesome/family-friendly values embraced and supported through activities and events organized by the Town
F	45-54	Unaf	Y	Less 5	Flatiron Meadows	1	I love the sense of community in Erie. It's easy to get around. It never feels crowded. There is a good effort to buy local by residents.
F	45-54	Unaf	Y	Less 5	Flatiron Meadows	1	Quaint, walkable, cute shops and unique restaurants and bars with outdoor seating; lots of flowers and benches
M	45-54	Unaf	Y	Less 5	Flatiron Meadows	1	Erie isn't a small town anymore.
F	18-34	Dem	Y	Less 5	Flatiron Meadows	1	Walkable down town area with a variety of shops, boutiques, and restaurants for all people
F	35-44	Dem	Y	Less 5	Flatiron Meadows	1	Community events and safety
F	35-44	Dem	Y	Less 5	Flatiron Meadows	1	Community events, nice library and rec center, "being better neighbors", farmers' market, local restaurants (not only chains), good schools, independent businesses and stores, safe streets, clean parks, etc.
F	35-44	Dem	Y	Less 5	Flatiron Meadows	1	Distinctive Main Street ; diverse locally owned businesse; walking paths ; nature

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F	35-44	Dem	Y	Less 5	Flatiron Meadows	1	Erie doesn't feel like a small town to me. It feels like a sprawled suburb. A small town feel could be achieved through a defined and more vibrant downtown that connects safely to other neighborhoods. Our downtown lacks interesting food options (way too many bad pizza joints) and services which would improve the draw of downtown.
F	35-44	Dem	Y	Less 5	Flatiron Meadows	1	Lots of green, businesses set back from streets and not prominent. No billboards. Safe streets and lots of green and trees and parks.
F	35-44	Dem	Y	Less 5	Flatiron Meadows	1	Low rise buildings (3 stories or less), inclusive town policies, town events with broad appeal
F	35-44	Dem	Y	Less 5	Flatiron Meadows	1	Small town focuses on community, highlighting local shops, restaurants, art and services. It doesn't have national chains that take away from the success of this locally owned businesses. It feels safe, walkable, and also adjacent to nature.
M	35-44	Dem	Y	Less 5	Flatiron Meadows	1	Downtown area with restaurants and shops. Neighborhoods with walking/biking infrastructure
M	35-44	Dem	Y	Less 5	Flatiron Meadows	1	Knowing neighbors, local shops and restaurants within a short distance, regular cultural events
M	35-44	Dem	Y	Less 5	Flatiron Meadows	1	Walkable area, parks, independent businesses
F	45-54	Dem	Y	Less 5	Flatiron Meadows	1	Amenities needed available, including a mix of small business, local services, restaurants and community spaces for families to socialize, family activities, etc. Bring in a food hall/ coop with play areas, food, ice cream, that can enjoyed year round. Summer is great at parks, but we need a gathering community space that is not a rec center year round.
F	45-54	Dem	Y	Less 5	Flatiron Meadows	1	An inclusive community where everyone is welcomed and supported. Where you feel safe and everyone knows you by name. A community where you can turn to for help when needed.
F	45-54	Dem	Y	Less 5	Flatiron Meadows	1	I don't share that sentiment.
F	45-54	Dem	Y	Less 5	Flatiron Meadows	1	Unique local businesses instead of chains, plenty of dedicated open space, less cookie cutter housing, walkability
M	45-54	Dem	Y	Less 5	Flatiron Meadows	1	Being able to walk and bike places without feeling like you're risking your life. Also people are not always in a rush.
F	35-44	Rep	Y	Less 5	Flatiron Meadows	1	Keeping crime rate low and community events

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F	35-44	Rep	Y	Less 5	Flatiron Meadows	1	Walkable Main Street, town events, farmers markets, strong community and supporting local businesses
F	45-54	Rep	Y	Less 5	Flatiron Meadows	1	Limited traffic, expanded bike paths, walkability to restaurants/stores
M	45-54	Rep	Y	Less 5	Flatiron Meadows	1	Green spaces, parks, activities for kids and families
M	45-54	Oth	Y	Less 5	Flatiron Meadows	1	A place that provides sanctuary to the tired, poor, huddled masses that yearn to be free.
M	35-44	NR	Y	Less 5	Flatiron Meadows	1	No structure higher than 2 stories, family houses (not town houses), multiple local family business, farmers market
F	18-34	Unaf	N	Less 5	Flatiron Meadows	1	Well thought out, open spaces, trails, and parks for recreation. Limiting chain restaurants, gas stations, storage facilities and other big businesses.
F	35-44	Unaf	N	Less 5	Flatiron Meadows	1	A quaint downtown, an assessable town governance, schools within neighborhoods, non-chain restaurants, bars, and other businesses. Gourmet markets, bakeries, and coffee shops. Easy parking.
F	35-44	Unaf	N	Less 5	Flatiron Meadows	1	Having access to essential services like groceries, recreation, shopping, etc without having to leave your town, along with the ability to be within walking or biking distance of some or all of those types of services.
F	35-44	Unaf	N	Less 5	Flatiron Meadows	1	Not too many people, no big box stores or restaurants- local businesses where people know me, plenty of nature, events and places for community to gather
F	35-44	Unaf	N	Less 5	Flatiron Meadows	1	The polar opposite of Longmont
M	35-44	Unaf	N	Less 5	Flatiron Meadows	1	Maintenance of open spaces and parks, focus on developing old town as epicenter of Erie, limit higher density housing.
F	45-54	Unaf	N	Less 5	Flatiron Meadows	1	Central experience space that brings the community together in safe and diverse ways and is positively inclusive. Ways to support each other that bring us all together.
M	45-54	Unaf	N	Less 5	Flatiron Meadows	1	Erie needs to embrace the new reality that we are growing and "small town" is a thing of the past. We need to focus on exceptional park district services to attract younger families and look to enhance property values.
F	55-64	Unaf	N	Less 5	Flatiron Meadows	1	A town center where people can meet, dine, shop and walk around

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F	55-64	Unaf	N	Less 5	Flatiron Meadows	1	You run into people you know often:). Everyone helps others when a need arises. Having enough is enough.
M	55-64	Unaf	N	Less 5	Flatiron Meadows	1	Having lived in various parts of the country and different sized towns Erie definitely feels like a small-town and could maintain that as long as it doesn't grow too fast.
F	65+	Unaf	N	Less 5	Flatiron Meadows	1	A balance of housing and commercial Businesses. Easy to get around the town by sidewalks and bike paths. Lots of green spaces and parks. Not allowing the business sections of our town to take over. In other words, the busy hectic atmosphere of businesses dominating an area instead of a relaxing atmosphere.
F	65+	Unaf	N	Less 5	Flatiron Meadows	1	Open and park or activity spaces, lack of crowding in public areas and neighborhoods, emphasis on communication among residents and government
F	65+	Unaf	N	Less 5	Flatiron Meadows	1	Open space, old town with patio seating and nice restaurants, no traffic jams, ability to take a walk on trails without dodging motor vehicles, friendly people that know each other, slower pace, quiet environment, where everyone knows each other, classrooms with low ratios of kids per teacher, lots of community activities, fairs, markets, food trucks for gathering.
M	65+	Unaf	N	Less 5	Flatiron Meadows	1	A thriving historic downtown. Parks, trails and open spaces. Local/regional businesses and restaurants rather than national chains and big box stores. Human scale Architecture that is appropriate to a town; no high rises, no Brutalist buildings.
M	65+	Unaf	N	Less 5	Flatiron Meadows	1	Small towns have 1 or more hubs where people congregate. They are smartly designed with amenities that attract residents and their guests to congregate. Town and neighborhood parks with mature trees and structures for shade, rec and cultural centers, walking malls like Pearl Street all should be part of the development plan.

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F	35-44	Dem	N	Less 5	Flatiron Meadows	1	Friendly neighbors, safe areas to walk your dog and recreate, well kept homes/yards and open space areas, a connection to the community through parks/recreation/events
F	35-44	Dem	N	Less 5	Flatiron Meadows	1	Little traffic congestion Downtown with local businesses
M	35-44	Dem	N	Less 5	Flatiron Meadows	1	Walkable business district and locally owned businesses.
F	45-54	Dem	N	Less 5	Flatiron Meadows	1	A small town feel to me is like Mayberry or a real small Midwest town where the town has one central grocery store, where the checkers know you by name and when you go to the store, you know everyone there. Your doctors aren't from big healthcare conglomerates and there's one park in the middle of town where people meet to play. One to two coffee shops, restaurants, with small businesses thriving. A small town has one high school, one middle and maybe 2 elementaries. The entire town supports the schools, the teachers, the students and the sporting events by attending games/events. Think Texas football. Erie is so big in population size that our high schools aren't even in the same districts. Also, while the farmers market feels small town, I can go there every week and never see a familiar face. To me that's not a small town. In Erie, maybe the neighborhoods can be considered small towns. ? It's a lofty goal to have a big town feel small.
F	45-54	Dem	N	Less 5	Flatiron Meadows	1	Knowing your neighbors
M	45-54	Dem	N	Less 5	Flatiron Meadows	1	A place where you feel safe letting your kids play out of sight. Seeing familiar faces around town.
F	65+	Dem	N	Less 5	Flatiron Meadows	1	Friendly neighbors, cute downtown, gathering spots
F	65+	Dem	N	Less 5	Flatiron Meadows	1	Secure, peaceful.
F	65+	Dem	N	Less 5	Flatiron Meadows	1	You get a sense that people genuinely care. Care about the town, each other, and visitors. It show in many different ways. But you do feel it.
M	65+	Dem	N	Less 5	Flatiron Meadows	1	A town it's easy to get around in, that congested and you know your neighbors. It should also include an abundance of bike paths or alternative ways to get from here to there without having to drive.
M	65+	Dem	N	Less 5	Flatiron Meadows	1	It is a suburban community with a nice old town and newer commercial areas. The expansive growth of subdivisions provides housing for many new residents, but has the negative effect of losing the small town feel.

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M	35-44	Rep	N	Less 5	Flatiron Meadows	1	Community events, Safe environment
F	45-54	Rep	N	Less 5	Flatiron Meadows	1	I feel this town had a small town feel but no longer. Policing is focused on speeding and kids being kids rather than community involvement. Small town should encourage local ownership of business and community events.
F	55-64	Rep	N	Less 5	Flatiron Meadows	1	Community involvement in schools, volunteer opportunities for retirees to serve the town, farmer's market.
F	65+	Rep	N	Less 5	Flatiron Meadows	1	Main Street business district, locally owned businesses, street fairs, farmers markets.
M	65+	Rep	N	Less 5	Flatiron Meadows	1	1. Incentivizing old town residents and businesses to maintain their properties as presently built rather than tearing down and rebuilding in a different style. 2. Holding events in old town that harmonize with the character of old town. 3. Acknowledging growth by creating new amenities distributed across new areas but having design elements and historical references to old town and Eries history.
M	65+	Rep	N	Less 5	Flatiron Meadows	1	Exactly what the feel of olde town Erie has now!!
M	65+	Oth	N	Less 5	Flatiron Meadows	1	It's not a small town any longer so rid that word.
F	65+	NR	N	Less 5	Flatiron Meadows	1	Living in a neighborhood where most neighbors know each other and gather together for things
F	35-44	Unaf	Y	11-20	Flatiron Meadows	1	Everyone knows everyone lots of small Businesses
M	35-44	Unaf	Y	11-20	Flatiron Meadows	1	Access to public places without it being too crowded. This includes trails, parks, rec centers, tennis/pickleball courts.

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M	35-44	Unaf	Y	11-20	Flatiron Meadows	1	Apart from Briggs street, I do not think Erie has a small-town feel in a physical sense. I would like the small-town feel to feel like a sense of community where people are friendly and welcoming even to those who may be from different backgrounds or cultures. I would like the small-town feel to feel safe and secure because there is a sense of trust amongst the people so my kids can walk to school if they want. I would like the small-town feel to feel like the police officers and town officials are sending their kids to the same institutions as the residents they are serving. It provides that sense that we are all in this together. I would like the small-town feel to have a sense of tradition with consistent regular events so that we can have a sense of belonging to a place. For example, the Erie Balloon festival is unique to us and I hope that continues as my kids grow up here or the 5K runs that shows we care about community and health. I would like the small-town feel to be slower paced without feeling rushed. Like parks and benches to watch birds or go fishing instead of having to sit in traffic behind numerous stop lights. I would like the small-town feel to have local businesses that are great and that I want to support with my hard-earned dollars. Local businesses that are run by locals who understand the community. Businesses where I go in and recognize the people working there.
M	35-44	Unaf	Y	11-20	Flatiron Meadows	1	Local small business ownership, neighborhood connection through trails, doing things the 'Erie' way, maintaining community aesthetics throughout the town.
M	35-44	Unaf	Y	11-20	Flatiron Meadows	1	Not Erie today. Erie 25 years ago yes.
F	45-54	Unaf	Y	11-20	Flatiron Meadows	1	Easy to walk to shops and restaurants. Community events
F	45-54	Unaf	Y	11-20	Flatiron Meadows	1	I would expect more places for the people in the town to go in order to see each other. I'm closer with people in Lafayette because there are things to do. This town is just a bedroom town. Different from a small town.
F	45-54	Unaf	Y	11-20	Flatiron Meadows	1	Not overbought, less chain stores, local shops, and high foot traffic options

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F	45-54	Unaf	Y	11-20	Flatiron Meadows	1	Who cares? Why do I care what other people cherish? It's nit a small town nor does it feel like one.
M	45-54	Unaf	Y	11-20	Flatiron Meadows	1	I think accessible downtown, access to open spaces and trails is what I consider a small town feel.
M	45-54	Unaf	Y	11-20	Flatiron Meadows	1	Local restaurants and businesses.
M	45-54	Unaf	Y	11-20	Flatiron Meadows	1	Lots of local businesses. Minimal chains. Friendly environment, smaller locally owned stores.
M	45-54	Unaf	Y	11-20	Flatiron Meadows	1	The meaning of this term has always eluded me.
F	45-54	Dem	Y	11-20	Flatiron Meadows	1	Locally owned stores and restaurants
M	45-54	Dem	Y	11-20	Flatiron Meadows	1	Town pride, Main Street decor. Low concentration of strip malls, less big box corporate businesses . More "mom and pop" local businesses. Room to accommodate growth but not feeling overwhelmed by the masses...Town leadership focused on American pride.
F	65+	Dem	Y	11-20	Flatiron Meadows	1	Neighbors being able to know each other. When you go into stores seeing people you know.
M	35-44	Rep	Y	11-20	Flatiron Meadows	1	Focus on Erie above all. Put current residents first. Keep the center of town small in development and put large scale development on the edges of town and near major arterials. Foster community events for all and not ones for special groups based on partisan politcal pressures.
M	35-44	Rep	Y	11-20	Flatiron Meadows	1	Place where you still know lots of people ona first name basis.
M	18-34	Unaf	N	11-20	Flatiron Meadows	1	Go to downton berthoud near the a&w. Literally that.
M	45-54	Unaf	N	11-20	Flatiron Meadows	1	I wouldn't consider it a small town. Small towns have more of a community feel. Erie feels like a growing suburb of Boulder county
F	55-64	Unaf	N	11-20	Flatiron Meadows	1	Well, I just got back for trip to Carbondale Co. To be honest, I wanted this feel for our town, not. All but the little touches that made it appealing. Art work on public recycle/garbage bins throughout town. Make feel wanted and beautiful. Have boring walls in the reflect the towns people, mission and history. Have flowers in common places like Eldo pool has now. Beautiful for our newer commercial areas to soften the appeal to human mood.
F	55-64	Unaf	N	11-20	Flatiron Meadows	1	Getting to know neighbors. Being able to shop downtown. A feeling of belonging.

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M	55-64	Unaf	N	11-20	Flatiron Meadows	1	It was great but you are killing it with all of the multi-family housing.
F	65+	Unaf	N	11-20	Flatiron Meadows	1	A small town feel allows for easy access to facilities and resources, driving with polite, intelligent drivers, walkability, and support for all ages. it also allows for people to meet each other in public places.
M	65+	Unaf	N	11-20	Flatiron Meadows	1	Mom and Pop type of restaurants and stores.
F	45-54	Dem	N	11-20	Flatiron Meadows	1	Walkability. Unique shopping and eating venues verses chains and franchises. Hate chic-filet
M	45-54	Dem	N	11-20	Flatiron Meadows	1	Everything is within 10mins radius, coffee shops, mall, park etc
F	55-64	Dem	N	11-20	Flatiron Meadows	1	Downtown area and frequent events such as the farmers markets.
F	55-64	Dem	N	11-20	Flatiron Meadows	1	I love running in to people I know from all over Erie in Old Town, etc
M	65+	Dem	N	11-20	Flatiron Meadows	1	Easy to get around town via multiple forms of transportation.
M	65+	Dem	N	11-20	Flatiron Meadows	1	Local shops within walking distance of multi-use communities. Housing options for everyone working in the Town. A good trail and parks system.
F	45-54	Rep	N	11-20	Flatiron Meadows	1	Safe neighborhoods, beautiful common places that are landscaped, areas to gather together, community events, holiday decor along main road in town.
F	65+	Rep	N	11-20	Flatiron Meadows	1	Open areas and no chain fast food restaurants
M	18-34	Oth	N	11-20	Flatiron Meadows	1	Fewer cars, fewer neighborhoods, capping development, stringent commercial property approval
F	35-44	Unaf	Y	More 20	Flatiron Meadows	1	Community. Small downtown strip with small business owners. No strip malls or big businesses.

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F	45-54	Unaf	Y	More 20	Flatiron Meadows	1	Safe to walk and ride your bike places, quiet—no loud revving motorcycles, cars, other vehicles, not too much traffic in general, neighbors are kind and respectful to each other, parks are cared for, appealing places to gather, littering/graffiti is discouraged, charming downtown that is walkable and easily accessible, services provided for community like library access and senior services. Community pulls together to offer resources when people are in need. The members of the community feel like the town cares about them and is looking out for the community's best interest, NOT wheeling and dealing with big money outsider interests like oil and gas. Leaders communicate well. Police are a part of community and not used to instill fear in others. Everybody is accepted and welcomed, and hateful acts and violence are not tolerated.
O	55-64	Unaf	N	More 20	Flatiron Meadows	1	I've lived in Erie for 45 yrs, that small town feel is long gone and it's too late to get it back. Small town feel is feeling safe on our streets, knowing most of your neighbors and folks you see out and about in town. Having countryside around you and between towns. Knowing the town leadership or at least one of them.
F	65+	Unaf	N	More 20	Flatiron Meadows	1	Neighborhoods without large apartment complexes. Fewer big box stores, more small businesses and restaurants. Walkable
F	65+	Unaf	N	More 20	Flatiron Meadows	1	Prefer over the growth
M	65+	Unaf	N	More 20	Flatiron Meadows	1	Walk-ability Boutique type stores intermingled with residential with the ability to walk or ride bikes to, low crime, lots of gatherings where people can know each other, a sense of pride and ownership of the community
F	55-64	Dem	N	More 20	Flatiron Meadows	1	You recognize people when you're out and about. People are friendly and help one another.
M	65+	Dem	N	More 20	Flatiron Meadows	1	Not crowded, less traffic and room to park, farmers market, shade and tables for seniors

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F	55-64	Rep	N	More 20	Flatiron Meadows	1	Walkable downtown with shops and restaurants, frequent events, places to bring families. Erie has become over crowded for the small town feel to "feel" like a small town. We stopped going to events because of the crowds
F	65+	Unaf	N	Ref	Flatiron Meadows	1	Town focused on serving the lifestyles of residents and their families. Enhancing community resident connections.
F	18-34	Unaf	Y	6-10	Flatiron Meadows	1	Definitely not here when you keep growing the city just to grow the tax base. Good luck with that. No more housing. We have enough people here.
M	18-34	Unaf	Y	6-10	Flatiron Meadows	1	A small town feel includes but is not limited to medium to low levels of traffic, a safe place to live and walk on foot, community events, town/local school pride, stands out from surrounding areas.
F	35-44	Unaf	Y	6-10	Flatiron Meadows	1	A place where people know each other and are dependable in contributing to the welfare and betterment of the community as a whole.
F	35-44	Unaf	Y	6-10	Flatiron Meadows	1	I appreciate the feel but want wildlife and open space to be protected as part of that feeling
F	35-44	Unaf	Y	6-10	Flatiron Meadows	1	Less building. No sound of earthmovers for new subdivisions.
F	35-44	Unaf	Y	6-10	Flatiron Meadows	1	Local businesses, limited commercial/ chain business in town center, parks/sidewalks/open space, community festivals and activities. A place people want to come to, spend time as a community, and have reasons to do so.
F	35-44	Unaf	Y	6-10	Flatiron Meadows	1	Main Street, walkable, family businesses and family friendly. Somewhere you feel safe leaving your house unlocked.
F	35-44	Unaf	Y	6-10	Flatiron Meadows	1	Many open and natural landscapes around (not a concrete jungle); buildings with charm and not cheap looking; community events, people knowing eachother and helping eachother and caring about eachother; gathering spots
F	35-44	Unaf	Y	6-10	Flatiron Meadows	1	Our downtown with family owned shops/restaurants, integrated bike trails, and town events such as boo on Briggs, touch a truck, etc.

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M	35-44	Unaf	Y	6-10	Flatiron Meadows	1	Bikable, SAFE, family friendly. Keep out the vagrants please - we don't need to cater to transients like Boulder does. Boulder used to feel like a small town, safe, we never locked our doors growing up there. But now it is filled with dirty hypodermic needles and there are dead junkies and human feces all over the place there. Let's not become Boulder please. We don't need more bus service for them to come in, either.
M	35-44	Unaf	Y	6-10	Flatiron Meadows	1	Calm, open spaces, no rush, lots of transportation options, farms, stores near houses, NOT suburban sprawl
M	35-44	Unaf	Y	6-10	Flatiron Meadows	1	Knowing people when you go places.
M	35-44	Unaf	Y	6-10	Flatiron Meadows	1	Knowing your neighbors, seeing people around town
M	35-44	Unaf	Y	6-10	Flatiron Meadows	1	Not Erie. Roads are in poor condition, no sidewalks or medians. Look at Louisville that has lower taxes.
M	35-44	Unaf	Y	6-10	Flatiron Meadows	1	The small-town feel is nice but Erie is no longer a small town. Erie needs to grow to meet its population.
M	35-44	Unaf	Y	6-10	Flatiron Meadows	1	To me, a small-town feel means running into familiar faces at the park, chatting with neighbors while walking the kids to school, and knowing that local businesses remember your name. It's a sense of safety, connection, and care—where people look out for each other, and the pace allows for presence. It also means thoughtful development that respects community character, encourages gathering spaces, and supports local families.
M	35-44	Unaf	Y	6-10	Flatiron Meadows	1	Town events and other places to get together. Maintain family friendly environment.
M	35-44	Unaf	Y	6-10	Flatiron Meadows	1	Walkable neighborhoods, lots of open space and caps on residential MDUs
M	35-44	Unaf	Y	6-10	Flatiron Meadows	1	You run into friends randomly at stores and town events.
F	45-54	Unaf	Y	6-10	Flatiron Meadows	1	Local shops, restaurants and family events. The housing development and dental offices are outgrowing this feel and I am not sure the town has the resources to support the rapid growth. Making Old Town and the Four Corners area feel local would help while keeping chains to 287 and I25
F	45-54	Unaf	Y	6-10	Flatiron Meadows	1	No big buildings, people who know each other

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M	45-54	Unaf	Y	6-10	Flatiron Meadows	1	A town well indeed 50,000 residents where people know each other by name and feel safe and secure
M	45-54	Unaf	Y	6-10	Flatiron Meadows	1	Being able to find parking in front of shops and restaurants; low traffic; parks and green space with trails and sidewalks; quiet and peaceful.
M	45-54	Unaf	Y	6-10	Flatiron Meadows	1	Less traffic, less people, less panhandlers on street corners
M	45-54	Unaf	Y	6-10	Flatiron Meadows	1	Small local businesses, galleries, community events
M	45-54	Unaf	Y	6-10	Flatiron Meadows	1	Small town feel does not prioritize growth and urban density. It's time to slow the brakes
M	45-54	Unaf	Y	6-10	Flatiron Meadows	1	Stop expanding police presence. More social programs and actual support for people. The police are tasked with too much responsibility for which people-with-guns are ill prepared to deal with. Work the actual problem don't just expand policing.
M	45-54	Unaf	Y	6-10	Flatiron Meadows	1	Vibrant, thriving old town with walkable amenities. Investment in community events.
F	65+	Unaf	Y	6-10	Flatiron Meadows	1	Broad streets, lots of trees, wide open sidewalks and walking trails, open, unhurried spaces of land near-by. NO high rise buildings. Retail stores with free parking. Parks for families and neighbors to enjoy.
F	35-44	Dem	Y	6-10	Flatiron Meadows	1	Fireworks vibe feels small town, farmers market, free events
F	35-44	Dem	Y	6-10	Flatiron Meadows	1	Limiting traffic by making it possible to bike places And offering those places to bike to such as shops and restaurants and grocery stores
F	35-44	Dem	Y	6-10	Flatiron Meadows	1	Not crowded, friendly, safe
F	35-44	Dem	Y	6-10	Flatiron Meadows	1	Open spaces and a fair amount of small businesses and independent restaurants
M	35-44	Dem	Y	6-10	Flatiron Meadows	1	Do not expand the police. They do not need more money.
F	45-54	Dem	Y	6-10	Flatiron Meadows	1	Accessible to Library and Rec center
F	45-54	Dem	Y	6-10	Flatiron Meadows	1	Farmers markets, cafes and restaurants where you can sit and eat on the street (it would be great if Briggs was just turned into a pedestrian only street permanently!) ,
F	45-54	Dem	Y	6-10	Flatiron Meadows	1	Knowing several people when going to town events. Cute restaurants and shops that are walkable

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F	45-54	Dem	Y	6-10	Flatiron Meadows	1	Quiet streets, quaint downtown
F	45-54	Dem	Y	6-10	Flatiron Meadows	1	Safe, connected, neighbors know each other, walkable
F	45-54	Dem	Y	6-10	Flatiron Meadows	1	See previous comment. People know each other and are connected through community gatherings.
F	35-44	Rep	Y	6-10	Flatiron Meadows	1	Community driven events.
F	35-44	Rep	Y	6-10	Flatiron Meadows	1	Family friendly events that are not overcrowded and chaotic.
F	35-44	Rep	Y	6-10	Flatiron Meadows	1	No apartments. No high occupancy dwelling units. Town events. More businesses that are local and walkable. Good emphasis on community. Police and Town Staff engagement.
F	35-44	Rep	Y	6-10	Flatiron Meadows	1	We would describe this a slower pace, traffic and growth are effectively managed, Town ethics and ideals (fairness, etc) are upheld, strong sense of community and support for all, regardless of differing opinions. Safety.
F	35-44	Rep	Y	6-10	Flatiron Meadows	1	When you run into people everywhere you go. You all band together to help others in the town who are struggling. We all want our collective children to be successful.
M	35-44	Rep	Y	6-10	Flatiron Meadows	1	Connected neighborhoods, safe streets. Downtown areas can handle all the people that come for events. Knowing many people around town. Limited industry that brings lots of "thru people". Sense of community.
M	35-44	Rep	Y	6-10	Flatiron Meadows	1	Having a feeling of knowing your community and neighbors, downtown area where everyone comes to gather for events. It's possible to have this while having a large population by having residents spread out instead of all massed in a single area.
M	35-44	Rep	Y	6-10	Flatiron Meadows	1	You see familiar faces everywhere you go
M	55-64	Rep	Y	6-10	Flatiron Meadows	1	Erie doesn't feel like a small town to me.
M	18-34	Unaf	N	6-10	Flatiron Meadows	1	A walkable downtown with local businesses, community events, and sense of responsible ownership by the residents. Erie needs to be uniquely Erie instead of a soulless husk filled with corporate chains.

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F	35-44	Unaf	N	6-10	Flatiron Meadows	1	Cute downtown area like Louisville (and I include that up the the area around the community center), not having chain restaurants or fast food in the town area (like burger king by the community center stinks), open land (disappointed by the level of development), sidewalks, areas for activities like playgrounds, picnic areas, love the outdoor garden shop in downtown and ice skating etc.
F	55-64	Unaf	N	6-10	Flatiron Meadows	1	Connected with your neighbors. This does not happen
F	55-64	Unaf	N	6-10	Flatiron Meadows	1	Downtown restaurants, character, limit apartments,
F	55-64	Unaf	N	6-10	Flatiron Meadows	1	Everyone in everyone's business.
F	55-64	Unaf	N	6-10	Flatiron Meadows	1	More elbow room. Fewer cars. Places to walk to connect w community. Ways to easily meet new people in the area.
F	55-64	Unaf	N	6-10	Flatiron Meadows	1	Walkable downtown with fun restaurants and events
M	55-64	Unaf	N	6-10	Flatiron Meadows	1	Being able to be downtown and actually see people you know.
M	55-64	Unaf	N	6-10	Flatiron Meadows	1	Community; relationships; know neighbors and neighborhoods
M	55-64	Unaf	N	6-10	Flatiron Meadows	1	Yes, keeping the small town but also keeping in mind the town should grow for the future and modernization for AI!
F	65+	Unaf	N	6-10	Flatiron Meadows	1	Community that provides opportunities and services that support all of its members
F	65+	Unaf	N	6-10	Flatiron Meadows	1	Attractive downtown with locally owned shops, restaurants, and family events
F	65+	Unaf	N	6-10	Flatiron Meadows	1	Community events and celebrations
F	65+	Unaf	N	6-10	Flatiron Meadows	1	Events and activities that bring people together.
F	65+	Unaf	N	6-10	Flatiron Meadows	1	More new builds bring in more people stop building so many new neighborhoods!!
M	65+	Unaf	N	6-10	Flatiron Meadows	1	I love the way they have protected Briggs Street and the businesses that are on it. Also being able to speak with people without feeling awkward.
M	65+	Unaf	N	6-10	Flatiron Meadows	1	Low buildings everywhere , gathering spots downtown for people, parks and trails. Keep housing limited
M	65+	Unaf	N	6-10	Flatiron Meadows	1	No high rise buildings. Lots of parks and open space. Plenty of recreation, trails, etc. Local businesses rather than large national chain stores.

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M	65+	Unaf	N	6-10	Flatiron Meadows	1	No hotels, except along the I25 corridor No chain restaurants in old town Erie
M	45-54	Dem	N	6-10	Flatiron Meadows	1	A defined main street with locally owned businesses
F	65+	Dem	N	6-10	Flatiron Meadows	1	Not small town at all
F	55-64	Rep	N	6-10	Flatiron Meadows	1	Need more shopping-Grocery and a new rec center
F	65+	Rep	N	6-10	Flatiron Meadows	1	Places to gather and events to attend where neighbors connect.
F	18-34	Unaf	Y	Less 5	Grandview Townhomes	1	Fun and meaningful local events, staying connected with people in the town/familiarity with public figures and local leaders, well cared for landscaping, buildings and amenities. Taking care of our town!
M	65+	Unaf	N	More 20	Kenosha Farms	1	When you see friends at most public events. When the people providing your services, at the market, or school, or Dr's office, or hair salon are among your neighbors. When there isn't a constant hum of traffic. When public officials and employees are responsive and happy to help. When you feel safe in your home and in all public places. When your neighborhood feels like a neighborhood.
F	18-34	Unaf	Y	Less 5	Melody, Meadow Sweet Farms	1	Run into people you know at community events. Being able to easily get around and not worry about traffic or parking issues.
F	35-44	Unaf	Y	Less 5	Melody, Meadow Sweet Farms	1	Knowing your neighbors, having local programs for kids, easy and accessible resources.
F	35-44	Unaf	Y	Less 5	Melody, Meadow Sweet Farms	1	Local businesses, parks and trees, community character, manageable traffic
M	35-44	Unaf	Y	Less 5	Melody, Meadow Sweet Farms	1	Window shops, small restaurants, diners, close by grocery store, nice walking paths from neighborhoods to downtown, open spaces of empty fields, less construction
F	18-34	Rep	Y	Less 5	Melody, Meadow Sweet Farms	1	Brick buildings. Walking paths. Locally owned shops. More walking paths to downtown from surrounding neighborhoods.
F	35-44	Rep	Y	Less 5	Melody, Meadow Sweet Farms	1	Sidewalks everywhere, street lamps and banners, community events, farmers markets, central areas of gathering like old town or a new town center rather than more "suburban sprawl" like Broomfield or Westminster. Preserving history and character

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M	35-44	Unaf	N	Less 5	Melody, Meadow Sweet Farms	1	Besides old town, I do not feel the small town feel. I love old town and its local restaurants and the vibe. Unfortunately old town is a very small section of Erie and the rest of it doesn't feel that same way.
F	65+	Unaf	N	Less 5	Melody, Meadow Sweet Farms	1	Diversity..quality of life
F	65+	Unaf	N	Less 5	Melody, Meadow Sweet Farms	1	No box store's.
M	65+	Unaf	N	Less 5	Melody, Meadow Sweet Farms	1	No strip malls. Not seeing houses everywhere. Unbuilt hillsides. Local businesses, not chain/national businesses.
M	18-34	Dem	N	Less 5	Melody, Meadow Sweet Farms	1	A town feels small when building are small and there is lots of large open spaces. A small town has limited shopping choices and the roads are small and have slower speed limits. A small town is generally quieter because there are less stroads and noisy cars.
F	35-44	Dem	N	Less 5	Melody, Meadow Sweet Farms	1	I describe a small town feel as running into members of your community often because there are events that draw ALL people - like art walks, live music, festivals, parades, farmers markets... etc. There are central places - the community members know and support small businesses, libraries, rec center, downtown. To me, Briggs street, especially if it had more small businesses to attract people, gives a small town feel but to be honest, we don't go there often. We venture to Lafayette because there are more places to go and it feels a little more lively. I am very excited about the Cellar West opening soon as that is a place we will go to and would help bring us to Briggs.
M	45-54	Dem	N	Less 5	Melody, Meadow Sweet Farms	1	A walkable and desirable downtown like Longmont
M	55-64	Dem	N	Less 5	Melody, Meadow Sweet Farms	1	Small, walkable, vibrant downtown area. Quiet, safe suburbs. Some isolation and buffer from neighboring towns (Louisville vs Broomfield).
M	65+	Dem	N	Less 5	Melody, Meadow Sweet Farms	1	Where you know your neighbors
F	45-54	Unaf	Y	11-20	Melody, Meadow Sweet Farms	1	A thriving downtown, thriving community center and town events
M	45-54	Dem	Y	11-20	Melody, Meadow Sweet Farms	1	Small town feel means no strip malls and limits chain restaurants and retail establishments. We need space that allows small "local" business to thrive.

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O	35-44	Unaf	N	11-20	Melody, Meadow Sweet Farms	1	Knowing people, not much traffic, small local businesses, low sales tax, low property tax, low crime rate, homes with yards and good distance from one another, very few apartments and no subsidized housing (low income). No big water parks or destinations that bring traffic Awesome fireworks!
F	45-54	Unaf	N	11-20	Melody, Meadow Sweet Farms	1	Lots of open spaces, room between houses, small businesses rather than big box stores, smaller homes, community gardens
F	65+	Dem	N	11-20	Melody, Meadow Sweet Farms	1	Friendly,safe,well-kept
F	65+	Dem	N	11-20	Melody, Meadow Sweet Farms	1	Safe, friendly, accepting of outsiders, peaceful
F	65+	Dem	N	11-20	Melody, Meadow Sweet Farms	1	Townpeople meet and greet each other at recreational events, park facilities, and social events and share positive experiences.
M	65+	Rep	N	11-20	Melody, Meadow Sweet Farms	1	It's being lost
M	45-54	Unaf	Y	More 20	Melody, Meadow Sweet Farms	1	Lived here for 20 years. Rush hour traffic is worse. Events feel scattered and lack focus. Schools are split between two districts. My kids will graduate in the town over from their hometown. Erie continues to have an identity problem
M	45-54	Unaf	Y	More 20	Melody, Meadow Sweet Farms	1	Quaint and not over crowded.
F	45-54	Unaf	N	More 20	Melody, Meadow Sweet Farms	1	PRIDE and JUNETEENTH and other events for the community. Small quaint downtown with a large park. Pretty much the way Erie is now.
M	45-54	Unaf	N	More 20	Melody, Meadow Sweet Farms	1	A town with 10,000 or less people. AKA Erie when MooreLies was the mayor his first time when he approved thousands of new homes
F	55-64	Unaf	N	More 20	Melody, Meadow Sweet Farms	1	Easy to get around without a car, lots of parks and community based activities for people to congregate (farmers market, town fair, Christmas parade), library, rec center
M	55-64	Unaf	N	More 20	Melody, Meadow Sweet Farms	1	Low traffic. Open spaces with active farming. Low crime No large retail
F	65+	Unaf	N	More 20	Melody, Meadow Sweet Farms	1	Limitations on growth. Listening to the residents. SAFETY! We currently have too much crime here. Fewer taxes due to limited growth and the need for infrastructure growth due to that growth. Safe place to live and raise a family.
F	65+	Unaf	N	More 20	Melody, Meadow Sweet Farms	1	Sense of community. Preserve old town. Knowing your neighbors and others in town
M	65+	Unaf	N	More 20	Melody, Meadow Sweet Farms	1	Erie has already lost it.

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M	65+	Unaf	N	More 20	Melody, Meadow Sweet Farms	1	Like Lafayette and Louisville.
M	65+	Unaf	N	More 20	Melody, Meadow Sweet Farms	1	Small shops, small neighborhoods with parks and the ability to meet neighbors and see them around town.
M	65+	Unaf	N	More 20	Melody, Meadow Sweet Farms	1	You know people when you go to the town center events. Knowing your neighbors.
F	55-64	Dem	N	More 20	Melody, Meadow Sweet Farms	1	Community events and a welcoming city center with shops and restaurants. Welcoming parks and trails. Landscaped gardens.
F	55-64	Dem	N	More 20	Melody, Meadow Sweet Farms	1	In 1998 there was definitely a small town vibe with only around 2500 people. Smaller population, open fields, close knit neighborhoods, friendly people and a laid back peaceful feel. This isn't the case anymore so it surprises me that the question refers to "many who live in Erie cherish the small town feel". That can only pertain to the "old timers" here since newer residents have no idea what they missed out on.
F	55-64	Dem	N	More 20	Melody, Meadow Sweet Farms	1	Must maintain the small town feel! 2 land roads, no franchise restaurants and shops, more paths, building codes that are less institutional
F	65+	Dem	N	More 20	Melody, Meadow Sweet Farms	1	A place where you know your neighbors and see them around town. A sense of shared community where people want to help each other. BTW. That ship has sailed for Erie except maybe in the downtown area. The rest is suburban sprawl with NO charm or sense of community.
F	65+	Dem	N	More 20	Melody, Meadow Sweet Farms	1	Low Density with local owned business plus gas and grocery near by
F	65+	Dem	N	More 20	Melody, Meadow Sweet Farms	1	Not having major thoroughfares dividing up the town.
F	65+	Dem	N	More 20	Melody, Meadow Sweet Farms	1	Small population, locally owned businesses, no traffic
M	65+	Dem	N	More 20	Melody, Meadow Sweet Farms	1	Do not grow to 60,000. Any more growth will continue to diminish the small town feel.
M	65+	Dem	N	More 20	Melody, Meadow Sweet Farms	1	Stopping the runaway growth that has been happening for the past 10 years.
F	65+	Rep	N	More 20	Melody, Meadow Sweet Farms	1	Controlled growth
M	65+	Rep	N	More 20	Melody, Meadow Sweet Farms	1	I've lived in Erie for over 25 years. It no longer has the small town feel. The traffic is horrible. It's very crowded and I don't see any effort by the police to stop any of the speeders on Erie Parkway.

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M	65+	Rep	N	More 20	Melody, Meadow Sweet Farms	1	Sorry it is not a small tome. We have the crime that bigger cities have. Water bills that are too high.
M	35-44	Unaf	Y	6-10	Melody, Meadow Sweet Farms	1	Ability to walk or bike around town with minimal traffic
M	35-44	Unaf	Y	6-10	Melody, Meadow Sweet Farms	1	Community
F	45-54	Unaf	Y	6-10	Melody, Meadow Sweet Farms	1	Knowing your neighbors, not sprawled out, no traffic, emphasis on trails for biking. Character, not tons of cookie cutter developments piled on top of each other.
F	35-44	Dem	Y	6-10	Melody, Meadow Sweet Farms	1	Small downtown of local businesses, not overly developed, limiting strip malls
F	55-64	Unaf	N	6-10	Melody, Meadow Sweet Farms	1	Feeling safe to walk anywhere in town and a well defined "main street." People are friendly and wave to each other as they drive past.
F	65+	Unaf	N	6-10	Melody, Meadow Sweet Farms	1	Walkable centralized commerce. Community celebrations. Historical preservation. Trees. Flowers. Charitable, non agenda or sectarian resources income based. Resources for older residents.
M	65+	Unaf	N	6-10	Melody, Meadow Sweet Farms	1	Less traffic
F	65+	Dem	N	6-10	Melody, Meadow Sweet Farms	1	Respect all individuals that can celebrate together. I like the few that Erie has done. I would like to see more often. More outdoor concerts!
M	65+	Rep	N	Less 5	Morgan Hill	1	Keep it simple,
F	18-34	Dem	N	11-20	Morgan Hill	1	Many shops, restaurants, and small businesses in a safe family friendly environment. Charming, but modernized to avoid unsanitary buildings or too many out of date looking places in one area without entering new. Should be a mix of new, old, but welcoming to everyone
M	45-54	Dem	Y	More 20	Morgan Hill	1	Small town feel is where the community is connected and people in the community know each.
M	55-64	Oth	N	Less 5	Old Town Erie	1	Clean, maintained, civil regulations (eg building height limits), police force, ample schools
M	35-44	Unaf	Y	Less 5	Orchard Glenn	1	Cute chill downtown, low traffic roads, uncrowded parks
M	35-44	Unaf	Y	Less 5	Orchard Glenn	1	Eroding away as we cram as many people in without the surface road infrastructure.
F	35-44	Dem	Y	Less 5	Orchard Glenn	1	A small town feel is when you go to your usual spots (coffee shop, restaurants, town events, etc.) you recognize and connect with others in a meaningful way.

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M	35-44	Dem	Y	Less 5	Orchard Glenn	1	Local community events such as farmer market and brew fest the engage the community. Supporting community block parties.
M	35-44	Dem	Y	Less 5	Orchard Glenn	1	Perfect
F	35-44	Rep	Y	Less 5	Orchard Glenn	1	Saturday morning farmers market, places where musicians gather and play impromptu and people hang out. Small shops and unique restaurants instead of big chains. Town events - art, music, holidays, etc. Low traffic. Lots of trees.
F	35-44	Unaf	N	Less 5	Orchard Glenn	1	Local events, mingling and knowing our neighbors, charming local businesses, recreational activities for all ages, outdoor pool for summer activities
M	35-44	Unaf	N	Less 5	Orchard Glenn	1	Family focused, I guess. But as someone who doesn't have a family yet, it's kind of boring. We don't have a lot of places for single adults to do things - like an ice rink or bar since Miners closed. Erie is quiet and safe and those are good things and I think our community events are nice. It's just kind of boring.
F	55-64	Unaf	N	Less 5	Orchard Glenn	1	I think Erie is a suburb not a small town a small town is where people all know each other and frequently their is little diversity
F	65+	Dem	N	Less 5	Orchard Glenn	1	Families gathering in parks, comfortable downtown
M	65+	Dem	N	Less 5	Orchard Glenn	1	Small community with a town center and community events
F	35-44	Unaf	Y	11-20	Orchard Glenn	1	Events that happen downtown, family first mentality, events focused on family events in the community.
M	35-44	Unaf	Y	11-20	Orchard Glenn	1	Large open areas farms downtown trails walkable attractions
F	45-54	Unaf	Y	11-20	Orchard Glenn	1	Less growth and more community. Erie has gotten so big that I don't even go to "community" events anymore because it is just a mob scene.
F	45-54	Unaf	N	11-20	Orchard Glenn	1	Community functions
M	55-64	Unaf	N	11-20	Orchard Glenn	1	A downtown like Lafayette of louisville
M	55-64	Unaf	N	11-20	Orchard Glenn	1	Less people and amenities. BUT we can't keep small town feeling and grow. Pick a lane.
F	65+	Unaf	N	11-20	Orchard Glenn	1	Family friendly with entertainment sit down restaurants owned shops
F	65+	Unaf	N	11-20	Orchard Glenn	1	Knowing and caring about your neighbors. A SENSE OF BBELO GING.
F	65+	Unaf	N	11-20	Orchard Glenn	1	Providing opportunities for people to meet and help others in our neighborhoods and town

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F	65+	Unaf	N	11-20	Orchard Glenn	1	The small town field shows up at the rec center during the Christmas parade lots of events, the fireworks where people all gather, and our neighborly
F	65+	Dem	N	11-20	Orchard Glenn	1	A sense of community. Fewer crowds, less traffic,
M	45-54	Unaf	Y	More 20	Orchard Glenn	1	Great place for a family!
F	55-64	Unaf	Y	More 20	Orchard Glenn	1	Doesn't feel like a small town because the traffic is bad due to poor road planning, roads should be wider with more lanes.
F	55-64	Unaf	N	More 20	Orchard Glenn	1	Service needs-grocery, restaurants, etc without having to go to Lafayette. Also, promoting community through concerts, recreation and services.
F	55-64	Unaf	N	More 20	Orchard Glenn	1	Small town feel is lots of parks, town events and a nice walking downtown with consumer friendly eateries and shops. Consumer friendly and pedestrian friendly I think would be most important. Fine good places for the cars to park so people can walk without fear of being run over. Since I don't see this anywhere else I'd like to see Erie be open to the creation of adus, alternative dwelling units at houses. The housing crisis has shut so many young people out and some of us have aging parents to take care of and it would be nice if we had the option of adding adus to our properties without a lot of hassle.
M	55-64	Unaf	N	More 20	Orchard Glenn	1	This is not my concern. Erie is already too big and evolved past this years ago.
M	55-64	Unaf	N	More 20	Orchard Glenn	1	Town events. Concerts in the park. Parades. CHRISTMAS decorations, sledding hill near the dump.
M	55-64	Unaf	N	More 20	Orchard Glenn	1	You know your neighbors

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F	65+	Unaf	N	More 20	Orchard Glenn	1	A charming, small-town atmosphere with limited commercial development – allowing for local shops and services preserving a quiet, welcoming environment, but avoiding large-scale big-box stores, supermarkets, or supercenters. Housing is thoughtfully spaced, avoiding overcrowding, and features aesthetically pleasing architecture complemented by well-maintained landscaping. The community thrives on close connections through local events such as parades, July 4th celebrations, and neighborhood 5K runs that bring residents together and foster a strong sense of belonging.
F	65+	Unaf	N	More 20	Orchard Glenn	1	Essential services are “nearby” – one doesn’t have to go a big distance to get to city “services” or basic shopping (food, gas etc) Small communities are accessible within the overall community.
F	65+	Unaf	N	More 20	Orchard Glenn	1	I think that ship has sailed. We can’t continue to feel small town when development is continuing to be a priority. Lots are getting smaller so sitting on top of your neighbors isn’t small town.
F	65+	Unaf	N	More 20	Orchard Glenn	1	Rec Center connected to library, connected to park, connected to ballfields. Wonderful Briggs street restaurants and coffee shops and businesses. Local Farmers Market. Walkable. Great police force. Connecting trails.
F	65+	Unaf	N	More 20	Orchard Glenn	1	Seeing people I know everywhere I go. Family friendly events. Small businesses that thrive.
F	55-64	Dem	N	More 20	Orchard Glenn	1	Comfortable downtown with lots to do and places to eat, with people strolling down the streets.
F	55-64	Dem	N	More 20	Orchard Glenn	1	Lively downtown with retail and restaurants, preservation of open spaces and farms
F	55-64	Dem	N	More 20	Orchard Glenn	1	One where there isn’t gross overdevelopment. Erie no longer has a small town feel

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M	55-64	Dem	N	More 20	Orchard Glenn	1	In a small town everybody knows each other and everybody makes an effort to get along. It also feels like a safe place to take your dog for a walk. Loud, speeding cars and e-bikes are in direct conflict with that small town feel because it causes stress and sometimes conflict that would be unnecessary if people would just be decent neighbors and act in a civil, neighborly manner. In addition neighbors telling other neighbors what they can do with their own yards isn't a small town feel.
M	55-64	Dem	N	More 20	Orchard Glenn	1	Know your neighbors and enough open space to feel like it's not just a bunch of cookie cutter housing developments. Mom and pop shops vs all commercial four chains and businesses
M	55-64	Dem	N	More 20	Orchard Glenn	1	None existent
M	55-64	Dem	N	More 20	Orchard Glenn	1	Open space and limited high density housing
F	65+	Dem	N	More 20	Orchard Glenn	1	Low crime. Less traffic noise
M	65+	Dem	N	More 20	Orchard Glenn	1	I don't believe Erie has a "small town feel". It's just a bedroom community that keeps sprawling. I grew up in a small town in Indiana (pop. 18,000). But that town had far more to offer in terms of commercial infrastructure and even manufacturing - meaning jobs - than Erie does.
M	65+	Dem	N	More 20	Orchard Glenn	1	Knowing your neighbors
M	65+	Dem	N	More 20	Orchard Glenn	1	Under 50,000 population Has enough parking to park 20,000
M	65+	Dem	N	More 20	Orchard Glenn	1	While old town Erie may still have a small town feel, for those living in the surrounding parts of the town it feels mostly like suburbia, mostly due to the amount of recent growth.
F	45-54	Rep	N	More 20	Orchard Glenn	1	A small town feel to me means people know their neighbors, local business owners and employees, and community leaders. There's a strong sense of connection and familiarity among residents. Residents participate in local activities like town meetings, events, farmers markets. or local fundraisers. There is a feeling of safety and friendliness; community members support one another.
M	45-54	Rep	N	More 20	Orchard Glenn	1	Erie doesn't have a small town feel anymore. It's a mass of cookie cutter developments.
F	55-64	Rep	N	More 20	Orchard Glenn	1	Events for the whole town, Mom and Pop type stores vs big corporations

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F	65+	Rep	N	More 20	Orchard Glenn	1	Less traffic cutting through Erie Parkway to get to their homes in another town east of I-25!! Move commuter traffic to the state maintained road (Hwy 52) and keep Erie Parkway for family walks and bike rides, and just getting into downtown Erie!!
M	65+	Rep	N	More 20	Orchard Glenn	1	Listening and responding to meet needs!
M	65+	Oth	N	More 20	Orchard Glenn	1	No size not growing very fast, minimum congestion
F	35-44	Unaf	Y	Ref	Orchard Glenn	1	Walkable, local small businesses, easy access for everyone to recreation, events for holidays
F	45-54	Dem	Y	6-10	Orchard Glenn	1	Able to walk and bike comfortably
F	45-54	Unaf	N	6-10	Orchard Glenn	1	Easy access, walkable, general resources safe, community events
F	65+	Dem	N	6-10	Orchard Glenn	1	A nice park with summer music events. A nice downtown area with local stores.
F	18-34	Unaf	Y	Less 5	Other Neighborhood	1	How it is now. We need more parks. So trying to grow housing at rapid speed.
F	18-34	Unaf	Y	Less 5	Other Neighborhood	1	Prioritized independent stores, local events, walkability, native wildlife
F	35-44	Unaf	Y	Less 5	Other Neighborhood	1	A place where we bump in to people we know everywhere we go.
F	35-44	Unaf	Y	Less 5	Other Neighborhood	1	Safety, people looking out for one another, people knowing each other, town events, slower population growth
M	35-44	Unaf	Y	Less 5	Other Neighborhood	1	A small town cherishes unique businesses and activities/recreation. This isn't just restaurants, it's what makes someone reside and stay somewhere. When a town meets the needs of its citizens with schools, splash pads, parks, and the opportunity for others to succeed with their own contributions to the diaspora, it becomes a community.
M	35-44	Unaf	Y	Less 5	Other Neighborhood	1	Ability to live without neighbors on top of you, but still knowing all your neighbors well enough to feel comfortable in the town you live.
M	35-44	Unaf	Y	Less 5	Other Neighborhood	1	Briggs street, charming ice cream shops and coffee shops, no trouble finding free parking. I love that I don't need to travel down a highway to get to a local park.
M	35-44	Unaf	Y	Less 5	Other Neighborhood	1	Community involvement, affordable options for activities.

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F	45-54	Unaf	Y	Less 5	Other Neighborhood	1	The small downtown area features a diverse range of businesses. Currently, Erie has restaurants but few small shops. The town is walkable, connected by bike paths, and offers public transportation. Limiting cars reduces the need for large parking areas, preserving the small feel.
M	45-54	Unaf	Y	Less 5	Other Neighborhood	1	Erie is not small anymore. Small town feel is connected communities and more events for people to mingle. Small town is not keeping the town small.
M	45-54	Unaf	Y	Less 5	Other Neighborhood	1	Knowing neighbors and seeing them at town events. Having unique and local businesses with business owners you know by name.
F	18-34	Dem	Y	Less 5	Other Neighborhood	1	Community knows each other, minimal chains and focus on small businesses
F	18-34	Dem	Y	Less 5	Other Neighborhood	1	Feeling safe
F	18-34	Dem	Y	Less 5	Other Neighborhood	1	I define small town feel as having a a good sense of community. Where you can strike up a conversation with anybody. Bring friendly to neighbors.
F	35-44	Dem	Y	Less 5	Other Neighborhood	1	Friendly, inclusive people. Community centered events. Vibrant downtown.
F	35-44	Dem	Y	Less 5	Other Neighborhood	1	Knowing people at events you attend and when you head out to Briggs street. Having local small businesses to shop/eat at and support. Not growing to the high capacity of other suburbs. The hot air balloons. The many opportunities to get outside and explore with your family and neighbors. The feeling of safety and low crime rate. Open space and room instead of buildings and houses on top of each other on every corner.
F	35-44	Dem	Y	Less 5	Other Neighborhood	1	Knowing your neighbors, seeing familiar faces at events that know you or your kids or you've interacted with before, a shared belief that our community is unique and worth protecting, local shops and restaurants, town events that highlight how special we are and bring in money to help finance our town
F	35-44	Dem	Y	Less 5	Other Neighborhood	1	Old world charm, amenities that don't feel too crowded, kind neighbors, safe community. Community events.

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F	35-44	Dem	Y	Less 5	Other Neighborhood	1	Seeing my neighbors at local events and activities. Local events and activities that are interesting and unique to our location. Walkable downtown
F	35-44	Dem	Y	Less 5	Other Neighborhood	1	Small business, friendly people, history, unique charm (biscuit day etc)
F	35-44	Dem	Y	Less 5	Other Neighborhood	1	Stars hollow 😊
M	35-44	Dem	Y	Less 5	Other Neighborhood	1	Knowing your neighbors and being willing to stop what you're doing to help them. Walkability is also important to maintain the small town feel.
M	35-44	Dem	Y	Less 5	Other Neighborhood	1	Serene Public parks, local small businesses.
M	45-54	Dem	Y	Less 5	Other Neighborhood	1	Quaint and full of surprises. Especially at night when different venues seem to come alive.
M	45-54	Dem	Y	Less 5	Other Neighborhood	1	Small parking lots and a small downtown with older buildings
M	45-54	Dem	Y	Less 5	Other Neighborhood	1	Wire has outgrown a small town feel and needs to adapt to the increasing size by increasing convenience and adapt to the current times.
M	45-54	Rep	Y	Less 5	Other Neighborhood	1	Louisville in the 80s.
F	35-44	Oth	Y	Less 5	Other Neighborhood	1	You get to slow down and enjoy the peace of being away from the hustle and bustle and congestion of a big city, and enjoy the tranquility of nature and the outdoors. It's easier to get to know your neighbors and build connections when you see familiar faces at a local store or local events.
M	45-54	NR	Y	Less 5	Other Neighborhood	1	Closely knit
M	18-34	Unaf	N	Less 5	Other Neighborhood	1	Walkable/cycleable town center with quaint houses and good vibes. Don't build a ton a parking lots.

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F	45-54	Unaf	N	Less 5	Other Neighborhood	1	"Small town feel" means a sense of close-knit community, where neighbors know each other by name. It's a place where local businesses thrive, often family-owned for generations, and the rhythm of daily life is less hurried. There's more open space, well maintained yards and streets, pride in the community and town. Community events are friendly and fun, and small enough that you see familiar faces and talk to your neighbors. There are shared traditions, local pride, and a collective sense of belonging that makes residents feel deeply connected to their surroundings and to one another. Erie no longer has a small town feel
F	45-54	Unaf	N	Less 5	Other Neighborhood	1	Friendly and helpful community, people doing their best and want others to succeed, Pleasant homes and community spaces, All necessary amenities provided with ease and maintained, lots of parks, so people can get outside and enjoy the town and have balance in their life, The town is well taken care of.
F	45-54	Unaf	N	Less 5	Other Neighborhood	1	Not too much traffic, open spaces maintained, community building events
F	55-64	Unaf	N	Less 5	Other Neighborhood	1	The town of Erie is no longer a small town. A small town is generally considered an area with a population of 5000 or fewer residents. The population as of 2023 was 35,000+. So to call it a small town is sort of ridiculous, especially given the fact that the plans call for it to be about 80,000 people eventually.
F	65+	Unaf	N	Less 5	Other Neighborhood	1	A defined downtown with city recreation programs and events.
F	65+	Unaf	N	Less 5	Other Neighborhood	1	Friendly and safe
F	65+	Unaf	N	Less 5	Other Neighborhood	1	Main Street shops, less traffic
F	65+	Unaf	N	Less 5	Other Neighborhood	1	Vibrant downtown with outside eating/seating areas. Arts active. Family friendly activities year round.
M	65+	Unaf	N	Less 5	Other Neighborhood	1	Family activities, safe downtown, friendly and helpful public servants, efficient management of traffic.
M	65+	Unaf	N	Less 5	Other Neighborhood	1	Knowing your neighbors
F	18-34	Dem	N	Less 5	Other Neighborhood	1	Friendly neighbors, walkability, shops/retail easily accessible.

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F	35-44	Dem	N	Less 5	Other Neighborhood	1	A sense of community and safety. Less corporations and big box stores and more local small business .
F	35-44	Dem	N	Less 5	Other Neighborhood	1	Local businesses rather than nationwide chains, lots of community events like farmers markets or community markets, seasonal events, family-friendly spaces, parks.
F	35-44	Dem	N	Less 5	Other Neighborhood	1	Local connections, events, coffee shops
F	35-44	Dem	N	Less 5	Other Neighborhood	1	Vibrant Main Street that holds numerous events per month
M	35-44	Dem	N	Less 5	Other Neighborhood	1	Knowing your neighbors, unique small businesses, overall charm.
F	55-64	Dem	N	Less 5	Other Neighborhood	1	A place where you can find parking, traffic is not horrific, familiar with the businesses (staff), can eat out without fighting the crowds or having reservations weeks in advance.
F	55-64	Dem	N	Less 5	Other Neighborhood	1	More locally owned restaurants, businesses and less corporate and national chains. Have a mindset that "bigger is not better ". A mayor and local government that doesn't sell themselves out to corporate interests, but chooses to stay small and "unique".
F	55-64	Dem	N	Less 5	Other Neighborhood	1	Walkable downtown with non chain restaurants stores that sell unique items like jewelry and clothing independent bookstore
F	65+	Dem	N	Less 5	Other Neighborhood	1	People knowing many fellow residents, feeling welcome everywhere, finding things to do often.
M	65+	Dem	N	Less 5	Other Neighborhood	1	Very guilt with friendly neighbors
F	55-64	Rep	N	Less 5	Other Neighborhood	1	Not a small town. You have lost it.
F	45-54	Oth	N	Less 5	Other Neighborhood	1	Knowing people within the town. Small events weekly in the summer where you block off the streets and have bands
F	55-64	Oth	N	Less 5	Other Neighborhood	1	Low traffic, more "mom and pop" stores/restaurants, and community events.
F	35-44	Dem	Y	11-20	Other Neighborhood	1	I disagree that Erie have a small town feel and that's something I like about here. I think Erie need more development and places to spend time with our neighbors to generate a more sense of community

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F	45-54	Dem	Y	11-20	Other Neighborhood	1	Common spaces to gather. Town events that are friendly vs. the type of environment the concept in the park has. Not building high density. Not ignoring amenities in favor of housing. Keeping people safe. Plenty of room at rec center and on rec center teams. Bike and walking paths all along and through new developments that connect the town.
M	18-34	Unaf	N	11-20	Other Neighborhood	1	When I moved to Erie in 2014 it was Ideally fit for me. I knew everyone in my class and where they lived, now it's doubled in population and is starting to feel like boulder.
M	55-64	Unaf	N	11-20	Other Neighborhood	1	Lack of congestion on roads, lack of urban sprawl.
M	65+	Unaf	N	11-20	Other Neighborhood	1	A small town is where you can live AND work in the same place. Erie is a suburban town.
M	65+	Unaf	N	11-20	Other Neighborhood	1	Well what it is not is a house on every square inch. I grew up here and we have lost the small town feel
F	45-54	Dem	N	11-20	Other Neighborhood	1	It's no longer small town feel. You can't find parking downtown because it's so crowded.
F	45-54	Dem	N	11-20	Other Neighborhood	1	Old town is a small town feel every other part of Erie is a overcrowded
F	65+	Rep	N	11-20	Other Neighborhood	1	People, with regards to their neighbors...being respectful...keeping large trucks off town streets, people driving respectfully...not racing down the streets
M	18-34	Rep	Y	More 20	Other Neighborhood	1	Walkable town not just neighborhoods and neighborhoods and neighborhoods for days.
F	45-54	Unaf	N	More 20	Other Neighborhood	1	NO LONGER HERE. thanks
M	65+	Dem	N	More 20	Other Neighborhood	1	Connected with commerce weaved into the fabric of the community.
M	55-64	Rep	N	More 20	Other Neighborhood	1	Smaller downtown, coffee shops and restaurants. Plenty of parking without taking spaces for bike lanes
M	18-34	Dem	N	Ref	Other Neighborhood	1	Locally owned stores that are individual. Not chains. Small town feel is a locally family owned Mexican restaurant opening up, not a chilis
M	18-34	Unaf	Y	6-10	Other Neighborhood	1	I do not value this feeling besides making traffic flow reasonable. Roundabouts are good. Tall residential buildings in town center and downtown are good for living prices and town revenue

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F	35-44	Unaf	Y	6-10	Other Neighborhood	1	Going to town events and recognizing people! Feeling safe to leave your door unlocked. Not constantly hearing sirens or people drag racing down Erie Parkway. Feeling safe to let middle school students hang out at the rec center and surrounding parks. I have noticed a huge change in these things within the past 4 years.
M	35-44	Unaf	Y	6-10	Other Neighborhood	1	Walkable down town area. Good connecting trails between neighborhoods and downtown, and cultural/traditions that are unique to Erie.
M	45-54	Unaf	Y	6-10	Other Neighborhood	1	A town with a sense of identity and community. A place where there are no large commercial operations. No traffic congestion. Common communal spaces where frequent community events bring together citizens and provide a sense of co-ownership of the town and it's future.
M	45-54	Unaf	Y	6-10	Other Neighborhood	1	Erie has sold out and lost its small town feel to greedy developers. Immediately STOP issuing any building permits to mass developers. Respect our community, PLEASE.
F	18-34	Dem	Y	6-10	Other Neighborhood	1	Public parks, trails, open space
F	45-54	Unaf	N	6-10	Other Neighborhood	1	Controlled growth. Safe environment.
F	35-44	Dem	N	6-10	Other Neighborhood	1	It's dying. Unless you live within a couple blocks of actual downtown, Erie doesn't really have that small-town feel anymore.
M	65+	Dem	N	6-10	Other Neighborhood	1	Light traffic slower growth
M	65+	Dem	N	6-10	Other Neighborhood	1	There's a safe and warm feeling to a small town that provides open space, minimal traffic, a downtown with local store owners.
F	18-34	Dem	N	Less 5	Outlook Nine Mile	1	Few to no big businesses, opportunities for recreation, community events, local art, walkable areas and areas for public gatherings
M	18-34	Dem	N	Less 5	Outlook Nine Mile	1	Small businesses, plenty of green space, and WALKABILITY!
M	65+	Dem	N	Less 5	Outlook Nine Mile	1	Broad base of local merchants Sitting and shade in public spaces
F	35-44	Unaf	Y	Less 5	Sunwest	1	A small town feel is where everyone kind of knows each other. It is calm and quiet, and people don't rush or exert themselves over everybody. Everyone is warm, helpful and kind. There's resources and programs that bring the community together. And it just feels safe and small and cohesive. (Erie has none of this anymore.)

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M	35-44	Unaf	Y	Less 5	Sunwest	1	A town where a sense of community and stewardship of the town's resources are equitably cared for by all residents. This can directly result in fostering new and diverse businesses that only lead to an expansion of public spaces and feed directly back into that sense of community.
M	35-44	Unaf	Y	Less 5	Sunwest	1	Cute main street with multiple shops
M	35-44	Unaf	Y	Less 5	Sunwest	1	Like downtown Longmont or Lafayette with shops, food. Erie is too worried about expanding instead of taking care of who is here and keeping small town vibe
F	35-44	Dem	Y	Less 5	Sunwest	1	Easy to navigate and access services. Well maintained
F	35-44	Dem	Y	Less 5	Sunwest	1	Knowing your neighbors, knowing local professionals
F	35-44	Dem	Y	Less 5	Sunwest	1	Majority of businesses are independently owned and operated, not chains. Local businesses are own and/ or staffed by Erie residents. People know one another and greet each other by name. Kids walk or bike to schools. Neighborly feel amongst residents.
M	35-44	Dem	Y	Less 5	Sunwest	1	Support for local business, unique architecture (less cookie cutter strip malls, etc). Friendly and safe. Community focused, accessible with driving.
F	45-54	Rep	Y	Less 5	Sunwest	1	Not Erie! We've lost it. We should mirror Lafayette and Longmont bc they've done it right
F	18-34	Unaf	N	Less 5	Sunwest	1	A safe town where there are many ways to feel like a part of the community.
M	18-34	Unaf	N	Less 5	Sunwest	1	Small town feel to me is a friendly town that is not difficult to drive around in or find parking because it's not packed full of people. I'm not sure Erie can maintain the feel with the amount of housing developments being worked on right now. I like the idea of smaller non chain restaurants, but believe that some chains are okay. Would be nice to have more fast casual restaurants closer to the area, like a chipotle.
M	35-44	Unaf	N	Less 5	Sunwest	1	Community engagement, including public interaction with elected officials. Community events like Earth Day. Ability to walk/bike to downtown.

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M	55-64	Unaf	N	Less 5	Sunwest	1	Walkable/bikable resources like grocery stores, restaurants, pubs with tree lined streets, activities in parks. Minimum of multidwelling housing units.
M	65+	Unaf	N	Less 5	Sunwest	1	Open spaces; not wall-to-wall buildings. Nice downtown.
F	35-44	Dem	N	Less 5	Sunwest	1	Places should be walkable and accessible to all. Sidewalks and natural spaces are important. Not too many chains or big box stores. Support small businesses.
F	45-54	Dem	N	Less 5	Sunwest	1	A small-town feel means that the community has a high level of engagement, people know and feel connected to each other, and the town is loved and taken care of by its residents. Small towns generally move at a slower pace and are safer than larger communities.
M	55-64	Rep	N	Less 5	Sunwest	1	Small town feel includes a small downtown (ie: not too big). We also want to keep out chain restaurants and businesses. And keep Boo on Briggs and the farmers market.
F	45-54	Unaf	Y	11-20	Sunwest	1	Erie is not a small town. But answering the question: Not having surveillance cameras in town, Not have a police K-9 unit, Neighbors that don't threaten each other on social media.
M	45-54	Unaf	Y	11-20	Sunwest	1	A sense of community, nice.
M	35-44	Dem	Y	11-20	Sunwest	1	Nothing provides a small town feel more than Friday night football games.
M	35-44	Dem	Y	11-20	Sunwest	1	Where you know and talk to your neighbors. You recognize friends at local events.
F	45-54	Dem	Y	11-20	Sunwest	1	Inclusive community that cares for and supports each other.
F	45-54	Dem	Y	11-20	Sunwest	1	Small businesses only, annual events geared towards families, downtown area that is decorated for holidays
M	45-54	Dem	Y	11-20	Sunwest	1	Having places to go and things to do locally where the community can be together and live together rather than being forced to disperse to other areas outside the community.
M	45-54	Dem	Y	11-20	Sunwest	1	Safety Small class sizes in schools Town events
F	35-44	Rep	Y	11-20	Sunwest	1	Have a downtown area to enjoy with mom and pop shops not franchises.
F	35-44	Unaf	N	11-20	Sunwest	1	Erie has maintained its small-town feel by continuing to host its many events like the farmers market, balloon launch and town fair.

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F	45-54	Unaf	N	11-20	Sunwest	1	Many community events, a robust downtown with multiple restaurants and shops. A central recreation center as well as satellite rec centers and a central grocery store in addition to the 3 larger stores on the outskirts.
M	55-64	Unaf	N	11-20	Sunwest	1	Lots of local shops, restaurants, distilleries and breweries in close proximity. Clean streets and parking for all.
F	65+	Unaf	N	11-20	Sunwest	1	This is not a small town, maybe before all the farms were developed but not now
F	65+	Unaf	N	11-20	Sunwest	1	Walkability, crime free, no chain stores or restaurants, family friendly
O	18-34	Dem	N	11-20	Sunwest	1	I think a small-town feel is characterized by how close-knit people are to their local affairs, and to each other. I have been a lifetime resident of Erie—I moved here with my family when I was two years old, and I have really liked being in-the-know about what’s going on in the town as far as local events and initiatives. Being able to engage with other community members in “third spaces” like the park, the recreation center, and the library has helped to create bonds between myself/my family and our neighbors, my classmates, my teachers, etc. I would love if Erie could still maintain the vision of offering these “third spaces” for getting physically active, studying/working, and spending time together as a community as it grows. I also like how accessible that local government initiatives are, but I think making that even more accessible would help people to feel even more engaged. Talking to school children about some of the conservation efforts Erie is making, or having more press releases about things happening within the local government offices, and things of that nature! I realize a lot of people tend to take to Facebook and other forms of social medial to discuss town things but I feel like having even more avenues for engagement is a good idea. I do think it’s hard to balance a close-knit community with a goal to expand housing options as our population continues to boom. But by strengthening and maintaining many of the elements we already implement, I think we can do it!
F	65+	Dem	N	11-20	Sunwest	1	No overcrowding. Family restaurants. Walkable areas.

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M	65+	Dem	N	11-20	Sunwest	1	Small town has local government and public services easily accessible to residents. No high rise apartments, Malls, or highways in Town.
F	45-54	Rep	N	11-20	Sunwest	1	Single family homes Street fairs Larger lot sizes for homes so they aren't so packed in
M	65+	Rep	N	11-20	Sunwest	1	Fewer people.
F	55-64	Rep	Y	More 20	Sunwest	1	A place that you feel safe walking around to meet and talk with friends and family. A place with restaurants and things to do, like concerts, farmers markets, and events and such without a charge for attending. You can make money through vendors. It all puts off a hometown feel like walking around on Briggs Street use to feel like. These days, no one can get around down there to experience much.
F	45-54	Unaf	N	More 20	Sunwest	1	Affordable housing with recreation and arts available to residents.
M	55-64	Unaf	N	More 20	Sunwest	1	Walkability in downtown to businesses. Close parking for out of town visitors. A variety of businesses that draw locals to city center.
F	65+	Unaf	N	More 20	Sunwest	1	Safe, walkable, accessible, ample open space, community gatherings.
M	65+	Unaf	N	More 20	Sunwest	1	Erie has already lost that feeling! When you sell all the property to homes, oil and there is nothing left of our country side, you have destroyed the small town feeling. I moved here because of the small town feeling in 98, when 2200 people lived in town. Now it is a cluster with dirt roads. We have very little commercial business to help offset taxes. Start developing I-25 exit.
M	65+	Unaf	N	More 20	Sunwest	1	Erie is already losing its small town feel and you keep building houses like it's an emergency. We have a stupid bike track that is a joke and eye sore. 66,000 people is way too many for Erie, the more houses, the more police and fire people we need.
F	45-54	Dem	N	More 20	Sunwest	1	Small shops and a grocery store. Able to walk to downtown. Lees traffic or speeding traffic.
F	55-64	Dem	N	More 20	Sunwest	1	Absolutely no big box stores, massive apartment complexes -Provide senior housing (active 55+, and assisted living) instead. Focus on the arts and community rather than attracting corporate businesses. Attract fine dining, entertainment, experiences. We could be like Taos or Santa Fe in that respect.

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M	55-64	Dem	N	More 20	Sunwest	1	Charming, walkable, many local businesses/amenities as opposed to chain stores, no excessive development (keeping high density housing away from the center of town/four corners area).
M	65+	Dem	N	More 20	Sunwest	1	Neighbors helping neighbors
F	55-64	Rep	N	More 20	Sunwest	1	Downtown area for dining and meeting neighbors
F	18-34	Unaf	Y	6-10	Sunwest	1	Community events like farmers market and other events. Local businesses being valued like restaurants and coffee shops. Going places and recognizing people from church or the rec or wherever else you frequent. Having input on the community like this survey gives a small town feel! Unfortunately the town is growing so fast, I don't think Erie will be able to maintain a small town feel for long.
M	18-34	Unaf	Y	6-10	Sunwest	1	Small town feel is a town with low crime everyone knows each other and looks out for each other and the town.
F	35-44	Unaf	Y	6-10	Sunwest	1	Local shops, OPEN SPACE, people who live, work, and play in the same town. Activities and things to do in town (not having to go find an outdoor pool somewhere else if your HOA doesn't have it)
F	35-44	Unaf	Y	6-10	Sunwest	1	When I think of a small-town feel I think of the events that the town puts on for the community, the gathering places, a strong community center, outdoor spaces, gathering.
M	35-44	Unaf	Y	6-10	Sunwest	1	Being able to bike or walk to restaurants and grocery store.
M	35-44	Unaf	Y	6-10	Sunwest	1	Everything is accessible
F	45-54	Unaf	Y	6-10	Sunwest	1	A small town feel means a friendly, close-knit community with walkable streets, local businesses, slower pace of life, and a strong sense of connection among residents.
F	45-54	Unaf	Y	6-10	Sunwest	1	Community events that bring neighbors out to socialize. Knowing your neighbors and creating a culture of inclusion, looking out for one another. Integration of schools with the community (pride in sports,etc)
M	45-54	Unaf	Y	6-10	Sunwest	1	Knowing your neighbors
M	45-54	Unaf	Y	6-10	Sunwest	1	Ma and Pa businesses, less big name businesses. No high density/population housing. Not over crowded town activities (Boo on Briggs, Fireworks, Rec Center, kids sports, etc.)

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F	35-44	Dem	Y	6-10	Sunwest	1	Preservation of old town, ability To walk and bike on paths to town facilities and inclusive town events.
F	35-44	Rep	Y	6-10	Sunwest	1	Small-town feel to me means that people are involved in the activities of the town, whether it's the town fair or farmers market or something similar to that. I also think that a small-town feel means that the people of the community look out for one another and care about each other's needs and life in general.
F	35-44	Oth	Y	6-10	Sunwest	1	A small-town consists of small-businesses (mom and pop shops), public spaces where youth can hang-out, walkable, safe, and a sense of community.
M	18-34	Unaf	N	6-10	Sunwest	1	A small-town feel is formed when you can trust your neighbors and community. I am currently about to graduate college and when I was going through highschool in Erie I felt like it was just another shitty suburb school. To highschoolers, Erie is something that they couldn't wait to leave and never return to. This all stems from rapid population growth combined with increasing regulations forbidding kids from just being kids. Curfew laws are a good example of that, they don't save anyone and give reasons for cops to "investigate" kids hanging out...which leads to kids not trusting our police force and then participating in illegal activities. Exactly what happened to my friends and I. This problem only became an issue in the last 10 years and I am not educated enough to give specific reasons as to why that is. But Erie will not be fixed unless constant progress is made for the benefit and quality of life of the people living here. The ONLY starting point is more community events, more opportunities for high schoolers to work for their town during the summer, and more opportunities for transparency and opinions like this poll. Thank you.
M	35-44	Unaf	N	6-10	Sunwest	1	Keeping open areas undeveloped; no strip malls like those that litter longmont (basically avoid becoming Ken Pratt); mixed residential and commercial zones; local activities that bring the community together; strong schools; the ability for people who work in this community to be able to afford living here too.

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M	45-54	Unaf	N	6-10	Sunwest	1	In order to have a small town feel, you need a small town. Erie is overdeveloped and overcrowded and has lost its charm. It's quite disappointing. Please stop allowing all of the excessive building.
F	55-64	Unaf	N	6-10	Sunwest	1	Having down-to-earth, casual gathering places (such as what Miners used to be), having events such as the homecoming or holiday parades.
F	65+	Unaf	N	6-10	Sunwest	1	Farmers Market and other family activities downtown.
M	65+	Unaf	N	6-10	Sunwest	1	Small town Erie is the original town...the rest is commercial development and sprawling housing developments with traffic along the major arteries. Erie with a small town feeling is somewhat delusional.
M	65+	Unaf	N	6-10	Sunwest	1	Walkable downtown Gathering places and events to bring people together
F	18-34	Dem	N	6-10	Sunwest	1	Walkable community, a variety of people, access to public resources like a well funded rec center and library, not as car-centric emphasis.
F	45-54	Dem	N	6-10	Sunwest	1	Walkability, lack of giant parking lots, keeping buildings under 3 stories, inviting feel: I'm thinking of the feel of the flowers and trees and smaller scale of Pearl Street, vs the soulless feel of Flatirons Mall. More Pearl street vibe.
F	65+	Dem	N	6-10	Sunwest	1	More open space, less dense residential
M	65+	Dem	N	6-10	Sunwest	1	Easy to get around. Tolerable traffic levels.
M	35-44	Rep	N	6-10	Sunwest	1	Local business and few chain stores, walkable with good bike paths, seasonal events in town.
M	65+	Rep	N	6-10	Sunwest	1	Walkable, downtown needs more than just restaurants to have a functional town
F	45-54	Unaf	N	More 20	Vista Ridge-Blue Sky Condos	1	Small town: no fast food chain restaurants, strong support of local businesses, community events, support of the arts, walkable/rideable trails
M	18-34	Unaf	N	Less 5	Westerly	1	Local restaurants

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O	18-34	NR	Y	More 20	Candlelight Ridge	2	Small businesses, family owned and operated or employee owned, boutique grocery stores, pls Ty if parks and open space, farms, farmers markets, butcher shop, essentially all of the things Erie currently has before it's too late. The farmers are being pushed out at high rates. If we don't have farmers to supply food, grow animals, etc. who is going to supply that to all these families if Erie continues to push out all of its food supply?
M	18-34	Dem	Y	Less 5	Canyon Creek	2	A town where everyone knows everybody. This is ridiculous. There's no such thing as a small town with tens of thousands of people.
M	35-44	NR	N	6-10	Canyon Creek	2	Not Erie anymore.
F	18-34	Unaf	Y	Less 5	Colliers Hill	2	A tight-knit community where everyone knows each other, and everyone is able to get together for all sorts of occasions.
F	18-34	Unaf	Y	Less 5	Colliers Hill	2	Community centered activities that provide enrichment to all ages to create long lasting memories.
F	18-34	Unaf	Y	Less 5	Colliers Hill	2	Erie is beginning to lose the small town feel with the massive expansion with many new homes. I would describe it as knowing my neighbors, feeling safe in and around town, having establishments to frequent, being in close proximity to most of our needs, a family friendly environment, and a sense of community.
F	18-34	Unaf	Y	Less 5	Colliers Hill	2	Good vibes, cold beer, hella fireworks.
F	18-34	Unaf	Y	Less 5	Colliers Hill	2	I like seeing people I know at town events. I like there being town events and things like our parks/splash pad. I like that our town doesn't feel dense there are still lots open spaces (hope this remains). I like that it doesnt take long to get across town.
F	18-34	Unaf	Y	Less 5	Colliers Hill	2	Not being shoulder to shoulder, unable to find a parking spot at every town event. Erie no longer has the small town feel with the increasing crime as well. We are just becoming another Denver suburb
M	18-34	Unaf	Y	Less 5	Colliers Hill	2	A town that knows its residents and caters to their needs and wants.
M	18-34	Unaf	Y	Less 5	Colliers Hill	2	Friendly neighbors and a community that has local business and entertainment options that allow residents to spend their time in the community. This encourages the growth of community members and more engagement together.

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M	18-34	Unaf	Y	Less 5	Colliers Hill	2	I love that Erie has open space and trails. I appreciate that there is space in between us and other cities. I would however, like to see more grocery/retail options locally. I hope to see Town Center be and answer this.
M	18-34	Unaf	Y	Less 5	Colliers Hill	2	Lots of events, small charming downtown area to gather at, lots of parks, safe feeling
M	18-34	Unaf	Y	Less 5	Colliers Hill	2	Town events
F	35-44	Unaf	Y	Less 5	Colliers Hill	2	A community where you know your neighbors and help them out. Where everyone is friendly out in public. Having local restaurants and shops to go to rather than big chain restaurants and stores.
F	35-44	Unaf	Y	Less 5	Colliers Hill	2	A small town feel comes from a combination of the people and the place. The people have a friendly attitude amongst themselves and toward visitors. People participate in government and show up to events. As for the place aspect, the ideal small town has a quaint town center with limited sprawl and commercial retail.
F	35-44	Unaf	Y	Less 5	Colliers Hill	2	A small town feel means the size of the town and close knit community events
F	35-44	Unaf	Y	Less 5	Colliers Hill	2	Community, knowing your neighbors and running into each other at community events and public spaces.
F	35-44	Unaf	Y	Less 5	Colliers Hill	2	Easy to get places(walking, bike riding), community activities, local restaurants and bars.
F	35-44	Unaf	Y	Less 5	Colliers Hill	2	I have access to everything I need here in town. I run into my neighbors at various events. There are free and inviting ways to be involved with my community. Events are accessible.
F	35-44	Unaf	Y	Less 5	Colliers Hill	2	Kindness, cleanliness, supporting local, community events, safety
F	35-44	Unaf	Y	Less 5	Colliers Hill	2	No national/international chain restaurants or stores, outdoor seating, walkable
F	35-44	Unaf	Y	Less 5	Colliers Hill	2	NO WATER PARK. Local events like biscuit day, live music in coal creek park, community gatherings.

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							Our downtown is not overcrowded. It has flowers and places to sit right along the street because it feels a little sleepy. Like to just stay and relax awhile. Our kids ride downtown for ice cream, to the Rec Center and hang out at the park at 15 and 12 years old and I don't feel like people will be using Erie to drive through to another big chain like I see in Broomfield or Westminster. I love how houses and business are often not right along the road. There is green space between. I often see the same people at grocery pick up and I know do their dog's names, I know Manny likes to fish etc. I like that there aren't so many people living here that it makes everyone outside of your street you live on a stranger. There is a friendliness and a slowness I feel here that I do not feel in Broomfield like areas. I don't want to turn into Broomfield.
F	35-44	Unaf	Y	Less 5	Colliers Hill	2	
F	35-44	Unaf	Y	Less 5	Colliers Hill	2	Places you can walk to
F	35-44	Unaf	Y	Less 5	Colliers Hill	2	Running into people I know, events that focus on schools (homecoming parade, Hope and gratitude, etc), non-chain businesses
F	35-44	Unaf	Y	Less 5	Colliers Hill	2	Safe, family friendly, engaging, little to no chains, support local business, events people want to attend, light traffic, supportive neighbors, open space/land, trails/parks, "simple life".
F	35-44	Unaf	Y	Less 5	Colliers Hill	2	Town based activities and events through the year, town/small business support event(s), known channels to support community members in times of need
F	35-44	Unaf	Y	Less 5	Colliers Hill	2	Walkable and bike-able places to meet with friends. Places to eat and shop centrally located. Community events.
F	35-44	Unaf	Y	Less 5	Colliers Hill	2	Walkable downtown area with boutiques, restaurants and seating area. Community events. Growth is restricted (we don't build indiscriminately but intentionally - don't just slap up a ton of new neighborhoods without any protection to the existing community infrastructure). Small enough we know our neighbors and feel a deep sense of connectivity and support.
M	35-44	Unaf	Y	Less 5	Colliers Hill	2	A place where you have to constantly manage your social image because everyone knows you.

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M	35-44	Unaf	Y	Less 5	Colliers Hill	2	A small-town feeling is more than just a slower pace—it's a sense of belonging. It's where neighbors greet each other by name, where kids ride their bikes to school, and families gather at the same local restaurant every weekend. The community lives, plays, and eats in the same few square miles, creating a shared rhythm to daily life. Residents value authenticity and intentionally support locally owned, boutique businesses that reflect the character of the town. Big-box stores and corporate hotel chains are kept at bay, preserving the area's charm and independence. Here, less is more—minimalism, craftsmanship, and quality matter. It's a place where people recognize faces, not logos, and where community isn't just a word—it's a lifestyle.
M	35-44	Unaf	Y	Less 5	Colliers Hill	2	Easy parking, relaxed/slow traffic, very safe, good local businesses and restaurants with good service, churches, people are nice to each other, strangers talk, reasonable prices, family oriented events and spaces, ways to get involved in community
M	35-44	Unaf	Y	Less 5	Colliers Hill	2	Easy to walk or bike around. Amenities and commercial spaces are not crowded. Easy to take advantage of city events and services without getting on a wait list. Amazing library with a variety of services and things to check out besides books, music, and movies (like tools or cooking equipment).
M	35-44	Unaf	Y	Less 5	Colliers Hill	2	Erie does not feel like a small town to me, and I moved from Denver.
M	35-44	Unaf	Y	Less 5	Colliers Hill	2	Everyone is so nice when you see people in your neighborhood and about. There's a strong sense of community that everyone was just trying to live their life and enjoy time with their family. I love Erie!
M	35-44	Unaf	Y	Less 5	Colliers Hill	2	Feeling safe , kids can play without fear, no homelessness, not too congested, good schools, local events and restaurants and events where you see your neighbors.
M	35-44	Unaf	Y	Less 5	Colliers Hill	2	Having a community in which you recognize other people when out and about in common spaces. Running into friends at the park or on Briggs Street or at community events like parades, boo on Briggs, firework shows etc.

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M	35-44	Unaf	Y	Less 5	Colliers Hill	2	Having an accessible downtown with reasons for the town to gather - parades, fairs, etc.
M	35-44	Unaf	Y	Less 5	Colliers Hill	2	Helpful to your neighbors.
M	35-44	Unaf	Y	Less 5	Colliers Hill	2	Knowing neighbors Having the seminal week events all attend Bikability
M	35-44	Unaf	Y	Less 5	Colliers Hill	2	Lack of large/tall buildings. Lots of community engagement.
M	35-44	Unaf	Y	Less 5	Colliers Hill	2	Limit the amount of housing and apartment developments to not adversely impact the town's infrastructure. Provide an environment for small businesses to be successful (local restaurants and small grocery stores). A diverse population that is welcoming for all AMERICANS.
M	35-44	Unaf	Y	Less 5	Colliers Hill	2	No more apartments, take the advertising off of Erie Pkwy west of I25 and continue to promote local events.
M	35-44	Unaf	Y	Less 5	Colliers Hill	2	Small town should be easy to commute through. Raised amounts of traffic, whether real or perceived steals away from that feel. Bars/restaurants in the old town mainstreet should be easy to get to and get into without having to vie for a reservation or table. Shared spaces, like parks, rec centers, even schools should not be full or past capacity.
M	35-44	Unaf	Y	Less 5	Colliers Hill	2	There's an esoteric nature to the town, meaning a sense of community unique to Erie. I'd like to see the downtown area maintained but elevated with additional restaurants - not chain restaurants - and small shops. Rock climbers, hikers, campers, and the outdoorsy types travel from all over the country to visit here.....more shops would bring more tax revenue from tourism.
M	35-44	Unaf	Y	Less 5	Colliers Hill	2	Very minimal traffic, seeing familiar faces that you know by name, non-materialistic, family-friendly, and local owned businesses.
O	35-44	Unaf	Y	Less 5	Colliers Hill	2	Local food in a great downtown, ability to walk a lot. No public transit. Little homeless
F	45-54	Unaf	Y	Less 5	Colliers Hill	2	Less traffic, events on Briggs street, less people,

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F	45-54	Unaf	Y	Less 5	Colliers Hill	2	The historic sites are preserved while allowing the space to be new. Walkable. Free from cars in downtown. A place where families and people can feel welcome regardless of background. Kindness and hospitality. A place where the residents feel taken care of. Where people help each other.
F	45-54	Unaf	Y	Less 5	Colliers Hill	2	Walkable downtown, farmer's market, would want more coffee shops etc. Erie is not a very small town any more. If you want people to stay local and not drive elsewhere for dining etc. some more interesting places need to be attracted to Erie.
F	45-54	Unaf	Y	Less 5	Colliers Hill	2	Where you go to stores or events and know friendly faces! Helping neighbors and kindness towards others in person and online.
M	45-54	Unaf	Y	Less 5	Colliers Hill	2	I grew up in a small town and this has nothing close to that feel.
M	45-54	Unaf	Y	Less 5	Colliers Hill	2	Minimal traffic, limited mid-rise/high-rise construction, protected open space
M	45-54	Unaf	Y	Less 5	Colliers Hill	2	Small town usually means closed minded. I'd rather things be slower paced but still open, welcoming, diverse, and accepting.
M	45-54	Unaf	Y	Less 5	Colliers Hill	2	That feels is gone
M	45-54	Unaf	Y	Less 5	Colliers Hill	2	The ability to get goods and services with a minimum of driving.
M	45-54	Unaf	Y	Less 5	Colliers Hill	2	Walkable and bikeable, locally owned businesses not chains, transparent government, inclusive, providing assistance for those who need it
M	65+	Unaf	Y	Less 5	Colliers Hill	2	Rural area. Erie has been great at keeping the rural feel even through all the development.
F	18-34	Dem	Y	Less 5	Colliers Hill	2	Community events that bring people together where you see familiar faces out and about. The city to be small in size but I think we've surpassed that.
F	18-34	Dem	Y	Less 5	Colliers Hill	2	Effort being put into community events as well as effort put into making certain central areas of the town (Briggs Street) look like home. Some examples being, beautifully landscaped, decorated for holidays, not full of construction.

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F	18-34	Dem	Y	Less 5	Colliers Hill	2	Lots of walkability, pedestrian friendly areas and the events held in Old Town, such as the farmers markets, help maintain the small town feel in Erie.
M	18-34	Dem	Y	Less 5	Colliers Hill	2	I would like to address the prior question. You provided no way to give feedback. Erie seems to have a lot of police. I see police everywhere in this town. Mostly just sitting in parking lots talking. We don't need a bigger police station, so that's my vote on that question, and the answer to this question.
M	18-34	Dem	Y	Less 5	Colliers Hill	2	Main Street keeping its identity while is the most important aspect of keeping the small town feel
F	35-44	Dem	Y	Less 5	Colliers Hill	2	Being able to attend local smaller events like farmers markets, 4th of July celebration, beer fest, etc without massive crowds. Having local restaurants and businesses that aren't chains. Keeping old town small but accessible. Bike trails and walking trails. No significant traffic congestion with the exception of town events
F	35-44	Dem	Y	Less 5	Colliers Hill	2	Being able to let my kids bike around town without worrying about a lot of traffic or strangers. Having green space between town and the highways and other towns. Not being a place people come to to run errands.
F	35-44	Dem	Y	Less 5	Colliers Hill	2	Driving to old town I usually run into neighbors, my children's' school friends, and my own. A small-town feel has community, we respect one another, and cherish the time we have together.
F	35-44	Dem	Y	Less 5	Colliers Hill	2	Friendly residents, community events, walkability, quiet nights, thoughtful expansion
F	35-44	Dem	Y	Less 5	Colliers Hill	2	I like it, the downtown is great but needs updates in terms of businesses, while keeping the quaint character intact. Some town events could be much better but overall I like them.
F	35-44	Dem	Y	Less 5	Colliers Hill	2	I would describe it as a not for profit community.
F	35-44	Dem	Y	Less 5	Colliers Hill	2	Knowing your neighbors- meaning knowing people who live within the city. Also I think having a lot of sidewalks and trails gives places a small town feel. It's nice to have the option to hop on a bike or walk somewhere. It contributes to the small town feel.

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F	35-44	Dem	Y	Less 5	Colliers Hill	2	Less than 70k people. Having a good main street that people can easily bike or walk to. Having multiple meeting spots, main street-types, to have dinner, then walk to the bookstore or park. Being able to see kids you go to school with at the grocery store. Nice events like Biscuit Days and Farmers Markets and Christmas parades.
F	35-44	Dem	Y	Less 5	Colliers Hill	2	Safety! Knowing others in areas frequented. Local offerings.
F	35-44	Dem	Y	Less 5	Colliers Hill	2	Seeing people you know when you go into town, being able to park downtown and get into restaurants without a reservation on an impromptu night out
F	35-44	Dem	Y	Less 5	Colliers Hill	2	Small-town feel means a community tied to its roots and traditions. A community that values people over profit and expansion. A pace of life that is slower and more meaningful. Folks from all walks of life feel welcomed and included.
F	35-44	Dem	Y	Less 5	Colliers Hill	2	The pace is slower, the nights are quieter, the community is tight-knit, tree lined streets, family owned shops, annual parades/gatherings that bring the town together.
F	35-44	Dem	Y	Less 5	Colliers Hill	2	Walkable central downtown/old town with nice shops and restaurants. Community activities and events
F	35-44	Dem	Y	Less 5	Colliers Hill	2	Walkable shopping in food districts that have adequate parking. I like where downtown Erie is headed, but I anticipate the infrastructure may not continue to support the growth of the town
M	35-44	Dem	Y	Less 5	Colliers Hill	2	Community events, boutique shops and restaurants, minimal box stores and fast food,
M	35-44	Dem	Y	Less 5	Colliers Hill	2	Downtown and community events are essential to fostering this. A balance of open space and developed land with limits on building heights are important. Creating opportunity for people to gather and feel safe to meet and get to know their neighbors. Local businesses supported over development of large chains.
M	35-44	Dem	Y	Less 5	Colliers Hill	2	Kids walking to school and parks

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M	35-44	Dem	Y	Less 5	Colliers Hill	2	Lack of overdevelopment, including both residential and commercial. High number of public community events, like festivals, farmers markets, and celebrations where the residence come together, Increased transparency from an access to city officials, Clean and safe street, A community that is pedestrian and bicycle, friendly, and provides easy access to all points of the community.
M	35-44	Dem	Y	Less 5	Colliers Hill	2	Maintaining historic districts, supporting historic buildings, limiting chains or big box stores from coming into town
M	35-44	Dem	Y	Less 5	Colliers Hill	2	Public amenities that are easily accessible, local restaurants, walking and biking paths, support for small businesses like libraries and toy stores, and more. Basically a lot of this vibe comes from a healthy downtown that isn't full of parking lots (and therefore has ways to access it that don't require driving from nearby locals)
M	35-44	Dem	Y	Less 5	Colliers Hill	2	Relationships with neighbors, low rate of turnover, relatively low rate of rentals, clean/safe. High ratio of single family/duplex/townhomes as compared to commercial buildings.
F	45-54	Dem	Y	Less 5	Colliers Hill	2	Events that promote community, home-town pride, not overdeveloped
M	45-54	Dem	Y	Less 5	Colliers Hill	2	Main Street that is vibrant and thriving, at full capacity. Safety for our kids to be out during the day and night Events that bring people together year round
M	45-54	Dem	Y	Less 5	Colliers Hill	2	Walkable and bikeable to locally-owned businesses. Uncrowded parks. Fewer cars on the road due to good foot/bike traffic and public transit options. Public events where you run into neighbors. No giant commercial parks with a half dozen big box retailers like Larkridge
M	45-54	Dem	Y	Less 5	Colliers Hill	2	Walking to the ice cream shop, seeing a neighbor, and laughing!
M	45-54	Dem	Y	Less 5	Colliers Hill	2	You know your neighbors and it's clear that the town cares about their residents.

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F	18-34	Rep	Y	Less 5	Colliers Hill	2	I've lived in 5 towns in my life, and Erie is the only one where I consistently run into people I know at the grocery store, restaurants, town events, etc. It's the only one I've felt safe enough to let my young kids walk over to the neighbors or where I've known so many of my neighbors personally. The encouragement from the town for residents to get involved on boards/committees/surveys/etc is fantastic and the large amount of successful community events is impressive and unlike any town I've ever lived in.
F	18-34	Rep	Y	Less 5	Colliers Hill	2	People acknowledge each other, are kind, helpful and supportive.
F	35-44	Rep	Y	Less 5	Colliers Hill	2	Briggs epitomizes the small town feel. Single family homes or small condos within walking distance of town center.
F	35-44	Rep	Y	Less 5	Colliers Hill	2	Community events, parks, pools, trails. Scenery (live some space for the farms.
F	35-44	Rep	Y	Less 5	Colliers Hill	2	Love town events from the balloon festival to weekly farmers market to Christmas parade. Love that while a lot of people attend these events, they never really seem overly/uncomfortably crowded
F	35-44	Rep	Y	Less 5	Colliers Hill	2	Mountain Town, where kids are safe
F	35-44	Rep	Y	Less 5	Colliers Hill	2	Running into people you know at events, being safe, walkable.
F	35-44	Rep	Y	Less 5	Colliers Hill	2	This is best seen in the individual neighborhoods and small town traditions like parades and events.
F	35-44	Rep	Y	Less 5	Colliers Hill	2	We're not a destination. The majority of people out and about are local. We are not just a commuter town, we have small businesses on main street, we don't have chain restaurants (which adds to the charm), the neighborhoods themselves are like little communities but are all connected to old town Erie. Places like Westminster, Broomfield, Thornton, have no real central gathering place and you can hardly tell where one town begins and the other ends. If we become too squished in and overcrowded, I think we'll end up the same.
M	35-44	Rep	Y	Less 5	Colliers Hill	2	Small town feel to me is accessibility to the small town without a ton of traffic or parking issues. Creating walking or biking paths to downtown from surrounding areas would enhance this.

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F	45-54	Rep	Y	Less 5	Colliers Hill	2	Knowing your neighbors, friendliness, events in town to attract families, feeling of safety, not feeling congested when around town, supporting local businesses in town
F	45-54	Rep	Y	Less 5	Colliers Hill	2	Maintaining individual small businesses (not chains), town events where neighbors can gather to socialize, controlling growth so that families can grow with the town, knowing our neighbors and local businesses to a point that other recognize or know my family by name.
M	45-54	Rep	Y	Less 5	Colliers Hill	2	Community engagement. Close proximity to everything. One "main street" as the main location for shops and restaurants.
M	45-54	Rep	Y	Less 5	Colliers Hill	2	Historic downtown with events and all of the kids go to the same high school
F	55-64	Rep	Y	Less 5	Colliers Hill	2	Activities and events for residents that are well publicized and monthly
F	35-44	Oth	Y	Less 5	Colliers Hill	2	Erie is not a small town anymore - you've literally expanded 20 times than the original size. Stop using this excuse not to offer services that people need
F	35-44	Oth	Y	Less 5	Colliers Hill	2	Knowing your neighbors, gathering for town events, feeling welcomed, family friendly and focused, small town businesses and supporting local
F	35-44	Oth	Y	Less 5	Colliers Hill	2	Low traffic; run into neighbors/teachers/etc around town; ma and pa shops - less chains; small town parades and celebrations; roadside farm stands, friendly community
M	35-44	Oth	Y	Less 5	Colliers Hill	2	Erie has lost its small town feel due to the previous administration rubber stamping master builder developments everywhere. Small town is not mass developed row homes, apartments and condos in every direction. Small town is local mom and pop shops, town events, small town isn't RTD buses with zero customers running 24/7 to and Boulder.
F	55-64	Oth	Y	Less 5	Colliers Hill	2	Small town feel is not 66000 residents. Pockets of retail and dining isn't my idea of small town feel. Old town is nice, but currently not conducive to spending a lot of time there.
F	18-34	Unaf	N	Less 5	Colliers Hill	2	Family owned events. Lack of traffic. Easy to access
F	18-34	Unaf	N	Less 5	Colliers Hill	2	Knowing Neighbors and being able to feel very safe in the community
F	18-34	Unaf	N	Less 5	Colliers Hill	2	Safe and friendly

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M	18-34	Unaf	N	Less 5	Colliers Hill	2	15-minute cities. Cities before cars had to be compact and dense in order to function, and is the main factor as to why small towns feel "small." It should not feel like a hassle to move through a small town.
M	18-34	Unaf	N	Less 5	Colliers Hill	2	Fewer people
M	18-34	Unaf	N	Less 5	Colliers Hill	2	Having a lot of parks and trails, a community where everyone is able to get together for events. A lot of local shops.
M	18-34	Unaf	N	Less 5	Colliers Hill	2	Little to no apartment buildings. Large open spaces. Well kept landscaping and infrastructure. Basic shoppings needs met, with large mainstream shopping malls outside of town. Quiet neighborhood streets, with traffic on main thoroughfares well managed.
M	18-34	Unaf	N	Less 5	Colliers Hill	2	Low crime
F	35-44	Unaf	N	Less 5	Colliers Hill	2	Knowing your neighbors, seeing familiar faces, sense of community, feeling safe.
F	35-44	Unaf	N	Less 5	Colliers Hill	2	Not largely inviting to subpar developers and not needing a tax proposal to increase police presence when the town has plenty already capturing revenue and preventing crime for the community. Safety is a huge part of the small town feel, but also accessibility to housing, locally owned businesses, and safe speed limits for the communities in the development cross sections and not just random and crazy light installations and speed reductions.
F	35-44	Unaf	N	Less 5	Colliers Hill	2	Walking old town going to the farmers markets eating at the patios on brick Street. Low traffic streets. neighborhood schools that are not overcrowded.
M	35-44	Unaf	N	Less 5	Colliers Hill	2	Complete separation of All national level political theater. Ie: No pride flags etc. The town should only fly 2 flags, USA and State of Colorado.
M	35-44	Unaf	N	Less 5	Colliers Hill	2	I disagree that this is what people who live here cherish. The majority of the people moving in want to see the area have closer access to groceries, stores, restaurants, and recreational services.
M	35-44	Unaf	N	Less 5	Colliers Hill	2	I moved to Erie for the small-town feel. Unfortunately Erie seems to be losing the small- town feel more and more every day.

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M	35-44	Unaf	N	Less 5	Colliers Hill	2	See previous answers. Small town feel is rapidly being destroyed by never ending subdivisions with the same look. Please stop with the constant development from builders who have zero connection to not only Erie but Colorado in general. If population is expected to get to 66,000 how is that a small town feel anymore? That's nearly 2/3 the size of Boulder.
M	35-44	Unaf	N	Less 5	Colliers Hill	2	Still being able to park without some parking fee scheme downtown and anywhere we go.
F	45-54	Unaf	N	Less 5	Colliers Hill	2	Caring community . Less apartments and town homes.
F	45-54	Unaf	N	Less 5	Colliers Hill	2	Eclectic
F	45-54	Unaf	N	Less 5	Colliers Hill	2	Quiet, unique and friendly. Seeing children playing outside, being able to bike to most places, and having social opportunities.
F	45-54	Unaf	N	Less 5	Colliers Hill	2	Small town is feeling safe bc you know many of your neighbors, town representatives, police and other civil servants. You look out for and protect each other as if they are part of your extended family and are very protective and conscientious of community members who are abused, ignored or forgotten.
F	45-54	Unaf	N	Less 5	Colliers Hill	2	The town is situated where farmland is plentiful and close.
F	45-54	Unaf	N	Less 5	Colliers Hill	2	Walkable, bikeable, small owned businesses where money spent in small-town directly supports the people of the community (business owners and their families) Safe for people to be out at night or to have packages on their porch without being taken
F	45-54	Unaf	N	Less 5	Colliers Hill	2	Well cared for recreational areas in parks and open spaces, trails to walk on and parks to visit, ensuring more opportunities for local food restaurants shops to thrive and events that bring the town together. Keeping large roads at a minimum and slow growth.
M	45-54	Unaf	N	Less 5	Colliers Hill	2	Downtown, with its walkability and community feel. Want more places to experience that.
F	55-64	Unaf	N	Less 5	Colliers Hill	2	A community which feels like they are a part of and contributing member of that town. Proud and active town membership
F	55-64	Unaf	N	Less 5	Colliers Hill	2	Briggs Street is a small town feel
F	55-64	Unaf	N	Less 5	Colliers Hill	2	I love the small town feeling

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F	55-64	Unaf	N	Less 5	Colliers Hill	2	Low traffic and crime. Limited expansion. Don't widen streets. Well cared for parks and public amenities
F	55-64	Unaf	N	Less 5	Colliers Hill	2	Original buildings in old town, refurbished, like Lafayette or Louisville. Do not want a modern look. Outside of old town, row homes that look old, like Bradburn in Westminster on 120th. There is also a HUGE lack of housing for seniors with one-level living.
F	55-64	Unaf	N	Less 5	Colliers Hill	2	Polite, friendly people connected through frequent community events, activities and forums.
F	55-64	Unaf	N	Less 5	Colliers Hill	2	Safe place to live, kind neighbors and store owners, public events that are fun
M	55-64	Unaf	N	Less 5	Colliers Hill	2	Activities that encourage people to come together. Lots of small business. Pride in living here
M	55-64	Unaf	N	Less 5	Colliers Hill	2	No traffic jams and grocery stores closer than 5 miles from the house
F	65+	Unaf	N	Less 5	Colliers Hill	2	•Tremendous amount of Open Space •Thriving business area, but one that is maintained aesthetically •Community parks and events
F	65+	Unaf	N	Less 5	Colliers Hill	2	A main street with small shops and restaurants. A small grocery store. Variety of churches. Fun events for major holidays, Boo on Briggs is fun, Christmas Parade. Not sure about 4th of July display. Very disappointing this year. Erie Balloon Festival is awesome. Important to not have a bunch of subsidized apartments/condos for people who otherwise couldn't afford to live here. The homes in downtown Erie have been here for years. All the schools are overcrowded now so building more homes is crazy. Take care of what we have now.
F	65+	Unaf	N	Less 5	Colliers Hill	2	Briggs old town. Charm. Make the new City Center as diverse yet charming. Add some unique shops not just chains. More trails from Colliers Hill to old town.
F	65+	Unaf	N	Less 5	Colliers Hill	2	Control large developments.
F	65+	Unaf	N	Less 5	Colliers Hill	2	Erie is no longer a small town. Let's not pretend
F	65+	Unaf	N	Less 5	Colliers Hill	2	Fun activities ie farmers market, boo on Briggs, town fair, air fair etc
F	65+	Unaf	N	Less 5	Colliers Hill	2	Neighborly. Friendly supportive
F	65+	Unaf	N	Less 5	Colliers Hill	2	Neighbors you know and who care about you. Local businesses instead of chains. Accessible government officials.

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F	65+	Unaf	N	Less 5	Colliers Hill	2	No high rises Low density housing Local shops
F	65+	Unaf	N	Less 5	Colliers Hill	2	Open spaces No big grocery, home improvement etc stores
F	65+	Unaf	N	Less 5	Colliers Hill	2	Quaint downtown; commercial buildings are smaller/shorter; restaurants available; trails; charming boutiques
F	65+	Unaf	N	Less 5	Colliers Hill	2	Walk ability to services No high rises
F	65+	Unaf	N	Less 5	Colliers Hill	2	Walkable main Street. No big box retail. Restaurants are average price. No more expensive restaurants.
M	65+	Unaf	N	Less 5	Colliers Hill	2	1) No more "urban-style" dense housing, where houses are skinny and vertical. 2) Maintain the small town feel of Old Town 3) Increase the number of community events that bring people together in a purpose that is common to the entire community. 4) Change City Staff culture to genuinely include citizens more in the Town decisions and directions..
M	65+	Unaf	N	Less 5	Colliers Hill	2	A walkable old town area with shops and restaurants
M	65+	Unaf	N	Less 5	Colliers Hill	2	As it is now.
M	65+	Unaf	N	Less 5	Colliers Hill	2	Historical buildings; walkable streets; interesting shops; locally owned businesses
M	65+	Unaf	N	Less 5	Colliers Hill	2	Keeping structures small and making the town walkable.
M	65+	Unaf	N	Less 5	Colliers Hill	2	Low traffic...open space
M	65+	Unaf	N	Less 5	Colliers Hill	2	Not encouraging growth to 66,000 people and beyond. Louisville and especially Golden have done a good job of keeping growth at a reasonable pace. Golden especially, has a vibrant downtown, utilizing Clear Creek as a public tubing destination, and has much lower mill levies and resultant property taxes. Our inflated property values, combined with our high mill levies and resultant property taxes are getting unaffordable for an average property owner, especially on fixed incomes.
M	65+	Unaf	N	Less 5	Colliers Hill	2	Quiet neighborhoods, vibrant downtown, close knit communities.
M	65+	Unaf	N	Less 5	Colliers Hill	2	Rural feel in a small town. Too much building and traffic will change that.
M	65+	Unaf	N	Less 5	Colliers Hill	2	shaded streets, modest homes, small retail
M	65+	Unaf	N	Less 5	Colliers Hill	2	We moved to Erie because of the small town. Leave it as such.
F	18-34	Dem	N	Less 5	Colliers Hill	2	A charming downtown with lots of small businesses

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F	18-34	Dem	N	Less 5	Colliers Hill	2	A town that has all retail shops, local restaurants, parks and activities so town communities have all they need without having to leave or drive to another tow/city
F	18-34	Dem	N	Less 5	Colliers Hill	2	I don't value this much, but I think it's important to have local, small businesses vs bringing in large chains.
F	18-34	Dem	N	Less 5	Colliers Hill	2	I love the friendly people you meet around town, weather it's on the walking trail or at the local coffee shop
F	18-34	Dem	N	Less 5	Colliers Hill	2	I think a small town feel can be a subjective phrase. Some might use that to describe a more rural area with a small population and lament the loss of that when a town grows in size. Personally, a small town feel is more dependent on what the town provides vs the size. Community events (Brew fest, Christmas parade, farmers market) that bring people together and a safe, friendly environment are what make a town have a small town feel. Because despite the size or population, people still have the ability to connect.
F	18-34	Dem	N	Less 5	Colliers Hill	2	Let's Build a Town People Want to Visit—Not Just Drive Through We have a choice: 🛣️ Become Another Strip Mall: •Generic chain stores and parking lots •Strip lighting, traffic, and heat islands •No identity—just another place people pass on the way to somewhere better •Trees cut down, nature paved over, local businesses priced out OR 🌲 Grow Into a Destination Town Like Fort Collins or Coastal Maine: •Tree-lined streets, historic buildings, and open green space •A thriving main street with local coffee shops, bookstores, boutiques, and bakeries •Weekend markets, live music, outdoor dining, and festivals that draw people in •Trails, native landscaping, and parks that connect nature and community •A town with soul—where people choose to stop, explore, and stay We don't need more concrete—we need more character. Let's invest in what makes our town feel alive, walkable, and uniquely us.
F	18-34	Dem	N	Less 5	Colliers Hill	2	Local restaurants and vibrant parks. Safe places to gather.

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F	18-34	Dem	N	Less 5	Colliers Hill	2	Locally owned shops, community based economy, community events held at town center, no corporate companies ie starbucks, friendly, welcoming, shops that allow high schoolers or college students opportunities for employment
F	18-34	Dem	N	Less 5	Colliers Hill	2	To me, small towns are safe, quiet, pedestrian friendly with emphasis on the community - community events, community places. No tall buildings, light traffic.
M	18-34	Dem	N	Less 5	Colliers Hill	2	A small town feel is a downtown with no traffic lights, where local businesses dominate the Main Street and houses surround the immediate downtown area.
M	18-34	Dem	N	Less 5	Colliers Hill	2	In Colorado, a small town feel starts with the history of the town. For Erie, that means a close, active, and family oriented community that maintains its historic western feel. Give people reasons to go to downtown Erie (like the summer markets on Thursdays - love that). This makes a community feel closely linked and I think that lends itself to a small town.
M	18-34	Dem	N	Less 5	Colliers Hill	2	No excessively tall buildings, light traffic at worst, local businesses, pedestrian friendly, safe, town events
O	18-34	Dem	N	Less 5	Colliers Hill	2	A close community with ample opportunities for the outdoors and volunteer.
F	35-44	Dem	N	Less 5	Colliers Hill	2	Cozy walkable downtown with a few familiar businesses
F	35-44	Dem	N	Less 5	Colliers Hill	2	No busy roads like highways, single or 2 story buildings, town events like a fireworks display or a parade with local school marching bands
F	35-44	Dem	N	Less 5	Colliers Hill	2	People coming together for community events, a great downtown area for people to meet for food, shops, and local charm. Not by only adding more and more housing to Erie because it will only create more strangers than a small town feel
F	35-44	Dem	N	Less 5	Colliers Hill	2	Walkable spaces, lots of free community spaces, excellent libraries and recreation centers, diverse local businesses supported
M	35-44	Dem	N	Less 5	Colliers Hill	2	Downtown with locally owned shops and restaurants. Access to parks and schools. Low traffic. Town events to cement a strong identity.

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F	45-54	Dem	N	Less 5	Colliers Hill	2	A main street downtown with shops and fairs, events (like Boo on Briggs, Eerie Erie 5K), and community pride
F	45-54	Dem	N	Less 5	Colliers Hill	2	Being able to get the things we want and need in our own community. Being able live, play and shop here. Feeling like a real inclusive community that cares about all of us.
F	45-54	Dem	N	Less 5	Colliers Hill	2	It doesn't really exist anymore due to this massive growth.
F	45-54	Dem	N	Less 5	Colliers Hill	2	Knowing your neighbors and having events and programs to interact with them.
F	45-54	Dem	N	Less 5	Colliers Hill	2	walkable downtown, community events, safe streets and trails
F	45-54	Dem	N	Less 5	Colliers Hill	2	Walkable, lots of green ways, locally owned businesses instead of big corpo owned parking lot surrounded box stores. Needs a variety of housing options though.
M	45-54	Dem	N	Less 5	Colliers Hill	2	Small town feel to me means the kind of place where everyone is welcome and feels safe. The kind of place where you know your neighbors, business owners, and everyone looks out for one another.
F	55-64	Dem	N	Less 5	Colliers Hill	2	Community focused, family and dog friendly
F	55-64	Dem	N	Less 5	Colliers Hill	2	I like the Main Street with restaurants. Outdoor seating, Farmer's market on Tuesday's. Little shops. Churches. Not to much corporate brick and mortar shops. Nice parks built for multiple ages and relaxation.
F	55-64	Dem	N	Less 5	Colliers Hill	2	Independent owned businesses. Not a lot of big box stores.
F	55-64	Dem	N	Less 5	Colliers Hill	2	It's the community aspect of Erie. I see my neighbors at the rec center, or the library, or old town.
F	55-64	Dem	N	Less 5	Colliers Hill	2	Limited chain stores and restaurants. Already too many fast food chains. Keep the stores and restaurants as local as possible and make areas accessible by bike or walking trails
F	55-64	Dem	N	Less 5	Colliers Hill	2	Lots of local businesses, community spaces like Rec Center
F	55-64	Dem	N	Less 5	Colliers Hill	2	Where neighbors know each other and support each other
M	55-64	Dem	N	Less 5	Colliers Hill	2	Briggs Street
M	55-64	Dem	N	Less 5	Colliers Hill	2	Historic buildings, early closing, no night life, community parks and services

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M	55-64	Dem	N	Less 5	Colliers Hill	2	Inclusive year-round events, commercial / restaurant anchors, town involvement in all of the above
F	65+	Dem	N	Less 5	Colliers Hill	2	A charming downtown area with restaurants, shops, gathering areas.
F	65+	Dem	N	Less 5	Colliers Hill	2	Knowing your neighbors, helping each other out. Support for locally owned business's
F	65+	Dem	N	Less 5	Colliers Hill	2	Less industrial looking apartments, condos and town homes. Less overcrowding of building. Less businesses in strip looking malls.
F	65+	Dem	N	Less 5	Colliers Hill	2	Locally owned shops and restaurants with space to gather
F	65+	Dem	N	Less 5	Colliers Hill	2	Places for people to gather.
F	65+	Dem	N	Less 5	Colliers Hill	2	Protected old downtown, free community events like markets, fireworks, Halloween...
F	65+	Dem	N	Less 5	Colliers Hill	2	Proximity to lots of birds, farm animals (horses, cows, pigs); relatively light traffic, even during rush hour, and very friendly neighbors! Lots of town events (farmers' market, activities for families, and access to swimming pools. We love the restaurants on Briggs Street – so convenient and a variety of options
F	65+	Dem	N	Less 5	Colliers Hill	2	Since moving here, the "small town feel" to me is only in the downtown area - you have some locally owned businesses, restaurants that are very nice to have nearby. But, the housing is exploding since we purchased our home, so it seems like we are almost moving toward becoming a bedroom community to Boulder. To me it's a suburban not small town feel - I lived in a small town of 500 people for 40 years that was located 45 minutes from shopping opportunities - that's why I like the fact that I can easily access what I need close to my home here in Erie - it's not a small town!
F	65+	Dem	N	Less 5	Colliers Hill	2	Small but inclusive, classic but new, changes when necessary but homey feel
F	65+	Dem	N	Less 5	Colliers Hill	2	Walk ability! Fewer big streets.
F	65+	Dem	N	Less 5	Colliers Hill	2	Walkable, quaint, community oriented, with access to services within (doctors, dentists, etc), nearby options for good restaurants. Fairs, etc.
M	65+	Dem	N	Less 5	Colliers Hill	2	Knowing your neighbors and the local businesses
M	65+	Dem	N	Less 5	Colliers Hill	2	Lively Main Street, good neighbors, low crime rate

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M	65+	Dem	N	Less 5	Colliers Hill	2	Neighborhoods that are accessible to local businesses.
M	35-44	Rep	N	Less 5	Colliers Hill	2	Not green-lighting multiple new sub-divisions all at once. Not allowing large 18-wheel trucks to openly drive through Erie at all hours. A small-town feel is keeping a small town...small.
F	55-64	Rep	N	Less 5	Colliers Hill	2	Neighbors and churches that care for one another. Walkable downtown with businesses that service the majority of needs (Erie does not have either of these)
F	55-64	Rep	N	Less 5	Colliers Hill	2	To me a small-town feel means you know you'll see the person(s) again so you treat them well. Respectful of public places and in traffic. etc. Treat you neighborhood and town like it is yours.
F	65+	Rep	N	Less 5	Colliers Hill	2	"Mom-and-pop" shopping downtown; Community events to draw people together; Adequate parking for events
F	65+	Rep	N	Less 5	Colliers Hill	2	A feeling of community involvement
F	65+	Rep	N	Less 5	Colliers Hill	2	Welcoming, friendly, local access, walkable, community vibe, inclusive, active
M	65+	Rep	N	Less 5	Colliers Hill	2	Friendly, safe, less downtown traffic, accessible by walking/biking, family friendly shops, no panhandling
M	65+	Rep	N	Less 5	Colliers Hill	2	Lots of people out and about, interacting - safe, active: parks, events, neighborhoods, small businesses
M	65+	Rep	N	Less 5	Colliers Hill	2	Small town Main Street Community activities Locally owned businesses
M	65+	Rep	N	Less 5	Colliers Hill	2	Vibrant downtown and plenty of parks and places where residents/kids can congregate play and interact.
M	65+	Rep	N	Less 5	Colliers Hill	2	Walkability, restaurants
F	35-44	Unaf	Y	11-20	Colliers Hill	2	Knowing the people at events and activities
F	35-44	Unaf	Y	11-20	Colliers Hill	2	Knowing your neighbors, being involved in community, having events and spaces that bring people together
F	35-44	Unaf	Y	11-20	Colliers Hill	2	People always know each other, there's not much traffic, people are out walking and enjoying the town.
F	35-44	Unaf	Y	11-20	Colliers Hill	2	Safety and security of kids

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M	35-44	Unaf	Y	11-20	Colliers Hill	2	A place where you know your neighbors well and can count on them in an emergency. It's a place where everything you need is within a 10 minute drive. It's a safe place where people are friendly, respectful, and willing to freely share of their time and resources.
M	35-44	Unaf	Y	11-20	Colliers Hill	2	Routes that go through main stree, walkability, no apartments
M	35-44	Unaf	Y	11-20	Colliers Hill	2	Sense of community. A place where kids can play outside safely.
F	45-54	Unaf	Y	11-20	Colliers Hill	2	A place where people know each other and spend time together at various places within the community (libraries, parks, pools, events, etc)
F	45-54	Unaf	Y	11-20	Colliers Hill	2	Events that promote being together (Boo on Briggs, Annual town fair), supporting the football team (homecoming parade, Friday night lights), senior parades and other HS events.
F	45-54	Unaf	Y	11-20	Colliers Hill	2	No chain restaurants in town. Keep the old town area local. More connecting trails from CH into old town.
F	45-54	Unaf	Y	11-20	Colliers Hill	2	Stop building houses!!! Focus on walkability, SMALL neighborhoods. AMENITIES. Ease of navigation.
M	45-54	Unaf	Y	11-20	Colliers Hill	2	An old town area where people gather (we have one). Town/cultural events that people attend. Knowing one's neighbor. Feeling safe from violent crime. Little/no traffic.
M	45-54	Unaf	Y	11-20	Colliers Hill	2	Doesn't have strip mall after strip mall with the usual string of franchises. Instead, embraces local businesses and local franchises, and still had an abundance of open spaces.
M	45-54	Unaf	Y	11-20	Colliers Hill	2	I like the small town feel. Start by reducing housing development, and density, increase open space. Incentive down revitalization similar to Louisville. Cultural centers and parks are nice as well as more community events, performances and cultural events.
M	45-54	Unaf	Y	11-20	Colliers Hill	2	It's not anymore. We don't head downtown anymore
F	35-44	Dem	Y	11-20	Colliers Hill	2	A close tight knot community
F	35-44	Dem	Y	11-20	Colliers Hill	2	Support for local businesses with a de-prioritization for chain franchises. Avoid the big box stores. Maintain focus on safety with plenty of parks and spaces available for local community events. ensure the presence and enough financial support for schools in order to avoid overpopulation.

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M	35-44	Dem	Y	11-20	Colliers Hill	2	Not this. Most people don't even utilize downtown because it is so small and cramped. I'd rather go to downtown Lafayette to eat any day. Small town should not constitute simply several expensive houses and no amenities, shops, or commercial entities to accomodate growth.
M	35-44	Dem	Y	11-20	Colliers Hill	2	When I walk down the street I feel seen and often run into folks my family knows. There isn't a huge presence from out of towners and it still feels small.
F	45-54	Dem	Y	11-20	Colliers Hill	2	Enough places like cultural centers, rec centers, performing arts centers and other public art areas, schools, locally owned shops, non-chain restaurants and food options, where we don't have to leave our town to feel like we have all we need to thrive.
F	45-54	Dem	Y	11-20	Colliers Hill	2	Not Erie. A cute downtown area with independent shops and restaurants, established smaller neighborhoods, walkable
F	45-54	Dem	Y	11-20	Colliers Hill	2	Not small town feeling anymore. It's already gone
F	45-54	Dem	Y	11-20	Colliers Hill	2	Seeing people I know from the community around the community often.
F	45-54	Dem	Y	11-20	Colliers Hill	2	Walkability to stores, events, restaurants. Connectivity through town and different neighborhoods by bike/walk. Quality community events. Good schools and safe walkability/pedestrian travel.
F	45-54	Dem	Y	11-20	Colliers Hill	2	We need more incentives to attract local business. Golden has a GURA program that is highly affective in attracting businesses with tax incentives etc.
M	45-54	Dem	Y	11-20	Colliers Hill	2	Knowing neighbors, small gatherings, having resources to sustain, for example staying in the city on Saturday evenings rather than having to go elsewhere for regular stuff like restaurants or entertainment.
F	55-64	Dem	Y	11-20	Colliers Hill	2	Less populated, less traffic, small mom and pop shops, small enough to where you know the majority of people in town. If you need amenities you travel to the next larger town. STOP BUILDING MORE HOMES!!! That is NOT small town living!!!
F	35-44	Rep	Y	11-20	Colliers Hill	2	Small businesses, sense of community, gatherings, fairs/festivals, people know your name, traditions
M	35-44	Rep	Y	11-20	Colliers Hill	2	Walkable or bikable, local commercial, family focused
F	45-54	Rep	Y	11-20	Colliers Hill	2	Easy to get around

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F	45-54	Rep	Y	11-20	Colliers Hill	2	Less houses
F	45-54	Rep	Y	11-20	Colliers Hill	2	Less stop lights, traffic and businesses
M	45-54	Rep	Y	11-20	Colliers Hill	2	I feel our small town feel is gone, there is too many people living here now but we don't have appropriate stores and restaurants etc.
M	45-54	Rep	Y	11-20	Colliers Hill	2	Interesting. It felt like a small town in 2003 when I first moved here. Now it feels like a nice sized town.
M	45-54	Rep	Y	11-20	Colliers Hill	2	The ideal small town is a place where community thrives, nature is accessible, and life moves at a comfortable pace. People know each other and support local businesses. The town has low crime rates and a friendly atmosphere. There would be well maintained parks, playgrounds, and community gardens to provide space for recreation and relaxation. Quality education would be a top priority with teachers dedicated to providing a supportive learning environment. Farmers markets, farm-to-table restaurants, local breweries or wineries would showcase the areas agricultural bounty. Ultimately, the ideal small town is a place where people feel connected, supported, and fulfilled. It's a place where community matters and a place where people are proud to call home.
M	55-64	Rep	Y	11-20	Colliers Hill	2	The ability ride your bike on the streets and drive across town in under 30 minutes.
O	35-44	NR	Y	11-20	Colliers Hill	2	It Sucks! Your Fucking Fireworks are shown up by neighborhood fireworks! Yea let the people shoot off fireworks and save this town the money because you Suck when it comes to that. As for your farmers markets, it's a Fucking joke, you only have vendors that want to skim you for all they can , Fucking get real Town of Erie, protect your people, because right now.... your not!
M	35-44	Unaf	N	11-20	Colliers Hill	2	Promote small business do not let the town get overrun by corporate chains. Lower property taxes to keep the people who have been here longer and not price them out. Get more efficient with the budget by cutting town payroll
F	45-54	Unaf	N	11-20	Colliers Hill	2	Limited growth. Smaller population. Knowing your neighbors. Community events.

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F	65+	Unaf	N	11-20	Colliers Hill	2	Open space. Uncrowded roads, walking to schools, walking as much as possible to events and activities.
M	65+	Unaf	N	11-20	Colliers Hill	2	Erie is not a small town feel
F	45-54	Dem	N	11-20	Colliers Hill	2	Stop putting in high density housing!!!
F	55-64	Dem	N	11-20	Colliers Hill	2	A limited amount of housing surrounded by quaint parks,soccer,baseball fields etc. Small shops and businesses that epitomize what a small town is
M	55-64	Dem	N	11-20	Colliers Hill	2	Not Erie anymore. Seems all town is worried about is increasing population
M	45-54	Rep	N	11-20	Colliers Hill	2	Sense of community brought together to support local events and businesses. Slower pace of life (less people), easy travel, more parks/open spaces and something we all can rally around to drive a close knit feeling.
F	65+	NR	N	11-20	Colliers Hill	2	Less traffic; less people in shops and restaurants; less thefts and crime
F	18-34	Unaf	Y	More 20	Colliers Hill	2	Community involvement with the high school, going to watch football games, having cheer and band show up to community events. Being familiar with other people and people who work in the community.
M	45-54	Unaf	Y	More 20	Colliers Hill	2	Don't come to Erie to change it. Come to Erie to have it change you. Add some businesses or industry to offset the residential burden.
M	45-54	Unaf	Y	More 20	Colliers Hill	2	No streets in town over 2 lanes wide
F	35-44	Dem	Y	More 20	Colliers Hill	2	The small town feel is where people are active in town and make connections with each other. Events in town and opportunities to see others really help that.
M	45-54	Dem	Y	More 20	Colliers Hill	2	We are no longer a small town feel. We are a town of homes and homes only. A town as business that residents can shop and eat at from small ma and pop shops.
F	35-44	Rep	Y	More 20	Colliers Hill	2	Town activities that we can walk/ride to on trails. Fireworks, farmers market, splash park.
F	45-54	Rep	Y	More 20	Colliers Hill	2	Unique architecture, small locally owned businesses, unique restaurants, open space, community areas for families. What doesn't feel small town are big ugly shopping centers with garbage food.

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M	45-54	Rep	Y	More 20	Colliers Hill	2	Community events like town fair and farmers market. Going downtown and seeing people you know.
M	45-54	Rep	Y	More 20	Colliers Hill	2	Local restaurants, coffee shops, farmers markets, town fairs, good businesses but no tall buildings. Parks, pools, trees, trails, no landfill!!!!
M	45-54	Unaf	N	More 20	Colliers Hill	2	Knowing your neighbors, having local businesses to support the communities needs
M	55-64	Unaf	N	More 20	Colliers Hill	2	Any particular address is associated with one family
F	55-64	Dem	N	More 20	Colliers Hill	2	Lots of open space, bike paths, parks
M	55-64	Dem	N	More 20	Colliers Hill	2	Less people
M	65+	Dem	N	More 20	Colliers Hill	2	The small town feel Erie use to have incorporated a blend of neighborhoods along side farms and ranches. A bit of a rural feel. Local businesses that could be staffed by people that could afford to live in the town.
M	35-44	Rep	N	More 20	Colliers Hill	2	Events geared towards families. The firework show used to be amazing on the 3rd at vista ridge and is now terrible. Restaurants in walking distance, water parks, sledding hill, pools. Police safety, places and events for young families make it feel small town.
F	55-64	Rep	N	More 20	Colliers Hill	2	Knowing neighbors, town events (parade,fair,etc.) local shopping and unique shopping
F	55-64	Rep	N	More 20	Colliers Hill	2	You are able to walk places. You know your neighbors. You would rather hang out in Erie than go to Denver or Boulder. It is family friendly.
M	55-64	Rep	N	More 20	Colliers Hill	2	see Google AI overview
M	55-64	Rep	N	More 20	Colliers Hill	2	Single family homes with large parks and open areas. Mix of semi-rural properties with lower density housing. Preservation of mountain views. Traffic that is not restrictive and moves. A place where the pace of life is not rushed and crushed and people live on top of one another in complex after complex. I've commuted to south Denver for 20 years so that I could live this way with my family. I could have moved to Highlands Ranch, but that lifestyle sucks.
M	35-44	Dem	Y	Ref	Colliers Hill	2	Downtown shopping core, walk and bike ability
M	18-34	Rep	Y	Ref	Colliers Hill	2	Close community. Knowing your neighbors. Supporting the high school and other schools. Community events.

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F	55-64	Unaf	N	Ref	Colliers Hill	2	Keeping Briggs the center focus of our town, with festivals, rec center, library, etc where it is located.
F	65+	Oth	N	Ref	Colliers Hill	2	Walkability Slow traffic No big stores
M	18-34	Unaf	Y	6-10	Colliers Hill	2	Nicely maintained main Street with shops. No industrial part of town or high rises.
O	18-34	Unaf	Y	6-10	Colliers Hill	2	A close-knit community where people know each other, life moves at a slower, more relaxed pace, and there's a strong sense of safety and neighborliness. It means less traffic and noise, more open spaces like parks, and a welcoming atmosphere where local businesses and traditions are valued. It's about feeling connected, comfortable, and part of a community rather than living in a crowded, fast-paced city.
F	35-44	Unaf	Y	6-10	Colliers Hill	2	Being able to know your neighbors. Local stores, local community events
F	35-44	Unaf	Y	6-10	Colliers Hill	2	Community events, knowing neighbors, not too many houses, involvement of the community with the schools and schools giving back to the community.
F	35-44	Unaf	Y	6-10	Colliers Hill	2	Feels safe, friendly, not too crowded; easy free parking downtown; locally owned independent businesses; unique local events
F	35-44	Unaf	Y	6-10	Colliers Hill	2	Going to old town and seeing people you go to church with, school with , play sports with but also new faces.
F	35-44	Unaf	Y	6-10	Colliers Hill	2	Going to parks, downtown Erie, the Rec Center or library, and you see familiar faces all the time. It still feels safe to live here but I'm worried about the town growing that this will change.
F	35-44	Unaf	Y	6-10	Colliers Hill	2	I love when there are events hosted at Erie that I see families from my neighborhood and my school district. There is a sense of community at events and in the downtown area. I love our small but robust downtown.
F	35-44	Unaf	Y	6-10	Colliers Hill	2	Knowing people around town, having services within walking distance
F	35-44	Unaf	Y	6-10	Colliers Hill	2	Local businesses, yearly events the town looks forward to each year.

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F	35-44	Unaf	Y	6-10	Colliers Hill	2	Lots of open spaces, can bike or walk safely everywhere. Moms and pop / indépendant shops and restaurants. No chains or fastfood. Lots of parks and playgrounds for kids. No high rises, apartment buildings and very little attached dwelling. If there are apartment buildings or attached dwellings those should be localized where it make sense: 9 miles, the highway 7 axis and NOT neighborhoods.
F	35-44	Unaf	Y	6-10	Colliers Hill	2	Low crime, high percentage of home ownership, small downtown area
F	35-44	Unaf	Y	6-10	Colliers Hill	2	No large apartment complexes. Not a lot of traffic. Being able to walk or bike to and from different stores/restaurants. No big box stores.
F	35-44	Unaf	Y	6-10	Colliers Hill	2	Pedestrian/cyclist friendly, not crowded in public places, clean
F	35-44	Unaf	Y	6-10	Colliers Hill	2	Running into people at local places- hence, if we actually had restaurants, grocery stores, bars, places like that is how you keep that small town feel.
F	35-44	Unaf	Y	6-10	Colliers Hill	2	Small town feel is everyone knows everyone, local businesses are supported, people put into the community because people know one another... not a bedroom community which is what I fear Erie is turning into but a true small town.
F	35-44	Unaf	Y	6-10	Colliers Hill	2	Supportive community with diverse events and ways to meet others
F	35-44	Unaf	Y	6-10	Colliers Hill	2	Town specific activities and annual traditions (homecoming parade/senior parade, Boo on Briggs, Parade of Lights), visibility of mayor and town officials, coffee with cops (love that Erie does this!), town excitement over athletics and activities.
F	35-44	Unaf	Y	6-10	Colliers Hill	2	We are not a small town, we have a small town feel downtown but otherwise we are a booming metro district and continues to grow without proper resources to maintain the growth
M	35-44	Unaf	Y	6-10	Colliers Hill	2	A connected community
M	35-44	Unaf	Y	6-10	Colliers Hill	2	A small-town feel means that there are connections among community members. While people won't know everyone, they know a lot of the people in the community and have connections to businesses and other community institutions. The actual size of the town is less important than the connections that exist between members of the community.

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M	35-44	Unaf	Y	6-10	Colliers Hill	2	By keeping downtown (Briggs) the way it is. Expansion should happen around that area with keeping the charm of downtown.
M	35-44	Unaf	Y	6-10	Colliers Hill	2	Community based events, there aren't overwhelmed by people
M	35-44	Unaf	Y	6-10	Colliers Hill	2	Events, walkability,
M	35-44	Unaf	Y	6-10	Colliers Hill	2	Keeping things within the town. Work, play, and home.
M	35-44	Unaf	Y	6-10	Colliers Hill	2	Little to no crime
M	35-44	Unaf	Y	6-10	Colliers Hill	2	Not overbearing safety ordinances and speed limits. Not Endless Housing Growth. Not keeping people poor through deed restricted affordable housing builds.
M	35-44	Unaf	Y	6-10	Colliers Hill	2	Small town feel with big heart. Community and family focus with safety and security as top priority.
M	35-44	Unaf	Y	6-10	Colliers Hill	2	What's going on now with events and community
M	35-44	Unaf	Y	6-10	Colliers Hill	2	You run into people you know.
O	35-44	Unaf	Y	6-10	Colliers Hill	2	Not overlay crowded with housing with mom and pop shops and including a grocery store
F	45-54	Unaf	Y	6-10	Colliers Hill	2	Being able to get everything I need from my town without having to drive all day to get it all. More variety in stores, restaurants, entertainment, services, education, and industry.
F	45-54	Unaf	Y	6-10	Colliers Hill	2	Keeping traditions alive like the hot air balloon event and spending money to keep these events alive and bring community together. Allowing schools to actually still feel small town so addressing overcrowded schools. Less housing and prioritizing open spaces for those already populating Erie.
F	45-54	Unaf	Y	6-10	Colliers Hill	2	Lots of small businesses. Limited chain stores/restaurants. Small events that are not overcrowded (you should see your neighbors there, but not have it overwhelm the "system" (parking, bathrooms, etc)
F	45-54	Unaf	Y	6-10	Colliers Hill	2	Mom and pop shops. A designated Main Street, for us Briggs, a walkable downtown, aesthetically pleasing design of shopping areas and municipal buildings
F	45-54	Unaf	Y	6-10	Colliers Hill	2	Nicer people. This town is SNOBBY and for no good reason. It's gross. Change that!

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F	45-54	Unaf	Y	6-10	Colliers Hill	2	No box stores or chain restaurants. A variety of small businesses and lots of town sponsored events.
F	45-54	Unaf	Y	6-10	Colliers Hill	2	The small town feel is lost and flooded with people who are moving in. Too much building and overcrowded
F	45-54	Unaf	Y	6-10	Colliers Hill	2	We are losing the small town feel!
M	45-54	Unaf	Y	6-10	Colliers Hill	2	A small-town feel is about knowing your neighbors, waving to familiar faces as you drive down the street, and feeling safe letting your kids play outside. It's a slower pace of life where people look out for one another, local businesses thrive, and there's a sense of community pride and connection that makes you feel at home.
M	45-54	Unaf	Y	6-10	Colliers Hill	2	All businesses are walkable from one to the next around a central main road
M	45-54	Unaf	Y	6-10	Colliers Hill	2	Briggs St. "Strategically acquire" some of the old-run down properties on and around it.
M	45-54	Unaf	Y	6-10	Colliers Hill	2	Knowing and being there for neighbors. Protecting those who need it.
M	45-54	Unaf	Y	6-10	Colliers Hill	2	Knowing your neighbors, having multitude of services available in walking/biking distance (including grocery!!)
M	45-54	Unaf	Y	6-10	Colliers Hill	2	Less than 40,000 people.
M	45-54	Unaf	Y	6-10	Colliers Hill	2	Not Erie
F	55-64	Unaf	Y	6-10	Colliers Hill	2	This sounds like code for people wishing Erie was still a small town but at 40,000 that is no longer the case. Growth is coming and we need to manage it in a smart way. We need to manage our water supplies and our tax rates. I am hoping the new town center as well as support of Old Town businesses will help with the small town feel. Less large chains and more small businesses please.

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F	18-34	Dem	Y	6-10	Colliers Hill	2	a quiet small town into a booming, vibrant place filled with new neighborhoods and new families. While I am excited to see our community thrive, I am also concerned that the character that makes Erie feel like a true "small town" is at risk of being overshadowed by rapid growth. When I think about the "small town feel" of Erie, I think about community and connection: •A weekend stroll down Briggs Street where neighbors greet one another by name. •One-of-a-kind local shops and restaurants where the owners are behind the counter, chatting with customers. •Buildings with unique charm, architecture, and personality—places that look and feel like they belong to Erie, not Anywhere, USA. What makes Erie special is that it doesn't feel like a row of cookie-cutter strip malls or a lineup of big chains. We have local businesses that are part of the fabric of our community, and even when we do have chains, they are small or thoughtfully placed so they fit the town's character. As we continue to grow, I hope we can expand our dining, shopping, and recreation options without losing the uniqueness that drew people to Erie in the first place. I envision development that: •Prioritizes local and small businesses over chains wherever possible. •Incorporates unique architectural styles that reflect Erie's history and personality, rather than identical box-style buildings. •Supports walkable, community-focused areas where families can gather, and where a day out feels like a connection to our town, not just a shopping trip. We have the opportunity to grow in a way that makes Erie even more vibrant without sacrificing the "small town" heart that has always made it feel like home. By carefully curating new development to include unique storefronts, local businesses, and thoughtful design, we can create a balance between progress and preservation. Thank you for
M	18-34	Dem	Y	6-10	Colliers Hill	2	High sense of community, prioritization of local businesses over national chains, charming architecture with a consistent sense of identity.

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F	35-44	Dem	Y	6-10	Colliers Hill	2	A welcoming, friendly place where you run into people you know. People who are familiar with your family and watch out for each other and your kids/elderly neighbors. Willingness to lend a hand and compromise so that everyone has a solution they can live with.
F	35-44	Dem	Y	6-10	Colliers Hill	2	A wide street with slow drivers. Neighbors that come outside to talk while kids play. Big trees that provide ample shade. Local stores, not chain restaurants. Farmers markets with local wares.
F	35-44	Dem	Y	6-10	Colliers Hill	2	Downtown events that you attend that gives you an opportunity to visit with old friends that you run into.
F	35-44	Dem	Y	6-10	Colliers Hill	2	Friendliness, accessibility, inclusion
F	35-44	Dem	Y	6-10	Colliers Hill	2	I really enjoy the small town feel and Old Town, however I think the right growth is good for our town. I am concerned about the residential development and not the proper infrastructure to sustain such growth.
F	35-44	Dem	Y	6-10	Colliers Hill	2	Safe, friendly, convenient
F	35-44	Dem	Y	6-10	Colliers Hill	2	The town is not sprawling like Broomfield or Westminster
F	35-44	Dem	Y	6-10	Colliers Hill	2	Walkability, community events/parades that support/celebrate local schools, main street with family friendly dining options, Community gathering spaces such as band shelter or concert space, a brewery or food truck establishment that has an outdoor space that is kid friendly.
M	35-44	Dem	Y	6-10	Colliers Hill	2	Great community- good parks -quality small businesses/restaurants
F	45-54	Dem	Y	6-10	Colliers Hill	2	A community that comes together doing good and hard times. A community where people from all walks of life and beliefs feel welcome and supported
F	45-54	Dem	Y	6-10	Colliers Hill	2	Community programs, small businesses, no box store or chains, like Starbucks!
F	45-54	Dem	Y	6-10	Colliers Hill	2	Focus on community events and Briggs street
F	45-54	Dem	Y	6-10	Colliers Hill	2	Having walkable communities to events and recreation. Co-locating restaurants with house. More similar to Prospect in Longmont.
F	45-54	Dem	Y	6-10	Colliers Hill	2	Hot Air balloons. Walkable spaces. Annual events. Mom and pop stores instead of big chains
F	45-54	Dem	Y	6-10	Colliers Hill	2	Kids being able to ride their bikes to the rec center , circle K and being safe, lots of trails for walking dogs, library , BCH etc all centrally located.

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F	45-54	Dem	Y	6-10	Colliers Hill	2	Knowing your neighbors, easy access to government and town officials, walkable community
F	45-54	Dem	Y	6-10	Colliers Hill	2	Locally owned businesses; knowing people when you go out.
F	45-54	Dem	Y	6-10	Colliers Hill	2	Low traffic, small crowds, keeping events personal
F	45-54	Dem	Y	6-10	Colliers Hill	2	Prioritizing local business, making the town areas walkable, events geared towards the local residents.
F	45-54	Dem	Y	6-10	Colliers Hill	2	Quiet, friendly, quaint and respect for each other. It's losing the small town feel- crowded parking, people at events.
F	45-54	Dem	Y	6-10	Colliers Hill	2	Small town is feeling safe..you know most of the people living in town. Know that the police will always be there. Know that town staff love working here and want to keep residents happy
F	45-54	Dem	Y	6-10	Colliers Hill	2	Where you know your neighbors and can access the services you need in your town from providers who also live in your town.
M	45-54	Dem	Y	6-10	Colliers Hill	2	Definitely not what's happening now. You can't have a 'small town feel,' yet keep building anywhere and everywhere, especially apartments. Not sure how you can claim 'small town feel' when the previous question about the police department mentioned the population is going to increase by 20k. Small town feel means SMALL TOWN, no other way to put it
M	45-54	Dem	Y	6-10	Colliers Hill	2	It no longer feels small town I'm sad to say. But yes that is part of what made/makes Erie special. To keep some semblance of that feeling we need to preserve our open lands, help to encourage farmers to keep their lands with tax and utility incentives, build more community building facilities like tennis courts.
M	45-54	Dem	Y	6-10	Colliers Hill	2	Open Space, walking paths, parks, downtown events, knowing your neighbor
M	18-34	Rep	Y	6-10	Colliers Hill	2	Lack of government intervention in people's lives.
M	18-34	Rep	Y	6-10	Colliers Hill	2	Small community and events in downtown. Feeling safe and being able to walk without worry
F	35-44	Rep	Y	6-10	Colliers Hill	2	A small town feel is having a vibrant downtown where people can connect and engage. Events and celebrations make the town feel special. Iconic places to eat make it feel special. Rapid growth does not.

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F	35-44	Rep	Y	6-10	Colliers Hill	2	Cute main street, charming restaurants/coffee shops/stores that are unique to our small town, familiar faces, town events to build community
F	35-44	Rep	Y	6-10	Colliers Hill	2	Friendly neighbors who know each other, small businesses on the main downtown streets (Briggs, etc)
M	35-44	Rep	Y	6-10	Colliers Hill	2	A sense of community where local businesses have a vested and emotional interest in high quality of life in Erie. One high school for all the kids in town to attend where the town's residents can all get behind that school's events and activities.
M	35-44	Rep	Y	6-10	Colliers Hill	2	A small-town feel is the feeling of safety and security. A place where families shouldn't worry about theft, or bad areas. If a door of left unlocked or a car window left rolled-down, it's not an issue. It's a combination of neighborhoods and farmlands.
M	35-44	Rep	Y	6-10	Colliers Hill	2	Having options that are small family-run businesses that are not corporate. Corporate being like Starbucks coffee, Domino's, taco Bell these big corporations can be found anywhere and don't make the town unique, keeping it local and family owned makes the small town unique and feel like home otherwise I could live anywhere and get Starbucks and Taco Bell
M	35-44	Rep	Y	6-10	Colliers Hill	2	I love that Main Street has great restaurants and farmers markets
M	35-44	Rep	Y	6-10	Colliers Hill	2	Preserving open spaces, preventing overcrowding, no large/dense apartment complexes, no large stores/franchises (grocery stores, department stores)
M	35-44	Rep	Y	6-10	Colliers Hill	2	Small, local businesses. Town functions like Boo on Briggs, fireworks, music in the park, splash pad.
M	35-44	Rep	Y	6-10	Colliers Hill	2	Where you know your neighbors and attend community events together
F	45-54	Rep	Y	6-10	Colliers Hill	2	An affordable downtown with diverse options for retail and entertainment
F	45-54	Rep	Y	6-10	Colliers Hill	2	Being able to walk to restaurants and activities. Leaving as a town which the people live in enjoy
F	45-54	Rep	Y	6-10	Colliers Hill	2	Having thriving local businesses that aren't taxed excessively or go bankrupt bc of rent, when there are local functions like farmers market, fireworks etc you see people you know, being able to find parking or have access to large functions

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F	45-54	Rep	Y	6-10	Colliers Hill	2	Local amenities like restaurants/shopping/coffee shops, backing of our school's academics and sports, fun festivals and activities that are free (fireworks, parades, etc...), free from political partisanship, you don't have to leave town to get needs/wants met, while around town you bump into people you know
M	45-54	Rep	Y	6-10	Colliers Hill	2	Being able to move around without major crowds. Family feel that isn't too expensive to enjoy.
M	45-54	Rep	Y	6-10	Colliers Hill	2	Erie is past a small town feel
M	45-54	Rep	Y	6-10	Colliers Hill	2	In my humble opinion the following are the traits of a small town with a small-town: - less traffic and noise combine with walkability - community events that most want to attend - main street with locally owned restaurants, cafes, shops and businesses - connection to nature (open spaces, farmland)
M	45-54	Rep	Y	6-10	Colliers Hill	2	Low traffic, good schools, good parks, humble and small city government, friendly police and fire that are involved in the community.
F	35-44	Oth	Y	6-10	Colliers Hill	2	Recognizing people that you know around town, ability to sign up for events without a line, less traffic, remnants of the old town still around like older farm houses and land, safe- being able to let kids bike and walk in pairs without fear, small town events - but not being overcrowded ((it's hard because I know people are here for these things and we came in 2016 so we're not the oldest residents, but some of what's happening now feels like cramming in housing and creating a congested commuter town)
F	18-34	Unaf	N	6-10	Colliers Hill	2	The building of a million homes now no longer makes this a small town and there are no businesses here for me to support, so I drive out of town to support other communities instead.
M	18-34	Unaf	N	6-10	Colliers Hill	2	I believe Erie is passed the all town feel that once was. Granted, going to downtown Erie does feel that way during events and such. But a small town feel describes a place where everyone knows each other, people are charismatic towards each other for no particular reason, lots of mom and pop shops, etc. And I don't feel that Erie has that.

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M	35-44	Unaf	N	6-10	Colliers Hill	2	I love the small town feel but that's already gone! With the build of colliers hill, Erie highlands, vista ridge, this isn't a small town any longer!
M	35-44	Unaf	N	6-10	Colliers Hill	2	Local shops, kind people, decent amount of open space but not rural
M	35-44	Unaf	N	6-10	Colliers Hill	2	Quiet and peaceful.
M	35-44	Unaf	N	6-10	Colliers Hill	2	Small town feel is no large water parks, no performance centers and focuses on small unique businesses that are locally owned and operated. No large chain restaurants or attractions.
F	45-54	Unaf	N	6-10	Colliers Hill	2	Downtown has the downtown feel. Small streets only a couple really have stores and shops. But everyone doesn't know everyone like a small town. Erie has grown to be bigger so outside of down town doesn't feel small town.
F	45-54	Unaf	N	6-10	Colliers Hill	2	Keeping the population at 44000 and NOT grow it to 60000
F	45-54	Unaf	N	6-10	Colliers Hill	2	Not too congested and great trail and park system
F	45-54	Unaf	N	6-10	Colliers Hill	2	Preservation of old town area, holding town events like the hot air balloon event, boo on briggs and farmers market.
F	45-54	Unaf	N	6-10	Colliers Hill	2	Realistically is is supporting your neighbors, having local businesses. Not becoming too costly and forcing people out. Stop raising property taxes.
F	45-54	Unaf	N	6-10	Colliers Hill	2	Small town feel is not a lot of homes, having events for the people live in Erie.
F	45-54	Unaf	N	6-10	Colliers Hill	2	small, safe, walkable downtown, not a ton of high density housing.
F	55-64	Unaf	N	6-10	Colliers Hill	2	Being able to shop and dine in town around people you know/have gotten to know. As well as functions for the town
F	55-64	Unaf	N	6-10	Colliers Hill	2	Having what you need to access on a daily basis within two miles.
F	55-64	Unaf	N	6-10	Colliers Hill	2	I feel the old town main area with the restaurants, events, and any type of get together helps encourage the feeling of a small community. Accessibly for these events needs to be looked at.
F	55-64	Unaf	N	6-10	Colliers Hill	2	The way residents interact with each other and events from Being Better Neighbors and the Chamber. Also, having a thriving Briggs Street where people can shop, eat and gather.
F	55-64	Unaf	N	6-10	Colliers Hill	2	Walkable areas with smaller scale businesses

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F	55-64	Unaf	N	6-10	Colliers Hill	2	Walkable. Connected to trails. Lots of local business and restaurants. Police presence. The cemetery looks like a wasteland. Needs landscape and layout improvement to make it more park like. Fireworks were lame. Need a much bigger indoor pool for more seasonal use.
M	55-64	Unaf	N	6-10	Colliers Hill	2	A place where people of all ages feel comfortable and welcomed, and where there are activities and events year round that celebrate the community.
M	55-64	Unaf	N	6-10	Colliers Hill	2	Cant happen if we grow.
M	55-64	Unaf	N	6-10	Colliers Hill	2	Friendly people. Respectfully behavior.
M	55-64	Unaf	N	6-10	Colliers Hill	2	I'd build out in the same density the current 'downtown' feel a few more blocks of retail. Adding more useful services to draw people for each period of the day to spend money.
M	55-64	Unaf	N	6-10	Colliers Hill	2	It is a community that feels like you are part of a community accepting people of different races, religion, sexual orientation etc. (without that feel like a hick town not a small-town). You have events that are family friendly, an atmosphere of friendliness. No large business where 1 or 2 becomes the economic backbone of the community. You can have big stores for convivences like a target, Walmart, Safeway, etc. but not big shopping centers. Traffic management and total traffic changes the feel. Once you get into gridlocks etc no longer small town feel.
M	55-64	Unaf	N	6-10	Colliers Hill	2	lack of fast food everywhere, lighter road traffic, walkable dining options
M	55-64	Unaf	N	6-10	Colliers Hill	2	Low taxes
M	55-64	Unaf	N	6-10	Colliers Hill	2	We are getting past that feeling. Stop the residential building. No building should be bigger then the community center, size and height.
F	65+	Unaf	N	6-10	Colliers Hill	2	Not so many condos and apartments.
F	65+	Unaf	N	6-10	Colliers Hill	2	Quaint downtown, tree lined streets with homes on larger lots, less density.
F	65+	Unaf	N	6-10	Colliers Hill	2	Safe and easy to get around.
M	65+	Unaf	N	6-10	Colliers Hill	2	Know your neighbor Feel safe Enjoy community activities
M	65+	Unaf	N	6-10	Colliers Hill	2	Quiet, unhurried, friendly
M	65+	Unaf	N	6-10	Colliers Hill	2	The feel old town has
F	18-34	Dem	N	6-10	Colliers Hill	2	I grew up in rural Virginia, so honestly not sure what "small town" is here.

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F	35-44	Dem	N	6-10	Colliers Hill	2	Walkable, locally owned restaurants and businesses, community events that bring us together.
M	35-44	Dem	N	6-10	Colliers Hill	2	I view small towns as having cute, quaint, non-chain restaurants and shopping, not overwhelmed with traffic, pretty landscaping
F	45-54	Dem	N	6-10	Colliers Hill	2	Cozy, local events
F	45-54	Dem	N	6-10	Colliers Hill	2	Keeping Briggs St walkable, small local restaurants and stores, and maintaining the small, old miner homes that and architecture that keep the character of the town. No big box anything.
F	45-54	Dem	N	6-10	Colliers Hill	2	Lots of open space, quaint down town, unique and not strip-mall buildings - more beautiful and not congested
M	45-54	Dem	N	6-10	Colliers Hill	2	Safe and friendly community where residents treat each other with respect and kindness.
F	55-64	Dem	N	6-10	Colliers Hill	2	Community I can walk without worrying about overcrowding. More people the greater need for more schools, infrastructure to keep pace with overgrowth. Park and free range spaces not being maintained. Homelessness growth in community.
F	55-64	Dem	N	6-10	Colliers Hill	2	Walkable, lots of shops, restaurants, and parks space, safe, friendly, community events for people to get to know each other.
M	55-64	Dem	N	6-10	Colliers Hill	2	A pedestrian friendly downtown, civic events.
F	65+	Dem	N	6-10	Colliers Hill	2	Friendly shops. We aren't crazy about the current restaurants. Clean, classy interiors, and not weird food would be good. Walkable (Erie is) summer concerts in the park from 5 pm to 7 pm. (Kid friendly) Erie is doing well!
F	65+	Dem	N	6-10	Colliers Hill	2	Sense of community, being able to shop within town limits, support small businesses
F	65+	Dem	N	6-10	Colliers Hill	2	Walkability
M	65+	Dem	N	6-10	Colliers Hill	2	Minimal or no multi story buildings. Continued enhancement of old time downtown.
M	18-34	Rep	N	6-10	Colliers Hill	2	Community where everyone feels welcomed and everyone knows everyone
M	35-44	Rep	N	6-10	Colliers Hill	2	The close knit community with estetically pleasing architecture mixed with beautiful landscaping. Friendly, purposeful without being pompous.

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M	45-54	Rep	N	6-10	Colliers Hill	2	People enjoy their town. They feel safe and know that they are welcome no matter their race, religion, etc. they have places to go and the shopping is abundant,
F	55-64	Rep	N	6-10	Colliers Hill	2	Being able to walk to restaurants in the downtown area, events in the downtown area or near the rec center, well-maintained neighborhoods,etc.
F	55-64	Rep	N	6-10	Colliers Hill	2	Cute stores downtown for eating and shopping, parks, walking and bike paths, community activities
F	55-64	Rep	N	6-10	Colliers Hill	2	I believe the small-town feel comes from community events and areas for people to gather.
M	55-64	Rep	N	6-10	Colliers Hill	2	Local businesses and local events. We like the atmosphere down on Briggs with the park, Erie Social Club, piripi, etc.
F	65+	Rep	N	6-10	Colliers Hill	2	Traffic isn't bad, having a grocery store, nice mainly local restaurants, a few chain.
M	65+	Rep	N	6-10	Colliers Hill	2	A vibrant downtown and mini small businesses
M	65+	Rep	N	6-10	Colliers Hill	2	Lots of locally owned businesses and less traffic. I also hate to see so much farmland being developed.
F	65+	Unaf	N	Less 5	Cottages at Erie Village	2	Knowing neighbors, traffic moving slower with attention paid to school zones. Local vendors and arts.
F	65+	Unaf	N	11-20	Cottages at Erie Village	2	Ha! You have already taken the small town feel away.
M	65+	Unaf	N	11-20	Cottages at Erie Village	2	Long gone. Feels like highlands ranch now
M	65+	Unaf	N	11-20	Cottages at Erie Village	2	Population under 40,000
F	55-64	Unaf	N	6-10	Cottages at Erie Village	2	Knowing amd helping your neighbors. being kind and down to earth. more walking and biking, less multi lane roads, more sidewalks and some buses. smaller, slower roads. small neighborhood grocers.
F	65+	Unaf	N	6-10	Cottages at Erie Village	2	Quiet street, trees, school functions, kids sports, parades,
F	65+	Rep	N	6-10	Cottages at Erie Village	2	Small businesses, friendly, no big box stores and not residential density.
M	55-64	Dem	N	Ref	Erie Commons	2	Friendly neighbors.

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F	35-44	Unaf	Y	Less 5	Erie Highlands	2	A small-town feel is a summer night out with neighbors on Briggs, running into friends from school at the farmers market or Boo on Briggs, Saturday mornings going on a bike tour around town, and creating memories and traditions around town activities like the 4th of July fireworks.
F	35-44	Unaf	Y	Less 5	Erie Highlands	2	Community who comes together in great times and hard times. Neighbors helping neighbors. Community events that bring people together. Helping those in need.
F	35-44	Unaf	Y	Less 5	Erie Highlands	2	Knowing neighbors, village feel, small down town area
F	35-44	Unaf	Y	Less 5	Erie Highlands	2	Knowing people when you're out and about. Small, local businesses that are well-supported by community. Having a voice about what goes on in the community.
F	35-44	Unaf	Y	Less 5	Erie Highlands	2	Knowing your neighbors and having lots of programs accessible to families.
F	35-44	Unaf	Y	Less 5	Erie Highlands	2	Mixed use buildings and homes that are mostly walkable. More locally owned businesses vs chain stores. Personality of the town reflected in local events - hot air balloon day, biscuit day, boo on Briggs.
F	35-44	Unaf	Y	Less 5	Erie Highlands	2	Not a lot of houses, and being able to walk down the street or a path without being too crowded. Not a lot of traffic. Community events
F	35-44	Unaf	Y	Less 5	Erie Highlands	2	Where when you go out you see people you know. That everyone is happy to get to know others and is walkable.
F	35-44	Unaf	Y	Less 5	Erie Highlands	2	You are able to get to know your neighbors/other families well. businesses are within walking/driving distance so you don't have to travel far.
M	35-44	Unaf	Y	Less 5	Erie Highlands	2	I disagree somewhat: the sprawl of Erie makes it feel sectional and grouped, unlike what I imagine a small town.
M	35-44	Unaf	Y	Less 5	Erie Highlands	2	I don't care about a small town feel.
M	35-44	Unaf	Y	Less 5	Erie Highlands	2	Unique businesses and restaurants. Not just chain stores and restaurants
M	35-44	Unaf	Y	Less 5	Erie Highlands	2	Unsure, I think people want a strong sense of community. However, I tend to think the desire for a small town feel mainly is just a more palatable way to say they don't want things to change.

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M	35-44	Unaf	Y	Less 5	Erie Highlands	2	Walkable/bikeable. Strong sense of community. Local pride and traditions. slower pace of life.
M	35-44	Unaf	Y	Less 5	Erie Highlands	2	Walking the farmers market or attending an Erie High game and seeing people you know. Understanding what the future of the community means looks like, a community that is lockstep in their pursuit of that goal.
F	45-54	Unaf	Y	Less 5	Erie Highlands	2	Non-commercial stores, coffee shops; town events
F	45-54	Unaf	Y	Less 5	Erie Highlands	2	Small neighborhood feeling within new neighborhoods giving it a micro neighborhood feeling, esp. with the schools in them and the charming town events and parades where you see your neighbors, teachers, friends, and hairdresser all familiar faces.
F	18-34	Dem	Y	Less 5	Erie Highlands	2	Kids riding around their bikes, a lot of community events, I go to the park and know at least one person at all times. Good rec center! The town closes down when there's a football game.
F	18-34	Dem	Y	Less 5	Erie Highlands	2	Knowing your neighbors, having town events monthly or quarterly.
F	35-44	Dem	Y	Less 5	Erie Highlands	2	Community first, smaller businesses and entrepreneurs, severely limiting retail/restaurant chains
F	35-44	Dem	Y	Less 5	Erie Highlands	2	Cozy, locally owned businesses and strong community
F	35-44	Dem	Y	Less 5	Erie Highlands	2	The small town feel is old town Erie. It is small businesses. No chains or corporations. It is town events and locals supporting locals. It is single family homes and smaller homes. It's the homecoming parade and boo actually on Briggs.
F	35-44	Dem	Y	Less 5	Erie Highlands	2	Walkable streets with shops, quieter pace, relaxing, tall trees, family friendly vibe, mom and pop shops.
M	35-44	Dem	Y	Less 5	Erie Highlands	2	A town you can walk around in and easily get to the things you need and the people you want to see
M	35-44	Dem	Y	Less 5	Erie Highlands	2	Not a billion subdivisions with no local stores
M	35-44	Dem	Y	Less 5	Erie Highlands	2	Smaller buildings, community based events, open space and local culture
M	35-44	Dem	Y	Less 5	Erie Highlands	2	Things to do within walking distance. Not a lot of traffic. Not a lot of gas stations, fast food, or large shopping centers. Lots of open space. Smaller population in general.

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F	45-54	Dem	Y	Less 5	Erie Highlands	2	Independent shops, historical buildings , town events.
F	45-54	Dem	Y	Less 5	Erie Highlands	2	Quaint quirky accessible to small business
F	45-54	Dem	Y	Less 5	Erie Highlands	2	Quiet, friendly community where many people know each other. Community events are planned and executed well.
F	45-54	Dem	Y	Less 5	Erie Highlands	2	Small town is investing in the community and providing community spaces. Erie keeps jamming in houses and crowding the schools and it is losing touch with the community feel.
M	45-54	Dem	Y	Less 5	Erie Highlands	2	I think having a vibrant, small downtown is a must. Erie has that, as long as it can keep the downtown growing without it becoming unsafe
M	18-34	Rep	Y	Less 5	Erie Highlands	2	Community events. Ability to go downtown, find a parking space and get something to eat on a weekend. Safe parks, trails and neighborhoods.
M	18-34	Rep	Y	Less 5	Erie Highlands	2	Everyone knows your name. Neighbors check in on each other, there's a "give a damn" factor. People feel individually responsible for the success and upkeep of their town
M	35-44	Rep	Y	Less 5	Erie Highlands	2	Small downtown, no water parks, good town events
F	45-54	Rep	Y	Less 5	Erie Highlands	2	Community
M	55-64	Rep	Y	Less 5	Erie Highlands	2	Louisville set an example
M	18-34	Oth	Y	Less 5	Erie Highlands	2	Seeing the same people at shops, on walks. Etc.
F	18-34	Unaf	N	Less 5	Erie Highlands	2	A strong sense of community, where neighbors know each other, local traditions thrive, and life moves at a slower, more personal pace. It should be a place where familiar faces, local businesses, and shared values create a sense of belonging and trust. Despite the size of the Town, it should feel rich in connection, stability and character. A successful small town should also feel clean, safe, and welcoming.
M	18-34	Unaf	N	Less 5	Erie Highlands	2	Knowing your neighbors and respecting each other Entrepreneurs - town built and ran by the people who live there, not filled with franchises and big corporate Not filled with elected and other government officials who are involved out of self interest
M	35-44	Unaf	N	Less 5	Erie Highlands	2	Good families, safe neighborhoods, and good schools.
F	45-54	Unaf	N	Less 5	Erie Highlands	2	Small town feel to me is local and independent shops and restaurants and strong community building

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M	45-54	Unaf	N	Less 5	Erie Highlands	2	A small-town feel is neighbors socializing casually even though they are only acquaintances. While mostly driven by resident culture, the town has a role through neighborhood planning. Although every part of Erie is friendly, I have found Old Town residents to exhibit this small-town feel exceptionally well.
M	45-54	Unaf	N	Less 5	Erie Highlands	2	Community minded individuals who appreciate being together during good times and supporting each other in bad times. People who respect others WITHOUT judgement of who they love or vote for.
M	45-54	Unaf	N	Less 5	Erie Highlands	2	Quiet and walkable with an abundance of nature
F	55-64	Unaf	N	Less 5	Erie Highlands	2	Controlled development, accessible town center and neighborhoods, government responsive to existing residents
M	55-64	Unaf	N	Less 5	Erie Highlands	2	Downtown for sure. Neighborhood parks help. Lots of walking/bike paths help connect communities without getting in your car.
M	55-64	Unaf	N	Less 5	Erie Highlands	2	Not Erie!
M	55-64	Unaf	N	Less 5	Erie Highlands	2	Preservation of Old Town Erie, open spaces, traditional agriculture. De-emphasis of vehicle-centric development or the widening of any roads. Open government responsive to citizens of Erie as opposed to outside interests.
M	65+	Unaf	N	Less 5	Erie Highlands	2	Old Town, Colo Rail Bike, vast public open space/trails, neighborhood schools that kids can walk to, town government that welcomes resident involvement. Massive developments like Colliers do not enhance small town feel, but they would if they each had their own commercial center. Too late.
M	65+	Unaf	N	Less 5	Erie Highlands	2	Quickly losing that sense of community. Small town feeling does not conjure up the sense of urban sprawl that we currently are experiencing
M	18-34	Dem	N	Less 5	Erie Highlands	2	Quaint Main Street, no traffic, lots of open space
M	18-34	Dem	N	Less 5	Erie Highlands	2	Small towns are heavily centered on self-reliance. The feel this creates is one of connectedness. It's comforting to know that I have people around me who would offer help in a time of need, just as I would. Large corporations are generally resented as well (don't build a Walmart).

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F	35-44	Dem	N	Less 5	Erie Highlands	2	Quiet, downtown to host family friendly event, low cost of living, neighborly, has all the necessities within 3 miles, smaller town feel with grocery stores (less big Kroger and more Trader joes neighborly feel)
M	35-44	Dem	N	Less 5	Erie Highlands	2	Close knit community. Great community events. Lots of opportunity for interaction between businesses and residents. Improved quality of life. Historic character and charm. Continued ability to feel like a "small town" in a "big city".
F	55-64	Dem	N	Less 5	Erie Highlands	2	A place where people know, like, and respect their neighbors -- of all kinds -- all races, orientations, economic classes, etc.
M	65+	Dem	N	Less 5	Erie Highlands	2	Very nice not having heavy traffic and high density housing.
F	65+	Rep	N	Less 5	Erie Highlands	2	Open to small businesses.
F	35-44	Unaf	Y	11-20	Erie Highlands	2	Still feels separate from the urban sprawl of Denver, small enough where you can know people in the community because of shared schools, sports programs, etc., quaint old town area.
M	35-44	Unaf	Y	11-20	Erie Highlands	2	Surrounded by open space. Walkable/bikeable. Community events. Local shopping.
M	45-54	Unaf	Y	11-20	Erie Highlands	2	One high school with homecoming parade and farmers market that is welcoming to residents and visitors and supports one another through things like the food bank.
O	45-54	Unaf	Y	11-20	Erie Highlands	2	Community gathering areas (recreational and commercial/retail) where you can see others from the community you know from school or other town activities. Large scale support for all things Erie (sports teams, arts, etc) Specific traditions attended by many (fireworks, parades, festivals) Youth seeing older kids participating in activities and aspiring to do the same when older
F	35-44	Dem	Y	11-20	Erie Highlands	2	A place that always has parking where you go. A place where your kids can walk on sidewalks and play and just be a kid. Where the will of residents matter more than builders or people in power. Where everyone feels safe and accepted. The cheers theme song.

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F	35-44	Dem	Y	11-20	Erie Highlands	2	Town events where you see people you know, access to recreation activities for all ages, feeling safe to send our kids to town alone, positive experiences with police, restaurants to meet up with friends without leaving town.
F	45-54	Dem	Y	11-20	Erie Highlands	2	Getting around without too many stoplights. Being family focused and offering plenty of opportunity for community, like the farmers market etc.
F	45-54	Dem	Y	11-20	Erie Highlands	2	Town (and vent/holiday/homecoming/etc.) parades, farmers markets and fairs in center of town, a community that is very active in the schools and supports high school sports, music/art events.
M	45-54	Dem	Y	11-20	Erie Highlands	2	A small town feel has a strong sense of community including community awareness and has many services and events that bring the community together allowing everyone to enjoy the town they live in.
M	18-34	Rep	Y	11-20	Erie Highlands	2	Community focused, safe, secure
F	35-44	Rep	Y	11-20	Erie Highlands	2	Locally owned restaurants and shops, festivals and events downtown, interconnected for walking/biking access
F	45-54	Rep	Y	11-20	Erie Highlands	2	A small-town feel means knowing your neighbors, running into familiar faces at local businesses, and feeling a sense of connection and belonging. It's about having walkable public spaces, community events where people gather, and local businesses that make the town feel unique. Homes aren't packed in with no yards – there's room to breathe, green space to enjoy, and a pace that feels relaxed, not rushed. It's the opposite of feeling like just another stop in urban sprawl. I want Erie to feel like a community, not just a collection of subdivisions.
F	65+	Dem	N	11-20	Erie Highlands	2	A lovely downtown with restaurants and shops. Great parks and trails.
F	65+	Dem	N	11-20	Erie Highlands	2	Local restaurants and shops and community activities in a central location
M	65+	Dem	N	11-20	Erie Highlands	2	Not a frantic pace, less cars, less people.
F	35-44	Rep	N	11-20	Erie Highlands	2	Exact what it says, small town, stop building so many homes.

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F	35-44	Unaf	Y	More 20	Erie Highlands	2	I love Erie's small town feel. It's why we moved here but the developers are out of control. I think it's a place where you can be in the community and have local restaurants, shopping (grocery included) and businesses. A place where you can ride bikes to dinner and see friends from your community. A small community that collaborates and builds/supports OUR town, neighborhood schools and relationships. By building incessantly, we are not allowing the businesses to catch up, we're hurting property values and killing the school system. They can't keep up.
M	35-44	Unaf	Y	More 20	Erie Highlands	2	A community where people come together.
M	35-44	Unaf	Y	More 20	Erie Highlands	2	Open space, Farms, Families, Low crime rates, Small "mom and pop" businesses
F	45-54	Dem	Y	More 20	Erie Highlands	2	Hard to call Erie a small town anymore. With news as fastest growing town attention has shifted and we are still small on the infrastructure we have that is inadequate to the predicted growth
M	35-44	Rep	Y	More 20	Erie Highlands	2	Close net, friendly and respectful.
M	55-64	Rep	Y	More 20	Erie Highlands	2	Erie does not have a small town feel. Erie has a feeling of a gross, greedy endless house building machine.
F	45-54	Unaf	N	More 20	Erie Highlands	2	Supporting local businesses/restaurants. Community events, like concerts, balloons.
M	65+	Unaf	N	More 20	Erie Highlands	2	Can safely walk to restaurants and grocery store. Know people wherever you go Safe to walk and bicycle Community events
M	18-34	Dem	N	More 20	Erie Highlands	2	Safe place to live, bike and walk Good restaurants that aren't all fast food Good events like concerts and Pride and fireworks and town fair
F	65+	Dem	N	More 20	Erie Highlands	2	A community of people that would like it to not have every piece of land bought up by the builders that build poor quality housing that will be unsightly within the next 7 to 10 years, and the downtown area have small boutiques and shops.
F	35-44	Unaf	Y	6-10	Erie Highlands	2	Culture (town events), keep open spaces safe. Do not need to cram affordable multi-family housing on every parcel that is "empty"
F	35-44	Unaf	Y	6-10	Erie Highlands	2	Everything you need to do is in the town. Neighbors are friends and the town government is transparent.

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F	35-44	Unaf	Y	6-10	Erie Highlands	2	I love going places and seeing people I know, getting to know the people who work at the local stores and restaurants, not a ton of traffic when driving around, kids grow up together, you feel safe calling your kids to ride their bikes around and play in the neighborhoods, you maintain the pretty views by not over developing areas, you feel safe, there's a good community vibe, you can afford to stay, you know and help your neighbors,
F	35-44	Unaf	Y	6-10	Erie Highlands	2	Lots of local options for places to shop for staple items, events for the community. Preserving historical buildings and history.
F	35-44	Unaf	Y	6-10	Erie Highlands	2	Lots of open land, community events, walkable downtown area with an abundance of restaurants and mom and pop shops, neighborhoods with parks/pools and places for neighbors to gather. Zero or very few "big box" establishments.
M	35-44	Unaf	Y	6-10	Erie Highlands	2	An intimate town setting, small businesses, knowing your neighbors, social gatherings, one lane roads, no new housing developments, etc.
M	35-44	Unaf	Y	6-10	Erie Highlands	2	Friendly neighbors, events in downtown that bring everyone by, fewer chains stores, and a town where everything needed is nearby and where you don't need to go to other towns to fill a need.
M	35-44	Unaf	Y	6-10	Erie Highlands	2	Haha. Kiss that goodbye with all the apartments going up.
M	35-44	Unaf	Y	6-10	Erie Highlands	2	Walkable town with a small downtown Main Street. Everything in the town is connected by multiuse trails/sidewalks.
F	45-54	Unaf	Y	6-10	Erie Highlands	2	A community of neighbors who join together to make Erie a great place to live. A community who is compassionate and cares about every member who lives here.
F	45-54	Unaf	Y	6-10	Erie Highlands	2	A small town feel is community events, where neighbors know each other. Well landscaped common areas. Light traffic, easy to get to stores (walking/biking etc)
F	45-54	Unaf	Y	6-10	Erie Highlands	2	It's a small town in a big town.
F	45-54	Unaf	Y	6-10	Erie Highlands	2	Some open spaces, community events, not overdeveloped, less busy, smaller population.

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M	45-54	Unaf	Y	6-10	Erie Highlands	2	Erie is no longer a small town...but love the small businesses we visit, amazing elementary schools and the community events the town puts on.
F	65+	Unaf	Y	6-10	Erie Highlands	2	There are people to see and places to go on main street and it's safe to walk around and kids can ride their bikes to the community center and parks.
F	35-44	Dem	Y	6-10	Erie Highlands	2	I love running into familiar faces at all town events, the sense of community in neighborhoods and school (everyone always willing to help or offer assistance when needed). We love how hard our town works to keep our parks beautiful, because many of us visit and enjoy those daily. The small town feel extends through town employees, as they are always friendly, helpful and quick to offer a smile.
F	35-44	Dem	Y	6-10	Erie Highlands	2	It's the kind of town where neighbors wave as they pass, local businesses know your name, and community events bring everyone together. There's a sense of familiarity, safety, and connection—less traffic, fewer crowds, and more space to breathe. It's not just about size—it's about warmth, charm, and feeling like you belong.
F	35-44	Dem	Y	6-10	Erie Highlands	2	Knowing your neighbors, knowing business owners and supporting them as friends, community gathering events that aren't packed body to body.
F	35-44	Dem	Y	6-10	Erie Highlands	2	Lots of open space and farmland, no more new residential neighborhoods.
F	35-44	Dem	Y	6-10	Erie Highlands	2	Safe for walking and biking, opportunities for community events, not congested with traffic
F	35-44	Dem	Y	6-10	Erie Highlands	2	Walkable area with restaurants, shops, parks
M	35-44	Dem	Y	6-10	Erie Highlands	2	Eclectic shops and restaurants. Community based events.
M	35-44	Dem	Y	6-10	Erie Highlands	2	Well-kept. Buildings not exceeding 3 stories. Enough open spaces to see them "every so often" (entirely subjective)
M	35-44	Dem	Y	6-10	Erie Highlands	2	What area was 5 years ago and not where it is going now. Not enough local small businesses.
F	45-54	Dem	Y	6-10	Erie Highlands	2	Keeping the old town vibrant and appealing, not expanding too fast.

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F	45-54	Dem	Y	6-10	Erie Highlands	2	More small businesses, local foods, town events, less big box stores and chains. Less housing development. More people=less of a small town feel.
M	45-54	Dem	Y	6-10	Erie Highlands	2	Being able to walk to places, active downtown, seeing people you know at events. As for paying for the police department expansion...actually enforcing speed limits on Erie parkway would pay for this in a few months. Put up automated ticketing cameras. No one drives the speed limit. Hell, you could pay for half of it by citing people on Long's peak drive in Erie highlands.
F	35-44	Rep	Y	6-10	Erie Highlands	2	Community events where you come together and see familiar faces. Knowing your neighbors and local proprietors. When a regular member of the communities voice can be heard at town hall meetings, and not drowned out by the noise of all the others.
F	35-44	Rep	Y	6-10	Erie Highlands	2	Knowing your neighbors, continued gatherings downtown, parades, supporting local schools, participation of local schools in parades and gatherings, Erie Tiger pride
M	35-44	Rep	Y	6-10	Erie Highlands	2	A town with mostly single family homes, kids able to roam around safely, national division politics left in the state capitol, and that keeps urban blight like apartments on the outskirts by main transportation avenues like I-25.
M	35-44	Rep	Y	6-10	Erie Highlands	2	All our needs would be met locally and we would not need to leave the town for entertainment/shopping/dinning
M	35-44	Rep	Y	6-10	Erie Highlands	2	Low congestion, not much traffic, know a lot of people
F	45-54	Rep	Y	6-10	Erie Highlands	2	Community events like the farmers market, parade, fairs.
F	45-54	Rep	Y	6-10	Erie Highlands	2	Safety, those neighborhood parks, more open space
M	45-54	Rep	Y	6-10	Erie Highlands	2	Fewer people, less traffic, few or no large commercial structures or "big box" stores (e.g. no Walmarts or strip mall-type stores - Erie doesn't need another vape, mattress, or cell phone store). Friendly / neighborly vibe without the fake "we want to be like Boulder" BS behind it.
M	45-54	Rep	Y	6-10	Erie Highlands	2	Main Street hub. Multiple venues, attractions and consistent events. Limited "chain" establishments. Locally owned businesses.
F	45-54	Oth	Y	6-10	Erie Highlands	2	A town that is not so focused on additional houses and growth.

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F	35-44	NR	Y	6-10	Erie Highlands	2	Knowing your neighbors, events and bringing the community together. Lots of paths and parks connecting neighborhoods
M	45-54	NR	Y	6-10	Erie Highlands	2	Quiet, quaint. Lots of small shopping and for opportunities.
F	35-44	Unaf	N	6-10	Erie Highlands	2	Neighbors I see in/around town, people I trust, who will tell you keep an eye on your place and who you want to thank by sharing a beer with or taking them out to dinner. A town with events that bring people together and foster community. Our Fourth of July where entire neighborhoods put on professional level shows and ask anyone on the street watching to join their party.
M	35-44	Unaf	N	6-10	Erie Highlands	2	Greater sense of community, amenities located within a small area
F	45-54	Unaf	N	6-10	Erie Highlands	2	Bedroom community
F	45-54	Unaf	N	6-10	Erie Highlands	2	Safe, inclusive for everyone no matter their income.
M	45-54	Unaf	N	6-10	Erie Highlands	2	Keeping high density urban development out of Erie
M	45-54	Unaf	N	6-10	Erie Highlands	2	Walking through town and bumping into people you know. Having knowledge of the fact that some of your neighbors own the businesses in town and you want to support them (as opposed to big corporations). Attending events in town and feeling pride for your home town's active nature and priorities.
M	55-64	Unaf	N	6-10	Erie Highlands	2	A small town would be less than 20000 people and wouldn't have major feeder streets to other communities going through them.
M	55-64	Unaf	N	6-10	Erie Highlands	2	Erie is headed away from that small town feeling.
M	55-64	Unaf	N	6-10	Erie Highlands	2	Friendly, open, walkable/bikeable, lots of activities
M	55-64	Unaf	N	6-10	Erie Highlands	2	Small town feel means nothing to me. I believe it's a euphemism for "status quo" for most people. Needs emerge and we need to respond to them, not cling to the past and wither away.
F	65+	Unaf	N	6-10	Erie Highlands	2	A walkable "downtown" street with inviting restaurants, shops, etc. Community gathering places for exercise, musical/theatrical performances and/or presentations including community town halls.
F	65+	Unaf	N	6-10	Erie Highlands	2	Being able to easily speak with town employees when I have problem to resolve, having police respond quickly when needed, accountability of employees and officials
M	65+	Unaf	N	6-10	Erie Highlands	2	Excessive development conflicts with small town concept!

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M	65+	Unaf	N	6-10	Erie Highlands	2	Neighbors interacting with neighbors. Enhance that!
							What I already feel when I walk Briggs or go to the Post Office. Especially when there are Thursday activities in town. Or see people enjoying the many parks that we have.
M	65+	Unaf	N	6-10	Erie Highlands	2	
F	18-34	Dem	N	6-10	Erie Highlands	2	Erie isn't a small town
F	45-54	Dem	N	6-10	Erie Highlands	2	Having events and opportunities to bring people together.
F	65+	Dem	N	6-10	Erie Highlands	2	A vibrant downtown with promenade shops and cafes
F	65+	Dem	N	6-10	Erie Highlands	2	Less traffic Small shops Community Activities
F	65+	Dem	N	6-10	Erie Highlands	2	Local businesses, walkable downtown, lots of restaurants and keeping open space.
M	65+	Dem	N	6-10	Erie Highlands	2	You know your neighbors, feel safe to walk the streets at night, have many small owner operated businesses and shops
F	18-34	Rep	N	6-10	Erie Highlands	2	There aren't any big corporations in the town and lots of open space.
M	35-44	Rep	N	6-10	Erie Highlands	2	Go to a well run small town and find out. Do this work on your own. Asking people to describe a concept is worthless.
F	45-54	Rep	N	6-10	Erie Highlands	2	Very little traffic and space to breathe
F	55-64	Rep	N	6-10	Erie Highlands	2	Less people, less businesses, slow paced, charming, beauty and trees, and with vibrant old town restored and expanded. Many parks and trails.
M	55-64	Rep	N	6-10	Erie Highlands	2	Having a vital and historic downtown. Having concerts in the park (that mysteriously disappeared). Creating more community events.
M	55-64	Rep	N	6-10	Erie Highlands	2	Small population, small businesses
M	55-64	Rep	N	6-10	Erie Highlands	2	When there use to be 2 cars at a stop sign now there is 20. Erie parkway needs to be widened to 2 lanes each way and street lights put in.
M	65+	Rep	N	6-10	Erie Highlands	2	Local stores and restaurants; communities surrounding schools that bring families together
F	35-44	Oth	N	6-10	Erie Highlands	2	Seeing kids, by themselves or with only other kids, walking on the sidewalks and streets. This indicates it's safe enough that kids can be kids without parents worrying for their safety.
M	55-64	Oth	N	6-10	Erie Highlands	2	Calling townhall and having issues discussed honestly and timely. No more growth as we are way past the 20k of just 4 yrs ago. Respect of all people including those over 65, not a goal of 37.

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M	65+	Oth	N	6-10	Erie Highlands	2	42K top population, less traffic, embracing historic Briggs buildings and only building buildings that reflect the history. Stop runaway growth and embrace our coal and farming history. Small means no performing arts center or larger than needed police station. With the police not using the court side of the building this should be fine with just a small remote station for improved response time. 1/3 or more of the police on medical leave is suspect.
M	35-44	Unaf	Y	Less 5	Erie Village	2	Lack of giant highways and very wide roads. Mixed use neighborhoods with shops and housing. Avoiding large parking lots.
F	45-54	Unaf	Y	Less 5	Erie Village	2	What I cherish most about a small-town feel is the genuine sense of connection and belonging it fosters. It's the everyday actions—like neighbors looking out for one another, public leaders creating space for all types of people (social and economic levels) and community leaders/members stepping up to help—that make it truly inviting and inclusive. I value when a town not only welcomes all people but actively creates space for every voice to be heard and respected. A strong small-town spirit ensures that programs and services reach those who need them most, while also celebrating the rich diversity that reflects the many walks of life we see across Colorado. It's this balance of care, inclusivity, and shared pride that makes a small town feel like home.
M	55-64	Unaf	Y	Less 5	Erie Village	2	A walkable area with shops and restaurants that is the hub of the town, a feeling of community with the people around you because you share the same life.
F	35-44	Dem	Y	Less 5	Erie Village	2	Being familiar with the whole town, the neighborhoods, downtown, and the residents. Not overbuilt and overrun
F	45-54	Dem	Y	Less 5	Erie Village	2	Light traffic, ease of finding parking near my destination. Recognizing faces of my neighbors and knowing their names. Having town events open to all.
F	45-54	Dem	Y	Less 5	Erie Village	2	This is a super loaded question. Cherish is a loaded word and biased. I don't care if Erie is a small town or a larger town. I'd welcome affordable housing, more business, etc. Don't assume everyone who lives here wants a small town.

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F	18-34	Rep	Y	Less 5	Erie Village	2	Less housing expansion and more farm land, continuing events the community puts on like at the community center or library, making Briggs Street more like a Main Street, going "all out" on holiday decor.
M	45-54	Unaf	N	Less 5	Erie Village	2	I like being able to go to Old Town and seeing a vibrant downtown filled with interesting shops and restaurants that are open each day, and filled with workers who can afford to live in our town.
F	55-64	Unaf	N	Less 5	Erie Village	2	A small town feel is characterized by a strong sense of community, where people know each other and interact regularly, often with a slower pace of life and a focus on local businesses and traditions. It's a place where people feel connected and look out for one another.
F	65+	Unaf	N	Less 5	Erie Village	2	Walkable streets, non-chain restaurants
F	45-54	Dem	N	Less 5	Erie Village	2	Walkable downtown, horses, community events, farmer's market, open space.
M	45-54	Dem	N	Less 5	Erie Village	2	This is such a silly question. Why is this on here?
M	55-64	Dem	N	Less 5	Erie Village	2	Lots of small local businesses that know you. A good walking downtown area.
F	65+	Dem	N	Less 5	Erie Village	2	A vibrant downtown, filled with local establishments.
F	65+	Dem	N	Less 5	Erie Village	2	Charming downtown. Interesting neighborhoods. Activities and events for all. Welcoming look and feel with parks and tree lined streets
M	65+	Dem	N	Less 5	Erie Village	2	Charming downtown with unique, local shops and restaurants. Lots of trees, parks, trails. Friendly welcoming feel with diverse and interesting neighborhoods. Great recreational activities and community events for all. Big box retail only on outside borders.
M	65+	Rep	N	Less 5	Erie Village	2	Walkable downtown with unique local restaurants businesses. Neighborhoods centered on greenspace, trails, parks.
F	35-44	Unaf	Y	11-20	Erie Village	2	Community/people just being nicer, walkability, open space, bike riding, safety

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F	35-44	Unaf	Y	11-20	Erie Village	2	Erie is a safe community where you are bound to run into familiar faces wherever you go. We love the small, locally owned businesses and hope more corporations and chains don't come to town. We love the parks and open space—we hope the fields and "breathing room" that makes Erie so charming aren't taken over by more and more subdivisions. We would love a town pool, and it would be great if there was somewhere to paddleboard/kayak!
M	35-44	Unaf	Y	11-20	Erie Village	2	A place where you can walk to town, feel like it is safe for kids to be out and about and be safe. A place where it is a community.
M	35-44	Unaf	Y	11-20	Erie Village	2	Needs better affordable quality testraunts downtown.
F	45-54	Unaf	Y	11-20	Erie Village	2	Not being told that EPD is out of space less than 10 years after a big expansion. And by being able to see some of the rural interface rather than just sprawling neighborhoods. Being able to safely bike to and in downtown.
F	45-54	Unaf	Y	11-20	Erie Village	2	Quiet, walkable town with open spaces and local businesses. Town events on a main street with inclusive celebrations for ALL residents.
M	45-54	Unaf	Y	11-20	Erie Village	2	Good neighbors
M	45-54	Unaf	Y	11-20	Erie Village	2	No large commercial developments, light traffic, good schools
M	45-54	Unaf	Y	11-20	Erie Village	2	Not was Erie has become and is constantly marching towards. It's time to drop the "small-town" facade and admit to what we really want, a normal, boring, just like everyone else, town.
M	45-54	Unaf	Y	11-20	Erie Village	2	One that is walkable and where people are tolerant of different view points and do not engage in NIMBY-ism.
M	45-54	Unaf	Y	11-20	Erie Village	2	Walkable neighborhoods, with integrated small non chain eateries/hangouts
F	45-54	Dem	Y	11-20	Erie Village	2	Keeping the population down so we can maintain that SMALL town feel. Continue to have businesses that are wholesome in nature.
F	45-54	Dem	Y	11-20	Erie Village	2	Knowing your neighbors

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F	45-54	Dem	Y	11-20	Erie Village	2	Open space. Plenty of space between neighborhoods. Neighborhoods that are unique in architecture and community style. Area like mainstreet to walk, eat, shop, and attend activities. Numerous activities like the balloon festival, farmers market... special things to honor people in our community that is unique. I love the banners celebrating service members
F	45-54	Dem	Y	11-20	Erie Village	2	Personalized interactions with familiar people. Safety, quiet, clean, with mature trees and community spaces.
F	45-54	Dem	Y	11-20	Erie Village	2	Small population; specific to CO- bikeability to small businesses (kind of like Briggs street now). I used to live in a "small town" and would walk to a butcher shop, deli, fishmonger, an expensive clothing shop (I only browsed but it's been there for decades).
M	45-54	Dem	Y	11-20	Erie Village	2	That is why we moved here. These mega suburban developments are the exact opposite of a small town feel.
F	45-54	Unaf	N	11-20	Erie Village	2	A small town feel is living somewhere with small neighborhoods with charm and not over run by developers building cookie cutter houses on the smallest lots possible. It's locally owned restaurants and stores that cater to the towns needs. It's community events.
M	45-54	Unaf	N	11-20	Erie Village	2	The explosive growth is out of control. A small town feel only happens in a small town. It's common sense.
F	55-64	Unaf	N	11-20	Erie Village	2	Green space between sub div and other towns...low traffic congestion
M	55-64	Unaf	N	11-20	Erie Village	2	My view of a small town feel is a community that provides a feeling of safety and security; where people look out for each other; the pace of life is a little slower; dominated by local business (not dominated by Corporate structures!); a quiet environment and minimal traffic.
M	55-64	Unaf	N	11-20	Erie Village	2	Not in Erie.
F	65+	Unaf	N	11-20	Erie Village	2	Folks know each other, help each other, depend on each and don't fight with each other over issues they personally can't control. The traffic is light. Most businesses are NOT corporate franchises. Kindness and personal safety are priorities.
F	65+	Unaf	N	11-20	Erie Village	2	Know your neighbors. Being considerate of others Parking in your garage, driveway and in front of Your house not your neighbors.

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F	65+	Unaf	N	11-20	Erie Village	2	Neighbors helping each other when needed
M	65+	Unaf	N	11-20	Erie Village	2	Having lived near the recreation center for 12+ years, the commercial growth of this area was sorely lacking. Lack of the "town center" and an adequate number of retail shops at Erie Parkway and County Line Road has been a huge disappointment. It has a long way to becoming a solid "small town."
M	45-54	Dem	N	11-20	Erie Village	2	Where people are connected through infrastructure, open space, parks and community events
F	55-64	Dem	N	11-20	Erie Village	2	Friendly neighbors
F	55-64	Dem	N	11-20	Erie Village	2	Friendly neighbors who help one another.
F	65+	Dem	N	11-20	Erie Village	2	A small town is warm, welcoming, inclusive, neighborly, and friendly.
F	65+	Dem	N	11-20	Erie Village	2	Utilizing the downtown for activities, dinners-bike riding for ice cream. Having each other's back.
F	65+	Dem	N	11-20	Erie Village	2	Where your neighbors know you and watch after you
M	65+	Dem	N	11-20	Erie Village	2	Lost small town feel because of rapid growth
F	55-64	Rep	N	11-20	Erie Village	2	Basically, nonexistent. The small town feeling the town has 12 years ago is gone. A town of 45,000 plus is not a small town. Small town feel would include the ability to walk down town from wherever you lived, the ability to drive through downtown without having to stop at a stop sign at every intersection, the ability to park downtown without having to park in areas off of Briggs St. the ability to call for police assistance and have an office respond instead of a phone call, a town where elected office care enough about the citizens to answer emails, return phones calls, etc. Erle, unfortunately, no longer a small town.
F	55-64	Oth	N	11-20	Erie Village	2	Being able to walk downtown, but not accosted by heavy traffic and rude drivers. Both of the latter now occurring
F	45-54	Unaf	Y	More 20	Erie Village	2	I'm not sure it's possible to have when the population has grown so unnecessarily. But a small town feel is when we actually recognize people that we see out in town. It's keeping out big box stores and prioritizing small, locally owned businesses. It's a place where our children can ride their bikes to Old Town for ice cream without fear of too much traffic on their way.

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F	45-54	Unaf	Y	More 20	Erie Village	2	Neighbors and Friends own successful businesses in Erie that give back to the community. Events that promote the community and its businesses. Community supports the schools/students and their sports, arts and academic events. Beautiful and functional spaces that encourage community engagement and belonging with Safety as no.1 priority. Transparency of budget and gathering continuous feedback from residents.
M	45-54	Unaf	Y	More 20	Erie Village	2	Low traffic. Quiet (no sirens from EMS every other day) Minimal high density housing
F	45-54	Unaf	N	More 20	Erie Village	2	A small town feel is where there is a lot of community and citizen participation in projects that the town wants to do.
F	55-64	Unaf	N	More 20	Erie Village	2	A small, quaint downtown area and friendly people.
F	55-64	Unaf	N	More 20	Erie Village	2	Town squares, public parks, farmers markets, safe streets, trails and bike paths, schools close to town.
M	55-64	Unaf	N	More 20	Erie Village	2	Broad community programs allowing broad involvement, accessibility to facilities and programs and participation allowed for all
M	55-64	Unaf	N	More 20	Erie Village	2	We have a downtown, there are neighborhoods with parks for kids to play, there are events that bring us together.
M	65+	Unaf	N	More 20	Erie Village	2	Leaving citizens alone. Not providing entertainment, but acknowledging the free market works and doing less not more.
M	65+	Unaf	N	More 20	Erie Village	2	Less home building
M	65+	Unaf	N	More 20	Erie Village	2	Smaller population.
O	65+	Unaf	N	More 20	Erie Village	2	Community acceptance and support. Town wide events. A thriving downtown connected to residential neighborhoods. A council that is not divisive. Higher density housing with mass transit.
F	45-54	Dem	N	More 20	Erie Village	2	Living somewhere everyone feels welcome.
F	55-64	Dem	N	More 20	Erie Village	2	Know your neighbors. parks, trails and open space to spend time outdoors. Safe place to live and raise your family. Local businesses owners also live in town.
F	55-64	Dem	N	More 20	Erie Village	2	Neighbors who look out for each other. Community activities that lift up all voices so they feel connected. Not elitism or nimbyism.

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M	55-64	Dem	N	More 20	Erie Village	2	Being rural with farms close by. Not having high density housing. Having big parks and open spaces. Having a vibrant downtown.
M	55-64	Dem	N	More 20	Erie Village	2	Friendly people and local events like Town Fair
M	55-64	Dem	N	More 20	Erie Village	2	Walkable, affordable, neighborly.
F	65+	Dem	N	More 20	Erie Village	2	Connectedness and familiarity. Knowing neighbors, feeling a part of things and being a valued community member. Amenities that support this, including services but also things like public art. Considerations for everyone to be welcome, including diversity, a range of housing including affordable, and a range of services from children to seniors.
F	65+	Dem	N	More 20	Erie Village	2	I moved here 25 years ago and at that time Erie had that small town feel. I feel in the last 5 years we have lost a lot of that. There are so few areas that aren't filled in with homes and new businesses.
M	65+	Rep	N	More 20	Erie Village	2	People know and value their neighbors. Government advocates for people rather than Boulder style big brother controlling and directing them
F	18-34	Unaf	Y	6-10	Erie Village	2	Tight knit community, seeing your neighbors out at events or around town, having activities continue to happen in old town
F	35-44	Unaf	Y	6-10	Erie Village	2	Friendly, community events like homecoming and boo on Briggs and parade of lights (the terrible mismanagement of the Briggs st construction really killed the vibe last year and hurt the small town feel!)
O	35-44	Unaf	Y	6-10	Erie Village	2	It's not small anymore. The last city council sh*t on small town values to pay themselves. Small towns value people - fiscal responsibility - the well being and thoughts of their neighbors. Under the previous counsel is about political gain, money, and f*cking their neighbors.
F	45-54	Unaf	Y	6-10	Erie Village	2	A small town feel has shops and restaurants that are unique. Things aren't spread all over and the housing isn't as dense.
M	45-54	Unaf	Y	6-10	Erie Village	2	Charming architecture, walkable business district, small businesses (shops and restaurants).
M	45-54	Unaf	Y	6-10	Erie Village	2	Less big real estate developments... more focus on bringing retail and commercial service and providing public services to the existing residents
M	45-54	Unaf	Y	6-10	Erie Village	2	No more housing, less traffic, local dining and retail

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M	45-54	Unaf	Y	6-10	Erie Village	2	This feels like a leading question. Erie is the 15th fastest-growing community in the country, but some of our leadership still clings to a "small town" narrative that ignores reality and undermines the programs and infrastructure we actually need. Worse, that narrative often signals an aversion to diversity and inclusion—a coded way of saying certain people, lifestyles, and perspectives aren't welcome here. That's not the community I want. I want Erie to engage its residents, support local business, and invest in smart growth that reflects who we are now—not who we were decades ago.
F	65+	Unaf	Y	6-10	Erie Village	2	Neighborliness friendliness services such as groceries dry cleaning nearby
F	35-44	Dem	Y	6-10	Erie Village	2	Farmers market, thriving downtown
M	35-44	Dem	Y	6-10	Erie Village	2	Keep old town solid. Community events at parks or old town
F	45-54	Dem	Y	6-10	Erie Village	2	Small town feel to me is one where everyone feels welcome and encouraged to engage/ participate in town activities and events, where people feel encouraged to open businesses, families feel their children are safe, and residents general feel proud to call it home.
M	45-54	Dem	Y	6-10	Erie Village	2	Seeing people you know at out and about. Not massive urban sprawl.
F	18-34	Rep	Y	6-10	Erie Village	2	Local events, beautiful parks within walking distance, sports for kids through Rec center
F	35-44	Rep	Y	6-10	Erie Village	2	A small town has unique town events, parades for many holidays (4th of July, Christmas, Memorial Day, etc.), walkability to many amenities, local grocery store in the center of town.
F	35-44	Rep	Y	6-10	Erie Village	2	Less homes. Erie is growing too fast and there is no room for our kids in halls at school. Slow it down. Also open town hall buzzing into a public building is ridiculous.
F	55-64	Unaf	N	6-10	Erie Village	2	Close knit community, slower pace, less traffic, focus on local businesses, high community engagement, safety/security, and less reliance on vehicles
F	55-64	Unaf	N	6-10	Erie Village	2	Local farmers market, independent restaurants, coffee shops, bookstore, small business spaces, trails for walking/cycling

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M	55-64	Unaf	N	6-10	Erie Village	2	A small town is where the town does not feel crowded and you feel like you are part of the community. Erie seems to be getting to big for that
F	65+	Unaf	N	6-10	Erie Village	2	Main street lined with trees accessed by people on bikes and foot. Locally-owned businesses like small grocery, pharmacy, restaurants. Parks with grass fir families to picnic and play. Movie theater not big brand.
F	65+	Unaf	N	6-10	Erie Village	2	Walkability to shopping (or at least in close driving distance) and recognizing neighbors.
M	65+	Unaf	N	6-10	Erie Village	2	A variety of different shopping stores with sufficient parking.
M	55-64	Dem	N	6-10	Erie Village	2	One that supports local/small businesses. Great restaurants and opportunities for gatherings.
M	55-64	Dem	N	6-10	Erie Village	2	Safety, knowing neighbors, local business (rather than national chains)
F	65+	Dem	N	6-10	Erie Village	2	Centralized dining and cultural community meeting spaces, less suburban spread.
F	65+	Dem	N	6-10	Erie Village	2	People know one another personally and feel connected to the community through activities throughout the town. Amenities are accessible, not over crowded, neighborhoods and public spaces are connected by (walking, bike, e-bike) paths. Small businesses provide products/services that foster connection (Briggs St vibe) and workers live and in the community
F	65+	Dem	N	6-10	Erie Village	2	Walkable, little traffic, low profile buildings; safe surroundings.
M	65+	Rep	N	6-10	Erie Village	2	Historic downtown
M	18-34	Unaf	Y	Less 5	Grandview Homes	2	Small downtown with local (non chain) businesses, town events (hot air balloon festival, homecoming parade, fireworks), rural and suburban mix, "self contained" ecosystem (you don't have to leave Erie to go to the grocery store).
M	35-44	Unaf	Y	Less 5	Grandview Homes	2	A downtown where people can feel relaxed and enjoy a fun atmosphere
M	35-44	Unaf	Y	Less 5	Grandview Homes	2	Becoming friends with ones neighbors and interacting with them at different events around the town.
M	35-44	Unaf	Y	Less 5	Grandview Homes	2	I define a small-town feel as a town where the events are logistically accessible- where there is enough space for parking and event participation.

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M	35-44	Unaf	Y	Less 5	Grandview Homes	2	The ability to go to town, restaurants, events, etc and see multiple people you know by name, recognize, or trust. Trusting the town is safe and accessible to let me kids explore their hometown safely and simply. Good schools rooted in family values.
F	45-54	Unaf	Y	Less 5	Grandview Homes	2	A place where there is "something for everyone" and people have the opportunity to get to know their neighbors and community leaders in meaningful ways.
M	18-34	Dem	Y	Less 5	Grandview Homes	2	I like the mix of homes, the families, the events, and connectedness that has people from all walks of life and backgrounds. In a time that is so polarized I like many options and people all coming together at events and walking around at the farmers market. Taking care of neighbors and looking out for each other. I still believe that exists
F	35-44	Dem	Y	Less 5	Grandview Homes	2	The downtown being so locally owned. Also the unique events that bring people together.
F	18-34	Rep	Y	Less 5	Grandview Homes	2	More town events to unite the community
M	35-44	Rep	Y	Less 5	Grandview Homes	2	I love our small feel but we need more amenities and restaurants.
M	35-44	Unaf	N	Less 5	Grandview Homes	2	No big box retail chains. Open space with nature. Low development. The opposite of what is going on in Erie right now.
F	45-54	Unaf	N	Less 5	Grandview Homes	2	Slow growth, better resources and services for the current homeowners.
F	55-64	Unaf	N	Less 5	Grandview Homes	2	Less traffic, friendly
F	65+	Dem	N	Less 5	Grandview Homes	2	Where you feel safe and everyone smiles at you or says hello while walking down the street or when you meet them at the store or park. The small town feel and the school system are the main reasons why I moved here. I'm not happy with the pot shop having been approved.
F	35-44	NR	N	Less 5	Grandview Homes	2	Not too crowded, safe, family friendly
F	45-54	Unaf	Y	11-20	Grandview Homes	2	Erie losing that small town feel with recent housing expansion
F	45-54	Unaf	Y	11-20	Grandview Homes	2	Everyone feels like they can participate in the community no matter the age. We can come together no matter our political beliefs and enjoy the beauty of our town.
M	45-54	Unaf	Y	11-20	Grandview Homes	2	A place where you know many neighbors/folks around, friendly people out in public
M	45-54	Unaf	Y	11-20	Grandview Homes	2	No tall buildings, small population, small community

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M	45-54	Unaf	Y	11-20	Grandview Homes	2	Small town is houses and space between. The more people we have crammed in on top of each other brings crime and aggravation and less space for people to breathe. It would be nice to have some additional room for different age groups but the large apartment complexes jammed with people and more cars doesn't appeal to a small town feel.
F	35-44	Dem	Y	11-20	Grandview Homes	2	A town that has an walking retail and restaurant street, music in the parks, parades, a farmers market that is not big bends or commercially backed,
F	45-54	Dem	Y	11-20	Grandview Homes	2	Briggs with its restaurants and if possible more cute shops that hosts town events and community functions
F	45-54	Dem	Y	11-20	Grandview Homes	2	Walkable shopping and restaurants
F	55-64	Dem	Y	11-20	Grandview Homes	2	Having never lived in a small town, I wouldn't know how to answer that. This doesn't seem like a very productive survey question.
F	35-44	Rep	Y	11-20	Grandview Homes	2	Easy to get downtown, safe for kids to go downtown, fun events, restaurants and activities for families or kids. Growing up in small town Iowa, that's how I lived.
F	45-54	Rep	Y	11-20	Grandview Homes	2	Less congestion, open space and not having tall buildings would make it feel like a small town. Perhaps overlapping events would help with congestion. Fireworks in two locations on the same night, multiple trick-or-treating events, or events two nights in a row if things are get sold out.
F	45-54	Rep	Y	11-20	Grandview Homes	2	Safe and family friendly
M	18-34	Unaf	N	11-20	Grandview Homes	2	Retail development on the outskirts and small businesses/restaurants/housing/etc. in the heart of the town.
F	45-54	Unaf	N	11-20	Grandview Homes	2	Not found in Erie anymore!
F	45-54	Unaf	N	11-20	Grandview Homes	2	When you go to town events, you see people you know
F	55-64	Unaf	N	11-20	Grandview Homes	2	Not housing development, strip malls, or apartments with subsidized housing. Houses with a downtown that has individual businesses . Erie is losing its small town feel. Traffic and housing developments have ruined views and country living. Sad
F	65+	Dem	N	11-20	Grandview Homes	2	Downtown Briggs is so family friendly and fun!
M	65+	Dem	N	11-20	Grandview Homes	2	Geographically compact town center with all town services and amenities accessible to everyone.

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F	55-64	Rep	N	11-20	Grandview Homes	2	Less housing more restaurants
F	45-54	Unaf	Y	More 20	Grandview Homes	2	Restaurants, shops, etc. within walking distance. Town events, STOP building!!!! It doesn't feel like a small town when there are thousands of homes, congestion in streets, crime etc.
F	45-54	Unaf	Y	More 20	Grandview Homes	2	Vibrant Old town with businesses that encourage community. Town fairs, concerts and various events.
M	45-54	Unaf	Y	More 20	Grandview Homes	2	Great downtown with tons of potential. Lots of town activities such as fireworks, balloon launch as well as homecoming parade keep Erie feeling like a small town with a unique sense of place.
O	35-44	Dem	Y	More 20	Grandview Homes	2	Farmers and ranchers! Small businesses, locally owned businesses and NO chain restaurants and NO big name fast food.
F	45-54	Dem	Y	More 20	Grandview Homes	2	A community where all are welcome and accepted. Events that bring the community together.
F	45-54	Rep	Y	More 20	Grandview Homes	2	That when I go to events or visit old town I see people I know.
F	45-54	Oth	Y	More 20	Grandview Homes	2	Lower population, diverse, lots of community events thriving old town area
M	55-64	Unaf	N	More 20	Grandview Homes	2	Low traffic and vehicle noise
F	65+	Unaf	N	More 20	Grandview Homes	2	I think of small town feeling as quiet, laid-back lifestyle in a close-knit community where people know each other, can rely on each other, and where people are connected. This feeling for me has changed over the 20 years I've lived in Erie.
F	18-34	Dem	N	More 20	Grandview Homes	2	Small businesses. Little to no traffic. Everyone should know everyone.
F	45-54	Dem	N	More 20	Grandview Homes	2	No huge office buildings or warehouses, no highway running through the middle of town, low crime rate
F	45-54	Dem	N	More 20	Grandview Homes	2	Walkability to basic services like grocery stores so don't need to drive everywhere
F	65+	Dem	N	More 20	Grandview Homes	2	Again, too much building of homes Lived here for 24 years and the growth has been unreal. Traffic, not enough schools fir community

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F	65+	Dem	N	More 20	Grandview Homes	2	Being able to display community pride by flying the pride flag during pride month without any issues. Having "black lives matter" marches and other marches, protests as needed without fear for our first amendment rights. Enjoying thousands of people attending our fireworks show with no issues and friendly comradery.
F	65+	Dem	N	More 20	Grandview Homes	2	Being able to safely walk or ride a bike to downtown, and see people I know. Having friendly neighbors.
F	55-64	Rep	N	More 20	Grandview Homes	2	I moved into Erie 23 years ago when the only traffic signal was on arapahoe and 287. The small town feel comes from the town events such as balloon festival, fair, parades and other events. We've probably grown too much to be authentically small town but can still occasionally feel that way.
M	55-64	Rep	N	More 20	Grandview Homes	2	No traffic, town events and activities that include all not just group classifications.
M	65+	Oth	N	More 20	Grandview Homes	2	Low traffic, low potential crime, low rate of transience, clean streets and sidewalks, easy accessibility to and from commercial and common areas
F	35-44	Unaf	Y	6-10	Grandview Homes	2	Less people. Less traffic/vehicle density. Knowing my long term neighbors, not short term renters. Mom and pop amenities. Erie is no longer on the path of staying a small town.
F	35-44	Unaf	Y	6-10	Grandview Homes	2	When you run in to familiar faces at events or when in community, town traditions to look forward to, open spaces and parks for kids to play, restaurants that are local and not chain, people helping their neighbors
M	35-44	Unaf	Y	6-10	Grandview Homes	2	A cozy yet developed down town or town center where you run into your neighbors.
F	45-54	Unaf	Y	6-10	Grandview Homes	2	Independently owned businesses and restaurants, opportunity to run into neighbors when around town, events that are locally run and not endorsed by large business
F	35-44	Rep	Y	6-10	Grandview Homes	2	Close community, easy to access amenities, walkable, bike ability.

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M	35-44	Rep	Y	6-10	Grandview Homes	2	Small town feel is a town that knows one another, knows their neighbors and knows their governing body. It's one that puts community and their needs first over political factors. A small town feel is a town that is unified. A small town feel is generated by removing political parties from the governing rule. I shouldn't know what political party our trustees are, I should know what political party my mayor affiliated with, I should know what political party my police chief affiliates with. Community first, political party last.
M	18-34	Unaf	N	6-10	Grandview Homes	2	Local restaurants - no chains Farmers market and community events
F	35-44	Unaf	N	6-10	Grandview Homes	2	Not many chain stores, not too over developed with housing. Lots of parks and open spaces
M	65+	Unaf	N	6-10	Grandview Homes	2	Feel Erie is still a "town" and not a city. The flow of traffic and by the uncongested development pattern keeps it feel in like a small-town
F	18-34	Dem	N	6-10	Grandview Homes	2	A group of people who all live close together and work together to create a community.

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F	35-44	Dem	N	6-10	Grandview Homes	2	I think that over the last 30+ years as Erie land was sold to become private property, we lost the rights to a small town feel. If people wanted to cherish the small town feel, land rights should have been handled very differently a long time ago. These same people that want a small town feel voted people in a long time ago that gave away that small town feel, and now that it's coming to fruition, want to do something about it. Too little too late. What I want from my town is not a small town feel, because we are not a small town. To me a small town is something that while everyone knows each other, most people are very similar, there are very few resources available, limited jobs available, limited cultural diversity, and reduced ability to pool taxes together for town upgrades. I want quick access to the necessities, close grocery stores and health facilities, and also quick access to the fun things like restaurants, parks, stores, activities, concerts. I want strong local events that allow the community to interact. I want to feel safe walking or biking to almost anywhere in town. I want public transportation, the best public library in the state, and good rec centers. I will never have kids, but I want child care assistance programs to help all of the families that are struggling. I want diverse housing to allow the people that work in Erie, the kids coming back from college, and families just starting out to be able to afford somewhere to live. I want a community that prioritizes taking care of its residents. For the affordable housing staff question: There is no context about what that \$450,000 is going to. Is one person on the staff and they're making half a million a year? Are there 10 people and they're barely making a living wage but they're so passionate? Is some of that \$450,000 not going towards salaries, but being used for the other things mentioned? I don't like this question. There's no context.
F	35-44	Dem	N	6-10	Grandview Homes	2	The small town feel I get from Erie is being able to travel around Erie by either walking or biking. I love how easily I can get from my house in Grandview to the dog park near Old Town. The paths are clean and beautiful.

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M	35-44	Dem	N	6-10	Grandview Homes	2	Knowing my neighbors and interacting with people on a personal scale. Seeing people I recognize around town on trails, in restaurants, and in stores.
F	45-54	Dem	N	6-10	Grandview Homes	2	Feeling safe in your town and neighborhood. Knowing your mayor and council members, knowing your police and fire personnel. Having a variety of town celebrations so everyone feels included.
F	55-64	Dem	N	6-10	Grandview Homes	2	Knowing your neighbors, being able to walk or bike to shopping, events, etc. Friendly people. Small stores, especially locally owned stores. Local farmers and ranchers to buy food from. Slow traffic.
F	65+	Dem	N	6-10	Grandview Homes	2	One that is not over grown and keeping the downtown area small.
M	65+	Dem	N	6-10	Grandview Homes	2	People know and look out for their neighbors. They also welcome stranger Shades
M	45-54	Rep	N	6-10	Grandview Homes	2	Small only if you're in Oldtown. Suburbs anywhere outside.
F	18-34	Unaf	Y	Less 5	Grandview Townhomes	2	Like I know the people around me
M	18-34	NR	Y	Less 5	Grandview Townhomes	2	Know your neighbor who knows their neighbor. This is already starting to dwindle with all the developments.
F	18-34	Unaf	N	Less 5	Grandview Townhomes	2	Good local businesses, mom and pop shops and restaurants, community events, farmers market, cute downtown, quiet, low crime, interaction/feedback from residents, recognizing regulars.
M	65+	Unaf	N	Less 5	Grandview Townhomes	2	No national chain stores Easy free parking Pedestrian friendly downtown
F	18-34	Dem	N	Less 5	Grandview Townhomes	2	Small town feel to me means community events and community participation to help shape the town. It means still feeling like your opinion matters and walking down the street you can say hi to strangers and see people you already know. It means being safe for families and taking care of infrastructures. It also means I can bike/walk to a restaurant or market if I can. Having safe maintained paths to reach those places as well.
F	18-34	Dem	N	Less 5	Grandview Townhomes	2	Walkable, friendly, local businesses at the forefront with still some bigger businesses close by. Outdoor spaces and close together
F	35-44	Dem	N	Less 5	Grandview Townhomes	2	Helping out neighbors, community events
M	45-54	Dem	N	Less 5	Grandview Townhomes	2	No traffic

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F	45-54	Unaf	Y	11-20	Grandview Townhomes	2	No traffic!
F	35-44	Unaf	N	11-20	Grandview Townhomes	2	Mom and pop shops, fewer or no chain stores. Fun and unique community events like the balloon festival.
F	65+	Rep	N	11-20	Grandview Townhomes	2	It has changed and not for the better
M	18-34	Dem	Y	More 20	Grandview Townhomes	2	I get it. I've lived in Erie since 1995. Erie is no longer a small town and I don't see that as a bad thing. We are 30 minutes from Denver and Boulder. It was never going to stay a small town. The things I believe we need to focus on to capture a "small town feel" are events like: Farmers market Balloon launch Town fair Recreation programs Homecoming parade Investing in these events help town pride and give a greater sense of community.
F	45-54	Dem	Y	More 20	Grandview Townhomes	2	Live here 30 years there is no better place to raise kids and feel part of a community as long as the entire community is taken care of not just the ones that our elected officials live in.
F	65+	Dem	N	More 20	Grandview Townhomes	2	Knowing neighbors. Participating in activities for the schools.
M	55-64	Rep	N	More 20	Grandview Townhomes	2	Quiet. Not a lot of sirens or traffic noise. At night be able to sit outside and see the stars. Friendly neighbors.
F	65+	Rep	N	More 20	Grandview Townhomes	2	Small businesses that the community supports, events that attract the residents, neighbors helping each other
O	18-34	Oth	N	Ref	Grandview Townhomes	2	Community events, lots of open space, space between properties, no huge housing developments
M	18-34	Unaf	Y	6-10	Grandview Townhomes	2	To me, a small-feel consists of a community where most things are within walking distance, and where everybody knows everybody.
F	18-34	Dem	Y	6-10	Grandview Townhomes	2	Independent shops, community gatherings, inclusive to everyone
F	65+	Unaf	N	6-10	Grandview Townhomes	2	Friendly. Slower paced. Less density. Less traffic. Safe.
F	65+	Rep	N	6-10	Grandview Townhomes	2	It's all about family, the growing children population. The increased involvement in the Erie events. It's exciting to watch.
M	35-44	Unaf	N	6-10	Huntley Creek	2	I think a small town feel comes from a specific small area that is walkable where you can feel a sense of community, or shop/support local businesses.

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F	45-54	Unaf	Y	11-20	Kenosha Estates	2	Small businesses that are easily reached by bicycle or on foot. No chain stores or restaurants.
F	45-54	Rep	N	11-20	Kenosha Estates	2	Look at Niwot and do that. We are way far off from small town feel right now. City council has been failing in this regard for years.
F	45-54	Unaf	N	More 20	Kenosha Estates	2	Small business, vibrant downtown area with easy parking and walkable. Farmers markets and town fairs in the downtown area. Friendly atmosphere and people.
F	55-64	Dem	N	More 20	Kenosha Estates	2	Ugh. What we had 10 years ago? Less traffic, less crime, better access to available resources. It's ok to stop building. At least as fast as we have been.
F	65+	Dem	N	More 20	Kenosha Estates	2	Central downtown, low traffic, run into people you know around town
F	45-54	Dem	N	6-10	Kenosha Estates	2	Being able to ride my bike to main street, having a community pool, and cool yet appropriate places that offer our youth places to hang out (instead of McDonald's parking lot)
F	35-44	Unaf	Y	Less 5	Kenosha Farms	2	Small businesses, walk and bike path commuter friendly, maintained parks and down town, MINIMAL high density housinf
F	35-44	Dem	Y	Less 5	Kenosha Farms	2	Lots of events and opportunities to be in community without if feeling overcrowded.
F	35-44	Dem	Y	Less 5	Kenosha Farms	2	Separation and open spaces between neighborhoods. Neighborhood parks. Multi-use paths to support running and biking. Not the urban sprawl I associate with cities.
F	45-54	Dem	Y	Less 5	Kenosha Farms	2	Maintaining a rural feeling by preserving open space. Having town events to develop community Having a down town that is inviting and encourages people to stay in the community for meals and entertainment
M	55-64	Unaf	N	Less 5	Kenosha Farms	2	Erie is not small town... It is headed in Aurora's direction. Small town is under 20K people
M	65+	Dem	N	Less 5	Kenosha Farms	2	Knowing your neighbors Walking to restaurants Having neighborhoods with low traffic speed and little congestion
M	18-34	Rep	N	Less 5	Kenosha Farms	2	Quiet neighborhoods with events that do not go late into the night.

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M	35-44	Unaf	Y	11-20	Kenosha Farms	2	Knowing people when we go to the library or other public spaces, recognizing kids in the homecoming parade, ability to get places without a car
F	45-54	Unaf	Y	11-20	Kenosha Farms	2	A small town feel is less buildings and more open space. And not seeing a sea of homes that look exactly the same in any direction.
F	45-54	Unaf	Y	11-20	Kenosha Farms	2	Downtown still feels small town
F	45-54	Unaf	Y	11-20	Kenosha Farms	2	Having a main street (Briggs) lined with unique small businesses and restaurants where town events are held such as town parades to include art sculptures, sitting areas where community members want to just hangout
M	45-54	Unaf	Y	11-20	Kenosha Farms	2	Know your neighbors. Feel safe. Town events that promote pride in our community and bring people together for fun and entertainment
M	45-54	Dem	Y	11-20	Kenosha Farms	2	Secured open spaces and parkland, agricultural easements. Would love to see conservation easements implemented in some ag based areas. Limit growth
F	45-54	Rep	Y	11-20	Kenosha Farms	2	Not as small anymore
F	35-44	Unaf	N	11-20	Kenosha Farms	2	A friendly community with lots of great events and amenities. Since Erie is actually pretty large, and growing, I think you get this feeling more in individual communities/subdivisions. Would love to see several areas of Erie activated for that small town feel (i.e. not only Old Town).
F	45-54	Unaf	N	11-20	Kenosha Farms	2	Hanging out on Briggs meeting up with friends
F	45-54	Unaf	N	11-20	Kenosha Farms	2	SAFETY Knowing neighbors Quiet
F	65+	Unaf	N	11-20	Kenosha Farms	2	Safe; no congestion.
M	55-64	Dem	N	11-20	Kenosha Farms	2	Key services, retail, and food are easily reachable via safe walkways and bikeways or via transit to minimize the need for auto usage in town.
F	65+	Dem	N	11-20	Kenosha Farms	2	Community and family oriented services/ programs available to all. Friendly people. Good communication from city leaders
M	65+	Dem	N	11-20	Kenosha Farms	2	Have plenty of parking along Briggs street in downtown. Most people have to park in the Post Office, because there are not enough parking.
M	45-54	Rep	N	11-20	Kenosha Farms	2	Friendly, accessible, family owned shops. No political demagoguery. We're too big for that now. And we're still growing.

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F	35-44	Unaf	Y	More 20	Kenosha Farms	2	Not the fields of houses being put up without any retail or thought to traffic
F	55-64	Unaf	Y	More 20	Kenosha Farms	2	Less people/homes, inclusive community events, more open spaces
M	55-64	Unaf	Y	More 20	Kenosha Farms	2	The small town feel is gone. There are too many people to fit this description. In small towns, everyone seems to know everyone, or at least recognize familiar faces. Life is slower paced and more relaxed, people wave at each other and it's a place where small roads and limited parking don't matter. We lost all that.
F	55-64	Dem	Y	More 20	Kenosha Farms	2	When I moved here 20 years ago it felt like a small town. The out of-control house building has decimated that feel
F	45-54	Unaf	N	More 20	Kenosha Farms	2	It is not what Erie has become. Too much growth, no small town grocery, horrible roads nope, Erie is more like a third world melting pot.
F	55-64	Unaf	N	More 20	Kenosha Farms	2	A small-town feel isn't about the size of a community; it's about the connections and engagement felt by its residents. A vibrant downtown area with local shops and restaurants to support. Community events that families and neighbors can attend together. Equally as important are community volunteer opportunities and community groups. There needs to be a preservation of history and importance placed on sharing and celebrating that history. When people feel connected to a community and have a sense of belonging, it promotes involvement with their neighbors, government, and fellow community members. Large towns can accomplish a small town feel by focusing on environmental health, safety, connections, community events, and by fostering programs and policies aimed at protecting the town's natural resources and beauty.
F	55-64	Unaf	N	More 20	Kenosha Farms	2	Small population, little traffic, open spaces, very low crime, people know their neighbors.
F	55-64	Unaf	N	More 20	Kenosha Farms	2	Went away
M	55-64	Unaf	N	More 20	Kenosha Farms	2	Friendly and non-rushed lifestyle. Culture, and the services supplied that don't overwhelm, but give options to the town folks
M	55-64	Unaf	N	More 20	Kenosha Farms	2	Having a walkable downtown, safe community oriented neighborhoods, activities for kids, and a safe environment.

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F	65+	Unaf	N	More 20	Kenosha Farms	2	No parking meters, patriotic events such as parades, seasonal street decoration, walking paths.
							A town where people know one another. A town that presents public gathering opportunities like Biscuit days, Parades (Not gay parades), A community that sets proper examples for children, And allows kids and families to gather together and be at fun Community events, That aren't biased towards the political left or right. Sadly, the town has grown out from beyond that. There is no small town fee. Let's not get out ourselves. The outlining areas have become so large and populated, That apparently the infrastructure has become unsustainable for the town. The roads are perfect example of that!
M	65+	Unaf	N	More 20	Kenosha Farms	2	
M	65+	Unaf	N	More 20	Kenosha Farms	2	Downtown two blocks long.
M	45-54	Dem	N	More 20	Kenosha Farms	2	I think people like the bedroom community idea.
F	55-64	Dem	N	More 20	Kenosha Farms	2	Neighbors helping neighbors. Also, The town events Bring the town together to create friendships and enjoy the town activities together
F	55-64	Dem	N	More 20	Kenosha Farms	2	Slower pace, small businesses, not feeling overcrowded everywhere we go.
M	55-64	Dem	N	More 20	Kenosha Farms	2	Community projects and events; no traffic congestion; unique stores/restaurants
M	55-64	Dem	N	More 20	Kenosha Farms	2	The way it used to be. It's too overcrowded now.
							Our neighbors on our street help each other. Boulder Community Health is close by. There are wonderful new restaurants in Erie. We love the Erie library. Erie parks manager was responsive to my concerns regarding football games in our park.
							A vibrant town center. Neighbors who know oneanother Well kept neighborhoods The rec center and library are excellent Many dining options Many shopping options Drs, dentists, healthcare professionals in town
F	65+	Dem	N	More 20	Kenosha Farms	2	
F	65+	Dem	N	More 20	Kenosha Farms	2	People know a lot of the residents of the town. Places and roads aren't crowded.

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M	65+	Dem	N	More 20	Kenosha Farms	2	The downtown area
M	65+	Dem	N	More 20	Kenosha Farms	2	Very few shopping and entertainment outlets.
F	45-54	Rep	N	More 20	Kenosha Farms	2	A small-town feel is being able to run into neighbors downtown. People should feel safe walking, biking, or running in and around neighborhoods. Events are meant to bring people together.
F	45-54	Rep	N	More 20	Kenosha Farms	2	Small population, with activities and events. We are no longer a "small" town.
F	55-64	Rep	N	More 20	Kenosha Farms	2	Less congestion, less growth, more friendly activities for families to congregate like balloon festivals, rec center activities. Summer concerts
F	55-64	Rep	N	More 20	Kenosha Farms	2	Walking in Old Town and knowing most everyone on Briggs! My neighbors and town looking out for one another.
M	55-64	Rep	N	More 20	Kenosha Farms	2	Attend gatherings (Town Fair, Biscuit Day, etc.) where I know and recognize many neighbors. Low fear of crime victimization. Walkable or bike able to downtown.
F	65+	Unaf	N	Ref	Kenosha Farms	2	Cute restaurants and shops but also a place for groceries and hardware. Full service town. I know it's not feasible because people will still drive to Kings and Lowes but would be nice for seniors and those without transportation.
F	65+	Oth	N	Ref	Kenosha Farms	2	Where everyone knows everyone
F	35-44	Unaf	Y	6-10	Kenosha Farms	2	Having places to gather where you see many people you know, and feeling safe living, working, and going to school. Not too busy or rushed.
M	45-54	Unaf	Y	6-10	Kenosha Farms	2	Community events, rural open spaces,
M	45-54	Unaf	Y	6-10	Kenosha Farms	2	Planned, careful housing developments that are tasteful and unique. Some sense of open dialogue between town and residents. There is just constant development and very little open space. We are getting to be indistinguishable from Broomfield
F	35-44	Dem	Y	6-10	Kenosha Farms	2	No chains or big box stores, friendly, businesses run by Erie residents
M	35-44	Dem	Y	6-10	Kenosha Farms	2	Knowing and seeing neighbors and acquaintances (other school parents, coaches, public employees) in places other than neighborhood or work. Feeling safe and able to enjoy quiet at times. Being connected, able to access services, shopping, and entertainment without long drives.

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F	45-54	Dem	Y	6-10	Kenosha Farms	2	Community events that are inclusive for all community members and feature accessibility to town staff and leadership, trails and open spaces that encourage recreation and transportation and connect the community in an accessible and safe manner, public safety, and strategically managed growth
F	45-54	Dem	Y	6-10	Kenosha Farms	2	Safe, orderly , and clean
F	45-54	Dem	Y	6-10	Kenosha Farms	2	You run into people you know everywhere
F	35-44	Rep	Y	6-10	Kenosha Farms	2	We're not a small town
F	18-34	Unaf	N	6-10	Kenosha Farms	2	Walkability, encouraging local non-chain retail options, fun and unique town events
F	45-54	Unaf	N	6-10	Kenosha Farms	2	I definitely cherish the small town feel of Erie!! This is a wonderful place to live with respectful neighbors, great trails, great parks, etc. All with low traffic, low noise. With easy access to great schools and local small businesses.
F	55-64	Unaf	N	6-10	Kenosha Farms	2	More events in downtown Erie keep them on main street and not moving everything to the park! Boo on Briggs was a huge disappointment when moved to the park. Moving the parade off main new path Allowing affordability for local business to open business in downtown Erie. Keep people in old town. Less BIG chains or franchises
M	65+	Unaf	N	6-10	Kenosha Farms	2	Having walkable shops and dining. Erie doesn't have that unless you drive or bike to it.
M	35-44	Dem	N	6-10	Kenosha Farms	2	I think a small town feel focuses on localized shopping and events, walking distance from multiple neighborhoods. It prioritizes small, family owned businesses over large corporations.
M	55-64	Dem	N	6-10	Kenosha Farms	2	Promote community interaction (balloon festivals, farmers market, Christmas parade, etc.) and STRONG PUBLIC SCHOOLS.
F	35-44	Rep	N	6-10	Kenosha Farms	2	Walkable, safe and convenient, beautiful and inviting
F	18-34	Unaf	Y	Less 5	Lost Creek Farm HOA	2	Local restaurants, no chains, community events, high community involvement
M	35-44	Dem	Y	Less 5	Lost Creek Farm HOA	2	Community events, walkability, and a community feel to the public service providers like Police and Fire

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F	45-54	Rep	Y	Less 5	Lost Creek Farm HOA	2	Knowing people - usually recognize at least someone we know at library or park
M	45-54	Unaf	N	Less 5	Lost Creek Farm HOA	2	Walkable access to activities
F	55-64	Unaf	N	Less 5	Lost Creek Farm HOA	2	A small community where business, a variety of business not just restaurants, where owners know customers names. Business that locals can shop at, for staples like groceries and clothing. Erie often feels like it wants to be a tourist town, instead of a town serving its residents.
M	55-64	Unaf	N	Less 5	Lost Creek Farm HOA	2	Erie is an enormous town with very high housing density. It does not have a small town feel.
M	35-44	Dem	N	Less 5	Lost Creek Farm HOA	2	Small businesses and slower pace
F	65+	Dem	N	Less 5	Lost Creek Farm HOA	2	Opportunities for community interaction
M	35-44	Unaf	Y	11-20	Lost Creek Farm HOA	2	Inclusive Community
F	35-44	Unaf	N	11-20	Lost Creek Farm HOA	2	Town based activities and traditions
F	45-54	Dem	N	11-20	Lost Creek Farm HOA	2	Small population Open space and room to move Access to public space and facilities without crowds
M	35-44	Unaf	Y	6-10	Lost Creek Farm HOA	2	Gone. Its gone. It has completely disappeared in the last 6 years.
M	35-44	Unaf	Y	6-10	Lost Creek Farm HOA	2	Where you're not spending 38million to expand the police force
M	65+	Unaf	N	6-10	Lost Creek Farm HOA	2	Eating is trying to keep the feeling but the growth of low income housing will not help
M	65+	Rep	N	6-10	Lost Creek Farm HOA	2	Retain a reasonable housing density with access to essential goods and services without large scale malls or shopping centers. Good neighborhood parks. No major governmental building projects.
F	18-34	Unaf	Y	Less 5	Morgan Hill	2	A small town remains community focused. It's a place where everyone feels safe and welcomed to engage in the community and community events. I envision a place where kids feel safe to stray from their parents to ride their bikes, get ice cream, play at the park, etc. I think a small town honors and supports small, locally owned businesses.
F	18-34	Unaf	Y	Less 5	Morgan Hill	2	Community, somewhat rural feel, small downtown
F	18-34	Unaf	Y	Less 5	Morgan Hill	2	Open spaces that are welcoming and easy to meet people.
F	18-34	Unaf	Y	Less 5	Morgan Hill	2	Small businesses and restaurants in a connected downtown that's easily accessible by all. No major chains.

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F	18-34	Unaf	Y	Less 5	Morgan Hill	2	Small town feel is a community that participates in all school events, things like sporting games, parades, events that help shape kids futures, feels extremely safe to walk in or allow kids to play and walk safely without worry, little to no crime, friendliness, an over all lower population where you recognize people faces.
M	18-34	Unaf	Y	Less 5	Morgan Hill	2	A robust community events program that has many annual events or celebrations that bring people together (free concerts, fireworks, free recreational leagues, etc...)
M	18-34	Unaf	Y	Less 5	Morgan Hill	2	Having an tight knit downtown
M	18-34	Unaf	Y	Less 5	Morgan Hill	2	We love it. The parades and local events give it that small town feeling that I have never experienced before. And the support of the high school.
F	35-44	Unaf	Y	Less 5	Morgan Hill	2	Being able to attend a town event and see people you know, lack of excessive traffic. Existence of stop signs instead of lights. Single high school town
F	35-44	Unaf	Y	Less 5	Morgan Hill	2	It's a feeling. Being Better Neighbors does a good job with this by making everyone feel included, safe, and home.
F	35-44	Unaf	Y	Less 5	Morgan Hill	2	Like current layout - would like to see downtown developed more with more restaurants and bars
F	35-44	Unaf	Y	Less 5	Morgan Hill	2	Local businesses, community events, knowing your neighbors
F	35-44	Unaf	Y	Less 5	Morgan Hill	2	Mom and pop shops
F	35-44	Unaf	Y	Less 5	Morgan Hill	2	Neighbors know each other, look out for each other, small schools with small class sizes, good participation in community events, town leaders are known and active in the community, people live where they work, very safe, etc
F	35-44	Unaf	Y	Less 5	Morgan Hill	2	Running into your neighbors on Briggs, at parks, in the community, etc.
F	35-44	Unaf	Y	Less 5	Morgan Hill	2	The many community fairs and events, vibrant downtown, the active Rec Center and library. Parks and trails.
M	35-44	Unaf	Y	Less 5	Morgan Hill	2	A community with local owned businesses and not a corporate invasion. Being able to know and trust my neighbors, see farm land/ livestock, run around in open spaces, etc. It must be safe enough where kids can run around and be kids without having to worry about fast traffic or dangerous people.

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M	35-44	Unaf	Y	Less 5	Morgan Hill	2	A welcoming community, characterized by the nature of relationships between people rather than its size or (lack of) amenities.
M	35-44	Unaf	Y	Less 5	Morgan Hill	2	Ability to walk/bike around with events bringing the community together
M	35-44	Unaf	Y	Less 5	Morgan Hill	2	Businesses that are unique to an area, buildings that preserve the historic character, seeing neighbors and friends at events and stores in town, quiet streets, and feeling safe.
M	35-44	Unaf	Y	Less 5	Morgan Hill	2	Getting to drive to work every day passing farms and ranches. My children seeing horses in the fields on their way to school. Not being surrounded by endless suburbs
M	35-44	Unaf	Y	Less 5	Morgan Hill	2	Good police force that creates a safe welcoming town that's kid friendly. Low crime. No mega shopping centers like Thornton.
M	35-44	Unaf	Y	Less 5	Morgan Hill	2	No affordable housing. Community events. Safe.
M	35-44	Unaf	Y	Less 5	Morgan Hill	2	No large business chains
M	35-44	Unaf	Y	Less 5	Morgan Hill	2	Not anymore it grew too fast too big. 30k max is the definition of small
M	35-44	Unaf	Y	Less 5	Morgan Hill	2	Not having high density housing or many large big box stores.
M	35-44	Unaf	Y	Less 5	Morgan Hill	2	Rural undeveloped pockets, open spaces. Community events, local pride in schools, and a slower pace. Local businesses outweigh chain stores.
M	35-44	Unaf	Y	Less 5	Morgan Hill	2	Smaller population. Less focus on growth. Ability to address the needs of its residents without the increase in financial resources.
M	35-44	Unaf	Y	Less 5	Morgan Hill	2	We love the small town feel. I feels "At Home". It needs to stay that way.
F	45-54	Unaf	Y	Less 5	Morgan Hill	2	Community events Local business- restaurants, places to gather Local parks
F	45-54	Unaf	Y	Less 5	Morgan Hill	2	Small town with parks and private small stores and restaurants
F	45-54	Unaf	Y	Less 5	Morgan Hill	2	Support small locally owned and operated businesses. Better restaurants
M	45-54	Unaf	Y	Less 5	Morgan Hill	2	Don't care, we need more amenities like groceries stores.
M	45-54	Unaf	Y	Less 5	Morgan Hill	2	Less Traffic Less Crime Easy accessibility to basic services (hospitals and stores)
F	18-34	Dem	Y	Less 5	Morgan Hill	2	Local business priority, designated green space, low amount of apartments in town, low road congestion
M	18-34	Dem	Y	Less 5	Morgan Hill	2	Feeling like there no strangers, town-wide events, city support of parks and rec specifically in neighborhoods.

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M	18-34	Dem	Y	Less 5	Morgan Hill	2	Focused efforts on the downtown, annual activities, public walking access, historical buildings
F	35-44	Dem	Y	Less 5	Morgan Hill	2	A cute downtown with local shops and restaurants and community events.
F	35-44	Dem	Y	Less 5	Morgan Hill	2	Families, great downtown, weekly music in the park, movies in the park, holiday parades
F	35-44	Dem	Y	Less 5	Morgan Hill	2	Healthy downtown area with restaurants, shops, and services on a central "main" street. Community activities for different seasons and holidays where neighbors and friends can gather for a fun time together. Kids go to school with the same classmates throughout their education and are thus able to form life-long friendships
F	35-44	Dem	Y	Less 5	Morgan Hill	2	Knowing your neighbors. Aware of local events and people participating in them.
F	35-44	Dem	Y	Less 5	Morgan Hill	2	Low crime, less noise, clean (low graffiti/trash, and infrastructure well kept)
F	35-44	Dem	Y	Less 5	Morgan Hill	2	Many opportunities to gather, small businesses, good parks and trails systems
F	35-44	Dem	Y	Less 5	Morgan Hill	2	Not growing from 40,000 to 66,000! Not running into traffic. Not having my children be lost in an overcrowded school. Not seeing more and more and more housing projects go up before schools and parks are built. And DEFINITELY not a massive police department before you provide proper schools for children. The police dept is AT capacity. The high school is OVER capacity and is unsafe at this point.
F	35-44	Dem	Y	Less 5	Morgan Hill	2	Open spaces, farms, parks, little shops
F	35-44	Dem	Y	Less 5	Morgan Hill	2	Running into neighbors and community members at local establishments
F	35-44	Dem	Y	Less 5	Morgan Hill	2	Safety! Calm. Less traffic. No urban issues like drugs in public. Knowing neighbors. Sense of belonging.
F	35-44	Dem	Y	Less 5	Morgan Hill	2	Smaller, historic buildings. Walkability within town and sidewalks around all major areas that connect to parks or other places of interest.

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M	35-44	Dem	Y	Less 5	Morgan Hill	2	Having mostly homes in this city with commercial buildings on the outskirts. No more commercial building. It's ok to drive 5-15 minutes to a big box store/restaurant/event center, etc. to keep that small town feel we must ensure our city is full of vibrant, diverse, and safe neighborhoods. NOT commercial buildings. Likewise, emphasizing outside gathering places such as parks, trails, open spaces will bring a sense of community. DO NOT build a water park. There are multiple "water parks" a short distance to us. Building one will cost way too much to begin with and to upkeep in the long run. People will be excited at first but will eventually stop attending once kids grow up/move out/or find better ways to spend the time. The city will be left with a bunch of wasted water and a bill to upkeep.
M	35-44	Dem	Y	Less 5	Morgan Hill	2	I would describe the small-town feel as a community that can rally around the schools, parks, community events, shopping/dining and access and enjoy all the amenities offered equally.
M	35-44	Dem	Y	Less 5	Morgan Hill	2	Small down town, no big box, small schools, community involvement
M	35-44	Dem	Y	Less 5	Morgan Hill	2	The history of Briggs street and the original neighborhoods have that small town feel. The new growth and population doesn't really possess that sort of charm.
M	35-44	Dem	Y	Less 5	Morgan Hill	2	Town where you know your neighbors and feel comfortable waking around
F	45-54	Dem	Y	Less 5	Morgan Hill	2	Like knowing my neighbors and always running into people you know at community events.
F	45-54	Dem	Y	Less 5	Morgan Hill	2	Town sponsored events that bring people together in the old downtown area.
M	45-54	Dem	Y	Less 5	Morgan Hill	2	A downtown area with shops, food and community events.
F	18-34	Rep	Y	Less 5	Morgan Hill	2	Safety is the biggest. It's about kids playing on playgrounds running around town and not having to worry about someone kidnapping them off the street. It's about town spirit and routing for your neighbor. It's about recognizing peoples facing when walking down town.

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M	18-34	Rep	Y	Less 5	Morgan Hill	2	Everyone knows everyone, general sense of pride in the town, commitment to safety and wellbeing of the town as a whole, being able to get where you need to be within town limits without too many traffic obstacles, the town's walkability, and the family-friendliness of the town.
M	18-34	Rep	Y	Less 5	Morgan Hill	2	Neighborhood parks and continuing to develop the charming downtown
F	35-44	Rep	Y	Less 5	Morgan Hill	2	Community events, neighbors at parks
F	35-44	Rep	Y	Less 5	Morgan Hill	2	I would define the small town feel by having businesses that are family owned and non-chain.
F	35-44	Rep	Y	Less 5	Morgan Hill	2	Nice kind generous people and neighbors, a place that feels safe for children, locally owned businesses present
F	35-44	Rep	Y	Less 5	Morgan Hill	2	The "small town feel" is characterized by feeling safe, a general sense of trust in your neighbors, running into people you know in the community, a general sense of pride and commitment to the overall wellbeing of the community, community events, and not being overpopulated!
M	35-44	Rep	Y	Less 5	Morgan Hill	2	Briggs Street has a small town feel otherwise Erie is huge and has so many homes and more coming to consider yourself a small town is quite silly
M	35-44	Rep	Y	Less 5	Morgan Hill	2	Community focused. Keep Briggs street entertaining and non chain
M	35-44	Rep	Y	Less 5	Morgan Hill	2	Large houses with big lots. A cozy/small downtown. Friendly police. Limited rules.
M	35-44	Rep	Y	Less 5	Morgan Hill	2	Local events where can interact with community. Limited chain restaurants. Less multi family structures.
M	35-44	Rep	Y	Less 5	Morgan Hill	2	Quaint downtown area
M	35-44	Oth	Y	Less 5	Morgan Hill	2	Not congested, low traffic, friendly
M	35-44	NR	Y	Less 5	Morgan Hill	2	Absolutely necessary amenities are available for everyone without any accessibility issues. People feel like they don't have to rush to get things done. Environment is not polluted unnecessarily. Above all you feel like you live in a place which you're proud of.
F	18-34	Unaf	N	Less 5	Morgan Hill	2	Lots of community events, walkable areas
F	35-44	Unaf	N	Less 5	Morgan Hill	2	Everyone knows everyone. Small businesses thrive.
M	35-44	Unaf	N	Less 5	Morgan Hill	2	Friendly, quaint, not over populated.

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M	35-44	Unaf	N	Less 5	Morgan Hill	2	You see open spaces instead of businesses on each corner. You see agricultural areas. There is access to community spaces like recreation centers and parks
F	45-54	Unaf	N	Less 5	Morgan Hill	2	A small-town feel means that large companies do not own or drive the town's infrastructure or projects. We limit the amount of houses available and don't allow builders to reduce plot size to get in more houses - total greed and this is a big city approach. A small town feel requires space, requires local parks and local activities, supports small businesses which means we give small local businesses access and resources to build these businesses. We are getting greedy... overpriced everything, losing our grip on what matters. We should have more local places to plant communal gardens, grow vegetables and fruits. We need to maintain the feel of "we are doing this together" vs "we let big corporations come in and for a price sell out our town for money." Quaint, friendly, environmentally conscious and minded, accessible and most importantly, a community.
M	45-54	Unaf	N	Less 5	Morgan Hill	2	Lots of events that bring people together, friendliness, a close connection and familiarity between residents and government.
M	45-54	Unaf	N	Less 5	Morgan Hill	2	Safe, friendly, central meeting area and businesses.
F	55-64	Unaf	N	Less 5	Morgan Hill	2	Not crowded streets, no traffic jams, primarily residential, safe, friendly, thriving cute downtown, trails and open spaces, not dense housing
F	55-64	Unaf	N	Less 5	Morgan Hill	2	A sense of community
F	55-64	Unaf	N	Less 5	Morgan Hill	2	I love our small town. Mom and pop restaurants retail and stores. Town events
F	55-64	Unaf	N	Less 5	Morgan Hill	2	Preserve open space and farm land, old town that offers events and more retail and restaurants. Events like Buscuit Days, Balloon Festival and parades that are very local. Slow residential growth but if needed the smaller communities and a variety of home types like 55*
F	55-64	Unaf	N	Less 5	Morgan Hill	2	Private homes, Farms and green space. Central business area that is not huge. Lots of open green space. Recreation opportunities. Do t fill our town full of apartments!! We left San Antonio because of this issue!!
M	55-64	Unaf	N	Less 5	Morgan Hill	2	Old town area, like Lafayette or Louisville.

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M	55-64	Unaf	N	Less 5	Morgan Hill	2	Well thought out and centralized central business district, lots of green space, controlled growth, walkability, and do not fill the town full of apartments. I have lived in areas like this and it causes traffic and congestion to be off the charts.
F	65+	Unaf	N	Less 5	Morgan Hill	2	Bike and walking paths. Mom and pop stores activities for youth
F	65+	Unaf	N	Less 5	Morgan Hill	2	Not dure
F	65+	Unaf	N	Less 5	Morgan Hill	2	Our small, quaint old town. The friendliness of our citizens.
F	65+	Unaf	N	Less 5	Morgan Hill	2	The feeling of peacefulness, being able to walk the streets and see people but not hear them (loud conversations and music). Tranquility, that parents have knowing their children can ride their bikes in their community or ride to the Pizza shop, and be safe.
F	65+	Unaf	N	Less 5	Morgan Hill	2	Yes. Less busy and comfortable. More downtown activities to connect and network would be nice.
F	18-34	Dem	N	Less 5	Morgan Hill	2	It's nice to know people in the community, but the community is growing and that's also nice. I value being able to have events in town. Those who want to participate will, those who don't won't. Small town feel only works when you have a small population, and with a growing population you will inevitably lose that.. that's okay with me. Things need to expand (another organic grocery, more sustainable food options and events, safety features, for all the people who live here and will move here)
F	18-34	Dem	N	Less 5	Morgan Hill	2	The heart of town maintains its charm and appeal. In Erie, this is Old Town. Old Town is a gathering place for Erie residents, and other surrounding communities. While Erie is large from all directions, it still feels small when you drive through from east to west. Local businesses, not chains, help Erie maintain its small-town feel, also. For example, our household goes to Fox Dog Coffee every Sunday and feel like regulars every time we visit. Interactions like this help Erie feel small, also.
M	18-34	Dem	N	Less 5	Morgan Hill	2	Ability to walk around, local businesses, community events. Christmas decorations/ overall charm + esthetics - play into uniqueness like hot air balloons/mining

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F	35-44	Dem	N	Less 5	Morgan Hill	2	A small close knit community, where people value hard work and take pride in retaining their towns history and charm. A true small town doesn't aim to destroy that by over developing and bringing in people who want to change everything about the city (like expansion, increase in taxes, and destruction of the middle man and farmer).
F	55-64	Dem	N	Less 5	Morgan Hill	2	A place that supports small boutique businesses with neighborhoods that offer community areas that bring people together. A community that offers a wide range of activities that offer opportunities for people to gather and mingle.
F	55-64	Dem	N	Less 5	Morgan Hill	2	Small town feel shouldn't be a drive for more than ten minutes. Small town should be walkable.
F	55-64	Dem	N	Less 5	Morgan Hill	2	Walkable, shops and eateries, scheduled community events
F	65+	Dem	N	Less 5	Morgan Hill	2	Love the downtown and all the festivals. Walking down Briggs on Thursday night amazing. Balloon Festival great
F	18-34	Rep	N	Less 5	Morgan Hill	2	A small Town feel to me feels like not a lot of traffic, not developed, everyone in the community knows about you
M	18-34	Rep	N	Less 5	Morgan Hill	2	OPEN SPACES AND FARM LANDS, SPREAD OUT DEVELOPMENTS
F	45-54	Rep	N	Less 5	Morgan Hill	2	Friendliness and helping your neighbor. Individuals who live in the same area are respectable to each other and have a welcoming attitude and demeanor. General family amenities like the library, community center, parks and rec, local downtown shops and restaurants, farmers market, community activities, arts programs are vibrant with community involvement. All of the extra, added on things only come when there is a fiscal budget to do so. Let the non profits, churches and community orgs do the extra things. The gov't doesn't have to pay for it all. When I more often than not have a sense that when I walk down the street, into a community building or attend a gathering that people have an attitude of "it is nice to see you" – not cold... that is what makes me FEEL like it's accomplished no matter the size of the place. It's relationships and engagement, care for others that keep the FEEL that way. Kindness, respect, trust.

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F	45-54	Rep	N	Less 5	Morgan Hill	2	I love Briggs Street, Cty Roads , community events, and small local businesses to support, I do not look forward to large retail stores and chains, hoping we can keep the Old Town area of Erie unique in that way and not suddenly look like to Orchard area
M	45-54	Rep	N	Less 5	Morgan Hill	2	Events that bring community together; connectivity between neighborhoods (more walking/ biking paths); more neighborhood parks; opportunities to know and spend time with your neighbors; safety and security Limited big box stores; limited multi home buildings; no heavy industry
F	55-64	Rep	N	Less 5	Morgan Hill	2	Local shops and restaurants. Not anymore expansion of big office buildings.
M	55-64	Rep	N	Less 5	Morgan Hill	2	A town where you know your neighbors, enjoy being in and recreating within the town.
F	65+	Rep	N	Less 5	Morgan Hill	2	Parks Community events Trails Recreation opportunities for children and adults
F	65+	Rep	N	Less 5	Morgan Hill	2	That's funny Erie has lost that small town feeling and will never get it back 😞
M	65+	Rep	N	Less 5	Morgan Hill	2	Safe neighborhoods, promote events that build community especially family events and the water park, deter access to I-25.
F	18-34	Oth	N	Less 5	Morgan Hill	2	Keep the community central Don't add reasons for visitor Keep it small
M	35-44	Unaf	Y	11-20	Morgan Hill	2	Fewer big retails, fewer rental properties , lots of park and green space, control on urban developments
F	35-44	Rep	Y	11-20	Morgan Hill	2	Knowing people where ever you go. Nothing feeling crowded
M	35-44	Rep	Y	11-20	Morgan Hill	2	A welcoming downtown area, town events that bring the community together, a town council that supports and embraces the small businesses located within the town, and a strong sense of protection and security throughout the town.
M	55-64	Unaf	N	11-20	Morgan Hill	2	1. Safety/Security 2. Setting that encourages feeling of Community (parks, trails, events, common identity, etc.) 3. Supportive of Prosperity (eg atmosphere that supports small businesses)
M	35-44	Dem	N	11-20	Morgan Hill	2	Reliable Bike and Walk access from most areas with local owned and operated businesses with minimal franchised businesses.

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F	65+	Dem	N	11-20	Morgan Hill	2	It's quaint and homey; I like it!
M	65+	Dem	N	11-20	Morgan Hill	2	Vibrant downtown with community activities that generate neighbor affinity. Individual neighborhood identity within an overall town umbrella identity. For example youth and adult competitive sports teams representing neighborhoods.
F	45-54	Unaf	Y	More 20	Morgan Hill	2	Have lived in Erie for nearly 25 years. What made it small-town....was less people. I appreciate being able to eat good food here in Erie, but I don't need every amenity of a larger city. Definitely don't need a water park, and nothing about a water park says "small town". It's the connectivity of trails, being outdoors, gathering places, and local restaurants. Building big things like a water park, drawing everyone into Erie, ruins the small-town feel.
F	55-64	Unaf	N	More 20	Morgan Hill	2	Erie has lost its small town feel. Briggs and Old Town are not being preserved very well. It's time for the TOE to make business fronts along Briggs only retail or restaurants as the buildings sell. We don't need more real estate offices on Briggs, or storage for the coin shop. We need more restaurants to draw people to old town. The dirt lot next to the post office should be a community sitting area, with some parking. We need a small area to enjoy Old Town, Adirondack chairs, a fire pit, someplace without having to be at the park, blocks away Stop bringing in out of town businesses in that space. Create community space! Do you understand how great it would be to eat at a restaurant and have a small sitting area after you're done. Or how great it would be to have a small seating area outside of the restaurants while you wait for a reservation. That's an old town community feel!
M	55-64	Rep	N	More 20	Morgan Hill	2	Local events, pride in your community, keep downtown small
M	65+	Rep	N	More 20	Morgan Hill	2	Lower property, taxes, lower sales, taxes, less regulations, and more individual freedom!
M	18-34	Unaf	Y	6-10	Morgan Hill	2	Being able to build a park without it taking 10+ years from designing the plan to breaking ground (ie: the Compass and Morgan Hill neighborhood parks that keep getting delayed)

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F	35-44	Unaf	Y	6-10	Morgan Hill	2	Less commotion. Being able to park and visit downtown without having to walk several blocks just to get to where you want to go. Have smaller class sizes. Things are getting over crowded
F	35-44	Unaf	Y	6-10	Morgan Hill	2	Mom and pop shops and restaurants, non car mobility (walkable/bikeable), community events and lots of gathering places (ie parks, rec center, etc).
M	35-44	Unaf	Y	6-10	Morgan Hill	2	No HOAs where the houses can be built to a families desire. A good balance of local restaurants to people living there. Not overly crowded events and public recreation centers.
M	35-44	Unaf	Y	6-10	Morgan Hill	2	Where residents feel a strong sense of community regardless of the population size. The atmosphere is safe for families and children. There are events held by the town to bring people together.
M	45-54	Unaf	Y	6-10	Morgan Hill	2	It is gone. Small towns do not have unchecked growth compounded by a total failure to establish the infrastructure need to support the growth. Small towns do not spend tax dollars on lights not needed down town, or road projects that look cool but endanger our children's safety. CR1
M	45-54	Unaf	Y	6-10	Morgan Hill	2	It's a place where you can still find quiet, where you can walk to a nearby park and play with your children with a ton of traffic.
M	45-54	Unaf	Y	6-10	Morgan Hill	2	The downtown area.
F	45-54	Dem	Y	6-10	Morgan Hill	2	I think it's mostly about having lots of town-wide activities like Boo on Briggs and the farmer's market and the parades each year. I think having a vibrant old town section is also really important.
F	35-44	Rep	Y	6-10	Morgan Hill	2	Events being a manageable size without feeling overcrowded (farmers market, boo on Briggs, etc), mostly smaller/local businesses and very few chains
M	45-54	Rep	Y	6-10	Morgan Hill	2	Pedestrian friendly mall street with no cars. Would be nice to see a few more retailers on Briggs with the street closed to cars
O	45-54	Oth	Y	6-10	Morgan Hill	2	I love the small town feel, but cut the bs. It's not that when it takes 15 minutes to drive from the rec center to the freeway on a good day and you cannot do your grocery shopping here. No one wants their taxes raised for a preforming arts center. Just stop that.

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M	18-34	Unaf	N	6-10	Morgan Hill	2	Focus on getting more business, shops and restaurants in town. Provide incentives for new business. Adding more shops and restaurants will bring people to the town and walk around the streets. That is small town.
F	35-44	Unaf	N	6-10	Morgan Hill	2	Local and affordable stores and restaurants downtown, family oriented activities, rec center activities that are not impossible to sign up for.
F	55-64	Unaf	N	6-10	Morgan Hill	2	By definition it means limited population growth so that you stand a chance of knowing your neighbors and not being swamped by new developments. Local ownership of business
F	35-44	Dem	N	6-10	Morgan Hill	2	A thriving downtown led by small, locally owned businesses; neighborhoods where people know their neighbors and engage with each other regularly; a place where both adults and children feel safe and comfortable; a town where elected representatives, safety officers, and business owners are out, known, and engage with/in the community; a community that values maintaining public and private spaces and is known for hosting events, welcoming others, and being a "destination."
M	35-44	Dem	N	6-10	Morgan Hill	2	Walkability is key, I want to be able to walk or ride my bike into town and have a dozen restaurants to choose from, retail shops to visit, and local produce shops in the summer. Current tenants in old town are NOT appropriate for a small town feel.
M	45-54	Oth	N	6-10	Morgan Hill	2	Local restaurants and stores in the downtown area. Community events.
F	18-34	Unaf	Y	Less 5	Northridge	2	When out at a town event, there aren't enough people that you don't recognize most if not all the people there. The town isn't large enough that you can't easily bike from one end to the other.
F	35-44	Unaf	Y	Less 5	Northridge	2	Being able to let our kids play and ride bikes without worrying about safety. No homeless encampments. Seeing familiar and friendly faces at town spaces and buildings. Walkable town amenities, shops, restaurants, parks, etc. town cultural activities and festivals that are not crazy crowded but something the community looks forward to and participates in. Youth activities that make it simple to get involved in, friendly, not bureaucratic. Being able to access and speak to the mayor and town council (super appreciate how accessible and responsive the new leadership has been the last 6 months).

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F	35-44	Unaf	Y	Less 5	Northridge	2	Single mainstreet of downtown which we have. Centrally located library, rec center, police, and restaurants. Town sponsored events and farmers market.
M	35-44	Unaf	Y	Less 5	Northridge	2	Agree
M	35-44	Unaf	Y	Less 5	Northridge	2	Community events, a downtown with interesting shops and restaurants, friendly people, nice public spaces.
M	35-44	Unaf	Y	Less 5	Northridge	2	Services and business are close together and even walkable. Low crowding and low traffic. Erie is much too large to be a small town.
F	45-54	Dem	Y	Less 5	Northridge	2	A town that is walkable, has good restaurants that are locally owned, a great rec center and park/trails.
M	45-54	Dem	Y	Less 5	Northridge	2	Farmers market, walkable shops, park events
M	18-34	Unaf	N	Less 5	Northridge	2	It's unique
M	35-44	Unaf	N	Less 5	Northridge	2	Quiet. Lots of people wanting to visit events in old town Erie is great. There's no where for everyone to park all of there cars. Shuttle service from the high school?
M	65+	Dem	N	Less 5	Northridge	2	Nice restaurants, good library services- friendly staff at the Town services
M	65+	Dem	N	Less 5	Northridge	2	Current downtown
F	65+	Rep	N	Less 5	Northridge	2	Keep it simple!
M	35-44	Oth	N	Less 5	Northridge	2	Low population density
F	35-44	Unaf	Y	11-20	Northridge	2	Community events Walkability Parks
F	35-44	Unaf	Y	11-20	Northridge	2	Local activities, small enough where you know your neighbors and local businesses, expansive open space
F	55-64	Dem	Y	11-20	Northridge	2	Erie has lost the small town feel! I was born and raised in Boulder so I have seen Erie grow- when you have more than 5 elementary schools that is no longer a small town!
M	45-54	Rep	Y	11-20	Northridge	2	In a small town you know your neighbors, regularly gather at community events, have local businesses that are supported and support area athletic teams, and you feel safe sending your kids across town by themselves.

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M	55-64	Unaf	N	11-20	Northridge	2	Modest population, variety in housing, not high density, cookie-cutter developments. Small businesses, community cultural and recreational activities.
M	55-64	Unaf	N	11-20	Northridge	2	Truly, small towns have an independent field to them, we are not independent because we don't have the shops and stores that provide a local economy to thrive. The two grocery stores that we do have with our city limits are at the very edges of town and that's not Exactly what we're pursuing. Get some things in the middle of town and that will help. Also, previous question said that it was known that our police department needed to grow beyond the limits of a brand new facility and that just doesn't make sense to me. Why? How about we put more money into clearing streets of snow and other maintenance items for the general good? Water costs are too much too, how about we find a way to mitigate that extreme cost on the residents of Erie?
F	35-44	Dem	N	11-20	Northridge	2	I have lived here for 10 years. It use to have the small town fell, but bot anymore. Too much over development. Also, to the previous question. We don't need anymore law enforcement. I see a police cruiser on every corner. We don't need to spend anymore tax dollars on more of them.
M	55-64	Dem	N	11-20	Northridge	2	Lots of rural open space, but cookie cutter neighborhoods with houses packed in like sardines.
F	65+	Dem	N	11-20	Northridge	2	All the town events Concerts Farmers Market etc.
F	55-64	Rep	N	11-20	Northridge	2	Families and individuals get to know each other and build relationships via neighborhoods, recreation, schools, places of worship, civic organizations, businesses.
M	65+	Rep	N	11-20	Northridge	2	A place where the community comes together and people know their neighbors.
M	65+	Rep	N	11-20	Northridge	2	It has been destroyed over the last 15 years. To much development, government has gotten to big, police department no longer cares about serving the citizens, and the government is only concerned about the government.

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F	45-54	Unaf	Y	More 20	Northridge	2	Knowing the people in your town (not just your immediate neighbors), support of youth events, the ability to easily (without trails) to bike/walk to all neighborhoods.
M	45-54	Unaf	Y	More 20	Northridge	2	What Erie was like 20 years ago, not what it has become in 2025. Stop building new houses.
M	55-64	Unaf	Y	More 20	Northridge	2	Most important -NO URBAN DEVELOPMENT. a small town does not have millions of multi-family spaces crowded together. Small town is stores, room to breathe, friendly neighbors. Not crowded apartments which bring more and more and more people who don't even wave hellos. Erie used to be a nice place to raise a family. Now it's Denver light thanks to years of progressive mis-management. Also fire the town manager. Enough with the diversity already.
F	55-64	Dem	Y	More 20	Northridge	2	Many people are able to mingle in well defined social places like downtown, parks and recs and support small businesses. Can get from one side of Erie to another quickly without sitting in traffic.
F	45-54	Unaf	N	More 20	Northridge	2	Less dense neighborhoods and fewer housing projects. Better traffic flow. Current roads do not support the current plans for future growth.
F	45-54	Unaf	N	More 20	Northridge	2	No freaking small town feel. It's bloated with too many entitled and rude individuals and families. I HATE it here!!!!!!!
M	45-54	Unaf	N	More 20	Northridge	2	Erie is a sprawling mass of houses. There is no small town feel anymore.
M	45-54	Unaf	N	More 20	Northridge	2	Town is walkable and has a warm center that invites pedestrians. Everyone knows one another.
F	55-64	Unaf	N	More 20	Northridge	2	Neighborly
M	55-64	Unaf	N	More 20	Northridge	2	Our old town
F	65+	Unaf	N	More 20	Northridge	2	Easy to navigate, open seating for restaurants on Briggs feels like community. When town services listen and respond to the people that use their services versus standard scripted replies (I don't make the rules)
F	65+	Unaf	N	More 20	Northridge	2	The way it was before housing developments everywhere
M	65+	Unaf	N	More 20	Northridge	2	Easy traffic flow easy parking friendly police safe

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M	65+	Unaf	N	More 20	Northridge	2	Having locally owned restaurants and businesses. Being able to purchase many everyday goods locally without having to leave Erie.
M	65+	Unaf	N	More 20	Northridge	2	Open space, parks, low density housing
F	45-54	Dem	N	More 20	Northridge	2	Town square, old school diner, green space.
M	55-64	Dem	N	More 20	Northridge	2	Walkable, good local restaurants,
F	65+	Dem	N	More 20	Northridge	2	Attractive, well-maintained Main Street (Briggs). Walkable restaurant/pub/shops district; off street parking for patrons; farmer's market, arts fairs, music (encouraging local artist); all of which we already have. Protect open spaces. Continue to maintain existing trails and parks. STOP the exponential residential growth except for perhaps some additional affordable housing.
F	65+	Dem	N	More 20	Northridge	2	Does Not exist any more
F	65+	Dem	N	More 20	Northridge	2	Walkable streets, friendly business, restaurants, farmer's market, local business ownership. Fun activities such as concerts in the park, local festivals.
M	65+	Dem	N	More 20	Northridge	2	Adequate parking, and not too crowded
M	18-34	Rep	N	More 20	Northridge	2	LESS HOUSES. A town that has 3-4 surrounding neighborhoods around a cute downtown much like what Erie already has. Zero chain restaurants and only stand alone restaurants. A high school that invests in athletics. More dirt roads. Less stop lights. Less houses, more fields surrounding the entire town. Stop building houses and reinvest in the businesses and the people that were here 20 years ago. Stop modernizing and bring back the small town feel. Get the entire town around one team. Everyone goes to church.
F	55-64	Rep	N	More 20	Northridge	2	Less new builds, and apartments, less traffic. Equals no need to expand new police building, expand roads, new water treatment facility.
F	55-64	Rep	N	More 20	Northridge	2	Not 66,000 people. Use to be fun to go to events, especially on Briggs and see a lot of people we knew. But now not enough parking, too crowded. The traffic has increased and our roads are not built to handle it. Small towns dont have "affordable housing" or housing starting at \$600,000. Small towns are where people want to get involved in the community and not be angry at each other.

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F	65+	Rep	N	More 20	Northridge	2	Most services needed for daily life can be found within 5 miles of downtown. Building a group of peers, friends and collaborators in Erie.
F	65+	Rep	N	More 20	Northridge	2	Not Erie anymore. You've priced the small businesses out. Can't even park downtown to go anywhere . How does that help the handicapped pedestrians?
F	65+	Rep	N	More 20	Northridge	2	Small unique businesses, vibrant downtown area, cultural and recreational events for all ages of residents but not having thousands of participants
M	65+	Rep	N	More 20	Northridge	2	Away from commercial establishments. However, for us, having to drive 5 miles to get to a grocery store is kind of a bummer. Let us not be just a bedroom community.
M	65+	Rep	N	More 20	Northridge	2	What it was 10 years ago
M	35-44	Unaf	Y	6-10	Northridge	2	A clear pride in the towns center and focus on small but curated area. Clean, walkable, with seasonal lights, character that shows pride in the community spaces such as downtown Main Street.
M	45-54	Unaf	Y	6-10	Northridge	2	A bedroom community ruined by approval of housing developments without any supporting services and organic planning of growth.
F	35-44	Dem	Y	6-10	Northridge	2	That it is still a town, has a downtown, holds community events for free, not crowded
F	45-54	Rep	Y	6-10	Northridge	2	You know your neighbors and you don't have to leave the town for essentials - food, medical, household necessities, school, church, recreation - all within a small radius
M	65+	Rep	Y	6-10	Northridge	2	Being able to find a parking spot while visiting a village center that includes original buildings and decries tourism. A place where you're sure to meet people whose names you know when going to the post office. A place with little enough traffic that drivers happily wave pedestrians across the street without feeling that they're going to anger the line of cats behind them. A place where the police feel a part of the community.
F	55-64	Unaf	N	6-10	Northridge	2	Friendly people, easy traffic, quiet laid back community, slow pace of life

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F	65+	Unaf	N	6-10	Northridge	2	Events that support and recognize local people, businesses and schools (homecoming parade, farmer's market), encouraging small businesses in the old downtown area and keeping big box solutions out, community connections through frequent government communication, providing local solutions like recycling to local residents.
F	65+	Unaf	N	6-10	Northridge	2	Knowing people from the town when I see them on the streets or in town facilities, and usually a friendly hello and brief conversation.
F	35-44	Dem	N	6-10	Northridge	2	Encouraging small business over large chain stores and restaurants, designing infrastructure that mindfully handles traffic needs by avoiding large multi-lane roads near residential areas, locating large stores in areas with plenty of land for parking away from residential areas, keeping old town active with community events like farmers markets and art events
F	45-54	Rep	N	6-10	Northridge	2	Our downtown Erie needs more local restaurants and shops, it's nice to support local
F	65+	Rep	N	6-10	Northridge	2	Activities for residents to celebrate different holidays primarily focused towards children.
F	18-34	Unaf	Y	Less 5	Old Town Erie	2	A cute downtown with charming boutiques and good restaurants, nice landscaping and clean/beautiful/well maintained parks and public spaces
M	18-34	Unaf	Y	Less 5	Old Town Erie	2	Lots of events. Knowing your neighbor. Less construction. Less industrial buildings. More mom-and-pop shops.
F	35-44	Unaf	Y	Less 5	Old Town Erie	2	Homeie,close community
F	35-44	Unaf	Y	Less 5	Old Town Erie	2	No large housing units (apartments), no strip malls, and favor small businesses
M	35-44	Unaf	Y	Less 5	Old Town Erie	2	Single family homes where neighbors know each other. Where you run into people you know everywhere you go. Slow traffic speeds. Quiet.
M	35-44	Unaf	Y	Less 5	Old Town Erie	2	Walking to the ice cream store, talking with my neighbors, giant trees, no HOA stagnating individualism. It's the parade or lights, walking my kiddo to school. A downtown with affordable options. It's is not rigidity looking like the rest of everywhere else.

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F	18-34	Dem	Y	Less 5	Old Town Erie	2	Walkable. Lots of small local business. Community events and spaces. Please stop prioritizing new homes! We need more local business (grocery store!) and public transportation options to support our already rapidly growing population.
M	35-44	Dem	Y	Less 5	Old Town Erie	2	Downtown buildings, not too tall, historical preservation, community outreach, community events.
F	45-54	Dem	Y	Less 5	Old Town Erie	2	Houses are varied and eclectic, there's not a ton of traffic, and old town is very walkable.
F	18-34	Rep	Y	Less 5	Old Town Erie	2	A small town has unique businesses that are usually family owned. It has art and culture that is unlike any other area. The small town puts on events for its local neighborhoods where people can gather and socialize. The old town neighborhood and the people that live there have pride in their properties and upkeep while staying eclectic, diverse and unique.
M	55-64	Rep	Y	Less 5	Old Town Erie	2	Increasing length of downtown, no stoplight at all along Briggs.
F	35-44	Unaf	N	Less 5	Old Town Erie	2	Small towns generally are not active police states funded by it's residents under the guise of 'serve and protect'. Expanding the Erie police department is not in the best interest of the "small town feel", it's GREED.
F	45-54	Unaf	N	Less 5	Old Town Erie	2	Accessibility to town meetings and community functions while having enough open space, trails and greenbelts to make non motorized travel a reality. If we are making mass housing projects priority, PLEASE be able to link these neighborhoods together without the need to expand streets and parking in old town. Erie is doing a phenomenal job so far! Maybe think about running local shuttles to the newer residential communities on event days to cut down on traffic and parking. Briggs or Katell St > W to Hwy 287> E to Westerly> S to Hwy 7 > N to Hwy 52

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F	45-54	Unaf	N	Less 5	Old Town Erie	2	People smiling and saying hello to each other as they walk or drive by, residents respecting each other (e.g. keeping noise levels down after 9, maintaining yards and keeping weeds at bay to keep mosquitos and wasps down as well as improve aesthetic of the town), residents enjoying each other's company at local restaurants and coffee shops or out and about on walks/in parks, maintaining the aesthetics of the environment, unique town events every month or so during all 4 seasons
F	55-64	Unaf	N	Less 5	Old Town Erie	2	Add more small town feel shops and stores downtown. Ensuring the rent is affordable.
F	55-64	Unaf	N	Less 5	Old Town Erie	2	Recognizing people you see around town.
M	65+	Unaf	N	Less 5	Old Town Erie	2	Buildings that are no more than 3 stories and no restaurant chains
F	18-34	Dem	N	Less 5	Old Town Erie	2	People bring free to express themselves.
F	18-34	Dem	N	Less 5	Old Town Erie	2	Prioritizing maintaining old town and historic locations, parks, and small businesses
M	18-34	Dem	N	Less 5	Old Town Erie	2	Being able to walk to the things you need, old town is a good example of small town. Anyone complaining about eries small town feel outside of old town has no idea what a small town is. Erie isn't a small town anymore and should begin to accept that. Time to look to the future and stop clinging to a past that most residents never experienced
F	35-44	Dem	N	Less 5	Old Town Erie	2	A small-town feel is a community that feels like community. Everyone looks out for each other, you can walk to and around town, and you can feel safe while doing so. It's not an area that's overrun by housing projects and commercial interests.
F	35-44	Dem	N	Less 5	Old Town Erie	2	Being able to walk to restaurants and stores, ideally a small grocery store too. Being able to recognize and talk to your neighbors and the people who run and work at local businesses. Not having cookie cutter subdivisions - an area like old town goes a long way to create a sense of community centered around the Main Street, with quaint neighborhoods surrounding it.
F	55-64	Dem	N	Less 5	Old Town Erie	2	Friendly, fun,
F	65+	Dem	N	Less 5	Old Town Erie	2	Walkability, events, Unique businesses and restaurants
M	18-34	Rep	N	Less 5	Old Town Erie	2	Safe, arts, food, not overcrowded, kid friendly, bike accessible, events

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M	55-64	Rep	N	Less 5	Old Town Erie	2	Living in old town, I appreciate that Erie is so similar to the small town we came from. Safe environment and a friendly feel overall.
F	65+	Rep	N	Less 5	Old Town Erie	2	Wonderful downtown area, great restaurants,
F	35-44	Unaf	Y	11-20	Old Town Erie	2	Erie 10 years ago, all the developments already have changed the feel
M	35-44	Unaf	Y	11-20	Old Town Erie	2	Walkable neighborhoods, where mixed residential and commercial commingle. Right now, outside of old town, Erie is EXTREMELY suburban and not in any way "small town"
M	45-54	Unaf	Y	11-20	Old Town Erie	2	Small town feel means that when residents go outside, they notice little traffic or construction, and next to no crime. Businesses, restaurants, and amenities are within walking or biking distance, and consist more of mom-and-pop locations than national chains—with the possible exception of the outskirts of town. Open spaces are plentiful, and tend to look more wild and unkempt than those in your average suburb—those qualities are seen as welcome, and other than a simple path through them (at most), they are left untouched.
M	45-54	Unaf	Y	11-20	Old Town Erie	2	Walkable, friendly and safe. Keep old town "old town." Attractions like coal creek park, restaurants, plum creek nursery, other businesses.
M	18-34	Unaf	N	11-20	Old Town Erie	2	Walkability. Towns that are built at human scale, rather than for cars, feel "small town" and "homey". But what makes them this way is not a small population, but narrow streets and dense housing with many retail and dining options within 5 minutes on foot. Please have the council spend even 5 minutes researching the organization "Strong Towns"

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M	35-44	Unaf	N	11-20	Old Town Erie	2	Safety. We do not need more police, we need more funding for social service workers on call like the police to maintain this small town feel. Neighbors talk to each other. The community takes care of each other and I believe the majority of future potential issues to residents safety should be addressed with considering alternate options to traditional policing. When an even that requires the police occurs, it is quite common to see more than enough officers respond. Should a large scale danger occur, resources from rear y and utilizing state police is sufficient.
F	45-54	Unaf	N	11-20	Old Town Erie	2	A place where neighbors are friendly and wave at each other, a place where there are community spaces and events for gathering, a local store (not Conoco or Stop n Save!) where folks can pick up a few fresh, potentially local, produce/meats.
F	55-64	Unaf	N	11-20	Old Town Erie	2	Knowing people, having common schools, activities, experiences
M	55-64	Unaf	N	11-20	Old Town Erie	2	A stable friendly central (Briggs) commercial center and regular community events.

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F	65+	Unaf	N	11-20	Old Town Erie	2	Every street in downtown Erie is bumper to bumper both sides. Very crowded. No available parking. All old town streets too crowded. Only been here 10 years. Very noisy now. Think our population is more than enough.
F	45-54	Dem	N	11-20	Old Town Erie	2	Seeing people you know. Walkability to retail and restaurants. No chains, small independently owned retail that reflects a diverse community.
M	45-54	Dem	N	11-20	Old Town Erie	2	Like cheer's, everybody knows your name!
F	55-64	Dem	N	11-20	Old Town Erie	2	Inclusive community events in which everyone feels welcome and creates a clean and safe environment!
F	18-34	Unaf	Y	More 20	Old Town Erie	2	This is no longer a small town. Ive been here all 32 years of my life and it just feels cramped now.
F	35-44	Unaf	Y	More 20	Old Town Erie	2	It's already on The Verge of not feeling like a small town. We do not need any more growth. No more outrageous home developments and no more stores.
F	45-54	Unaf	Y	More 20	Old Town Erie	2	Small town feel = knowing your neighbors; less traffic congestion; less people crowding amenities; not overbuilding; community participation in school events; support for law enforcement, schools and government; an overall kindness toward each other peppered with some civic pride.
M	45-54	NR	Y	More 20	Old Town Erie	2	Not like it use to be. But the small town vide is still there. Controlling people and car traffic ensures we are not on top of each other. Can spread out.
M	55-64	NR	Y	More 20	Old Town Erie	2	Safety, where people know and look out for each other. Less hectic pace and traffic. We no longer have this sadly.
F	45-54	Unaf	N	More 20	Old Town Erie	2	Easy access to businesses and amenities within a reasonable distance. Knowing who your neighbors are
F	55-64	Unaf	N	More 20	Old Town Erie	2	Knowing your neighbors. Coming together as a community during events.
F	55-64	Unaf	N	More 20	Old Town Erie	2	Vehicles stopping at crosswalk to let pedestrians cross. Even with the 4 way stop signs, the intersection at Wells and Briggs is awful. Vehicles do not want to stop, much less for a pedestrian.

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F	55-64	Unaf	N	More 20	Old Town Erie	2	Where people know each other and respect each other. I have lived in old town for 26 years and I loved our little town but when going to old town they messed up Briggs street and the parking around Kattel, Malcolm, Briggs is a nightmare. They built the parking lot south of the splash pad and people don't use it. They try to park in our cul de sac and on the roads surrounding making it impossible for two cars to go through. Forget trying to pick up your mail if there is an event or on the weekends because everyone parks at the post office. They would've been better off building a parking garage where city hall is or where Allo is to accommodate the droves of people. They tore up Briggs street and closed it off last September (closing farmers market early) and did not touch it until April/May of this year. We couldn't do Boo on Briggs or the Christmas parade... Poor planning!!!
F	65+	Unaf	N	More 20	Old Town Erie	2	Getting crowded. We still have a chance to keep Erie and the comfort of walking and biking places but the roads are getting too busy,
F	65+	Unaf	N	More 20	Old Town Erie	2	I know my neighbors and they know that we are elderly.
F	65+	Unaf	N	More 20	Old Town Erie	2	It's home. Altho there have been many changes since the 80's when we moved here, small town feel means that even as Erie grows and evolves, we nurture a sense of community through our shared connections, such as events, activities and parks, trails and open space areas.
F	65+	Unaf	N	More 20	Old Town Erie	2	Not Erie it use to be that way but no more
F	65+	Unaf	N	More 20	Old Town Erie	2	Quiet, kind, friendly, great services
F	65+	Unaf	N	More 20	Old Town Erie	2	Safety
F	65+	Unaf	N	More 20	Old Town Erie	2	Walkability, affordable housing that draws a diverse citizenry, community events, a downtown that has character, public artworks including murals. Police that are friendly and helpful, not just enforcers.
M	65+	Unaf	N	More 20	Old Town Erie	2	Friendly neighbors the which doesn't cope an better than you attitude.
M	65+	Unaf	N	More 20	Old Town Erie	2	In no way is Erie a small town, it's like every other culd'sac subdivision in the USA
M	65+	Unaf	N	More 20	Old Town Erie	2	Slow down and say hello

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O	65+	Unaf	N	More 20	Old Town Erie	2	Been an old town 30 years small town feels gone ridiculous Building pretty sickening really disgusted with the police budget expansion you should give seniors relief from property tax bills very gentrifying
F	18-34	Dem	N	More 20	Old Town Erie	2	Walkable streets, heavy emphasis on community and community events, having resources to support vulnerable people who live in the town.
F	55-64	Dem	N	More 20	Old Town Erie	2	Friendly, we're neighbors help each other and know each other. Has town events
F	55-64	Dem	N	More 20	Old Town Erie	2	It's not a small town anymore With over 35,000 people I don't see how you get that. The town has let the old town, Erie the true town go to waste.
F	55-64	Dem	N	More 20	Old Town Erie	2	Stores are walkable, entertainment walkable, no big roads or bridges coming into the center of town,
M	55-64	Dem	N	More 20	Old Town Erie	2	Diversity in house appearance, diversity in yard/landscape appearance, town staff living in town, walk-ability to restaurants, locally owned businesses, diversity in socioeconomic status and ethnicity, residents staying in their homes for many years and families living here for generations. Small streets.
M	55-64	Dem	N	More 20	Old Town Erie	2	I've lived here in Erie for 62 years. Erie was a small town in the 1960's with a population of about 1,000 people. It's no longer a small town
F	65+	Dem	N	More 20	Old Town Erie	2	Erie is no longer a small town. Small town people should be friendly with one another. Respect each other.
F	65+	Dem	N	More 20	Old Town Erie	2	I would describe it like Erie was over 30 years ago before all the growth. The small town feel is gone for good now.
F	65+	Dem	N	More 20	Old Town Erie	2	Maintaining the downtown restaurant district keeping's it clean . Support business owners to maintain their properties. The one block gives you a small town feel
F	65+	Dem	N	More 20	Old Town Erie	2	Sense of community and trust
F	65+	Dem	N	More 20	Old Town Erie	2	When this was a small town there was less traffic and crime
M	65+	Dem	N	More 20	Old Town Erie	2	Erie is bordering on growing out of the small town feel now.
M	65+	Dem	N	More 20	Old Town Erie	2	No HOA-type regulation
M	65+	Dem	N	More 20	Old Town Erie	2	We're beyond a small town already! Quiet and peaceful.

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F	65+	Rep	N	More 20	Old Town Erie	2	Old town Erie. Families Police presence
F	65+	Rep	N	More 20	Old Town Erie	2	Old town kept as center of activities, need for adequate parking. Know and have neighborhood closeness .
F	65+	Rep	N	More 20	Old Town Erie	2	Only small town feel is Old Town Erie
M	65+	Rep	N	More 20	Old Town Erie	2	A place where they don't have or where they're not building row houses on every available vacant lot
M	65+	Rep	N	More 20	Old Town Erie	2	Minimal traffic,few as possible 4 lane roads, roundabouts rather than traffic lights, downtown events as a good thing
M	65+	Rep	N	More 20	Old Town Erie	2	One with a vibrant downtown scene.
F	65+	Oth	N	More 20	Old Town Erie	2	I love the vibe; the fact that houses don't all look alike; there is no HOA; I know just about everyone on my block; the Farmer's Market; homecoming parade; parade of lights; great restaurants within walking distance.
F	65+	Oth	N	More 20	Old Town Erie	2	With Erie on the edge of NOT being being small town: No more growth Do more town activities that embody a small town, like July 4th town picnic with fireworks at night. Parades and activities that celebrate holidays and seasons and just because!
M	65+	Oth	N	More 20	Old Town Erie	2	Friendly neighbors who care for their properties
F	65+	NR	N	More 20	Old Town Erie	2	Being able to walk to most things, small neighborhoods, not much traffic
F	45-54	Unaf	N	Ref	Old Town Erie	2	Open spaces, lower traffic volumes, well controlled traffic
O	55-64	Unaf	N	Ref	Old Town Erie	2	Old town Erie - the walkability and ease of accessing a variety of shops, cafes, restaurants, open space, theaters, and leisure activities within a few well maintained and vegetative blocks.
M	18-34	Unaf	Y	6-10	Old Town Erie	2	Walkable. Bikeable. No strip malls
F	35-44	Unaf	Y	6-10	Old Town Erie	2	A small town feel to me is rooted in a strong sense of community, where people know their neighbors, local businesses are involved and personable, and there is an abundance of community events to attended year around.
F	35-44	Unaf	Y	6-10	Old Town Erie	2	Neighborly, many family friendly events.
M	35-44	Unaf	Y	6-10	Old Town Erie	2	Family oriented programs and events. People are happy and excited to be part of the community.

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F	35-44	Dem	Y	6-10	Old Town Erie	2	A small town allows folks to easily access services by foot and they feel safe to do so. Small towns encourage folks to rely on one another and values the community.
F	35-44	Dem	Y	6-10	Old Town Erie	2	Knowing your neighbors. Walk ability. Safety.
F	35-44	Dem	Y	6-10	Old Town Erie	2	Walkable neighborhoods, preserving and growing old town businesses, small locally owned business rather than large chains moving in.
F	35-44	Rep	Y	6-10	Old Town Erie	2	Walkable, less traffic and noise, support locally owned businesses, knowing your neighbor and community members
M	35-44	Unaf	N	6-10	Old Town Erie	2	A place where people from all financial backgrounds can live.
M	35-44	Unaf	N	6-10	Old Town Erie	2	Not allowing such dense residential development that are all the same design and build. Having open spaces that separate development. Having locally owned small businesses and limiting large retail chains in strategic areas.
F	45-54	Unaf	N	6-10	Old Town Erie	2	Walkability! I could walk to entertainment, a market, restaurants, shops etc. Think blue zone area. I also love the connections with neighbors. Small towns allow you to build generational community.
M	45-54	Unaf	N	6-10	Old Town Erie	2	It is not the McMansions being built. It is not the new "affordable" living development in Cheeseman and County Lint. Small town feel is old town and the business in Briggs.
F	55-64	Unaf	N	6-10	Old Town Erie	2	Well kept commercial buildings on Briggs, nooks to sit - like mini parks to discover, tasteful parades, love the Christmas lights in Dec and Jan - how about lights on Briggs or in Old Town at other times of year?
M	55-64	Unaf	N	6-10	Old Town Erie	2	Less traffic and more trails.
F	18-34	Dem	N	6-10	Old Town Erie	2	Small-town means the town is actually small. No apartments or overcrowded schools.
F	35-44	Dem	N	6-10	Old Town Erie	2	Unique homes and businesses

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M	35-44	Dem	N	6-10	Old Town Erie	2	I would describe a small town feel as somewhere with less crime and more community togetherness. The neighbors would know each other and do favors for each other if need be and the community would get together for festivals or farmers markets, or community activities like jogging in groups or having picnics. Honestly it's what already is the feel of today's Old Town Erie. However there is a lot more communities than just Old Town obviously.
F	65+	Dem	N	6-10	Old Town Erie	2	Locally owned businesses connected by pedestrian-friendly walkways, trees, and art that speaks to the history and the future of the town.
M	65+	Dem	N	6-10	Old Town Erie	2	Know, interact, etc with your neighbor. A local. Erie based, grocery store would be a great help to the existing families.
M	55-64	NR	N	6-10	Old Town Erie	2	A walkable community, with recreation, essential retail, restaurants, bars and entertainment within 10-15 minutes on foot, without the requirement for motor transport.
F	18-34	Unaf	Y	Less 5	Other Neighborhood	2	Having restaurants that you're familiar with the staff, a downtown area that is bustling with activities and businesses but not overcrowded (ie ample parking), events put on for all ages (like the Touch a Truck, Boo on Briggs) a high quality rec center and parks that are inviting
M	35-44	Unaf	Y	Less 5	Other Neighborhood	2	Briggs street is the small town feel. We love having a small selection of local businesses on a single street that brings the community together.
M	45-54	Unaf	Y	Less 5	Other Neighborhood	2	Leave downtown as it is. No affordable housing units or high rise buildings. No section 8.
M	45-54	Unaf	Y	Less 5	Other Neighborhood	2	Local business and local participation. Make It transparent how is this happening in your plans
M	18-34	Dem	Y	Less 5	Other Neighborhood	2	It's when you have a feeling of being able to associate with neighbors in a friendly manor at the park or other local facilities while still having all the needed amenities available nearby
M	45-54	Rep	Y	Less 5	Other Neighborhood	2	We moved to Erie for a more conservative place to live. You can keep the small town feel in Downtown Erie, not a problem. You can add Historical markers/buildings to keep the small town feel.

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F	18-34	Oth	Y	Less 5	Other Neighborhood	2	Public facilities that people constantly frequent. I feel like the library and rec center do that and are visited often. A lot of small and local shops are nearby, no large corporations. People are out and about walking their neighborhood and trails. Lots of outdoor spaces that people congregate to.
M	55-64	Unaf	N	Less 5	Other Neighborhood	2	Walkable downtown area with shops and restaurants, reasonable traffic
M	55-64	Dem	N	Less 5	Other Neighborhood	2	Quiet, friendly, everything is close
M	65+	Dem	N	Less 5	Other Neighborhood	2	Easy to go anywhere within the town limits.
F	45-54	Unaf	Y	11-20	Other Neighborhood	2	Welcoming community space. Ease at which you can drive/walk through town. Local owned businesses within the town (in place of chains).
M	35-44	Unaf	N	11-20	Other Neighborhood	2	Definitely not Erie's current sprawl.
F	65+	Unaf	N	More 20	Other Neighborhood	2	Residents knowing most people in town through schools, churches and town events. We had very little crime. There are many community events but the town is growing way too fast. Erie is way past the small-town feel.
M	45-54	Rep	N	Ref	Other Neighborhood	2	It's getting lost in the out of control building
O	35-44	Oth	N	Ref	Other Neighborhood	2	Local businesses, local events. A beautiful and inviting "downtown" where people want to come spend time. Inn instead of large hotel, b&bs, but we need our families to come be able to visit. Check out cedar falls Iowa. They still felt like a small town, even with a college nearby, and large buildings.
F	35-44	Unaf	Y	6-10	Other Neighborhood	2	There are tons of residential areas going in and the number of businesses/restaurants don't match. It makes things busy and traffic is worse. The small town feel is slowly leaving.
F	45-54	Unaf	Y	6-10	Other Neighborhood	2	Strong sense of community and lots of unifying community events; more time and space to enjoy moments with less hustle and bustle of a city; plenty of independent businesses as opposed to chains; historic charm in our town center; low crime rates and a general feeling of safety and security with neighbors looking out for one another, and trust and respect to and from our police, fire, and EMS specialists.

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M	45-54	Unaf	Y	6-10	Other Neighborhood	2	Open spaces, a "main street (Briggs in this case)" with local businesses, low traffic, friendly people who know each other, overall lower density and total population.
F	35-44	Dem	Y	6-10	Other Neighborhood	2	Small owned businesses. Little to no chain stores or restaurants. Community events bringing the town together.
M	35-44	Rep	Y	6-10	Other Neighborhood	2	Recognize the same faces
M	45-54	Dem	Y	11-20	Sunwest	2	Community sports Seeing people you know when out and about Good main street with local owned businesses
F	65+	Unaf	N	More 20	Sunwest	2	With the new town center, and paying consultants for this plan.... It is spread all over the place. Look at the horrible design of county line road by the school. Look at some of these designed round a bouts. If you need advice on roundabout, go up to Firestone and look at the double one there. It's big enough so that people can drive through them side-by-side. Very concerned from this small town and doing it right.
F	65+	Unaf	N	6-10	Sunwest	2	Quietness, town functions to bring people together, police presence, roads kept repaired, small businesses like Cristos flourishing, encouraging popular businesses to come here so we can keep the revenue in Erie!
F	55-64	Rep	N	6-10	Vista Pointe	2	It's laid-back, friendly feel or many people know each other and local restaurants and shops are more prominent in downtown than national chains
M	18-34	Unaf	N	More 20	Vista Ridge Master HOA	2	It's gone, not sure what they are talking about.

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F	55-64	Unaf	N	Ref	Vista Ridge Master HOA	2	Re the answer to #10 – it wasn't the right question. You were elected and the staff are there to support you with data re how best to pay for the new police building – this was in the last survey, and I know from Council meetings that some on the Council simply didn't like the answers. Let it go – it's not about you. These surveys have been answered and you need to quit coming back to the public until people are so bored they quit playing. Pick the best that is clearly the best way to spend our money and do it. Re: question 11 – this is another question that is leading and there is no real way to come up with a statistical analysis. But okay here you go – small town feel is front porch, kids with sparklers (not fireworks), front fences where neighbors chat, watching the mountains over a cup or coffee or glass of wine. Having places to go that are quiet and purposeful, lovely and shaded, places with benches and ART. A book store. Not just another box that sells books. Look to Lafayette. Look to aspects of Boulder. Look to ourselves. QUIT BUILDING TRACT HOUSING. QUIT APPROVING MTDs. These will get us nowhere but crowded with someone else managing these "not Town" neighborhoods,
F	18-34	Unaf	Y	Less 5	Westerly	2	Walkable neighborhoods, lots of spaces to gather with friends and neighbors, kid friendly spaces, community owned businesses, people live and work near the community, having all needs met within a short distance from home
F	35-44	Unaf	Y	Less 5	Westerly	2	A close community where you can complete all of your errands within a short distance. You recognize your friends and neighbors as you go about your day.

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F	35-44	Unaf	Y	Less 5	Westerly	2	I'm from a small town in Iowa. Have lived in LA and NYC. Even cities can have this feeling. It's important to have intentional business join the community. We can access anything we want off of I-25, but would prefer to keep big chains there. Small towns are about going to establishments you love that help support your neighbor. Places that allow people to gather are important. Imagine if Briggs was no traffic and just walkable. Fire pits in the winter. Music in the summer. A program where Kids run snow cone or s'mores businesses while being required to learn about business behind the scenes. Cafe tables where people can grab coffee and catch up.

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F	35-44	Unaf	Y	Less 5	Westerly	2	Living in a small town feels like being wrapped in a familiar and comforting rhythm. It's a place where life moves a little slower, and that slowness allows you to truly notice things—the way the sun rises over the rooftops, the rustling of trees in the wind, or the scent of rain on a gravel road. There's a strong sense of belonging, where people greet each other by name at the grocery store, and someone always stops to say hello at the post office. It's a place where tradition matters. Fridays mean local football games where the whole town shows up, bundled in school colors, cheering together under the stadium lights. Annual parades, town fairs, and holiday events aren't just activities—they're woven into the identity of the place, moments where generations gather and memories are made. There's a deep connection to the land, whether it's wide-open fields, wooded trails, or a single main street lined with old, beloved buildings. Each season brings something familiar: fall leaves burning gold, the crisp scent of winter woodsmoke, spring's muddy roads, and summer nights filled with the hum of crickets and porchlight conversations. Neighbors become more than neighbors—they become part of your extended circle. If something goes wrong, there's always someone nearby to lend a hand, offer a meal, or check in. People show up for each other in small, meaningful ways that often go unspoken but never unnoticed. Living in a small town means knowing where you are and who you are. It's feeling rooted, seen, and part of something that feels steady in a changing world. Love all the festival and small community events!
F	35-44	Unaf	Y	Less 5	Westerly	2	Simple town where kids can ride bikes without fear, town gathers under the Friday night lights, no big name stores or complexes that draw neighboring towns, neighbors looking out for neighbors
M	35-44	Unaf	Y	Less 5	Westerly	2	Briggs Street. Town events.

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M	35-44	Unaf	Y	Less 5	Westerly	2	Has on old town Main Street. Has locally owned businesses. Has small town fairs/events. Has a gazebo in the park (Erie doesn't). Has a local diner (Erie doesn't) where locals meet, where the high school team sports dinners are hosted, where the same people come in every morning, sit in the same spot, and order the same item off the menu...Erie needs a Scottie's Coffee Shop (cornerstone of town life in my home town Granville, NY).
M	35-44	Unaf	Y	Less 5	Westerly	2	Not Denver.
M	35-44	Unaf	Y	Less 5	Westerly	2	The community that listens and looks after it's citizens
M	55-64	Unaf	Y	Less 5	Westerly	2	I like the small town but think the mining vibe and tiny downtown need to be improved.
F	35-44	Dem	Y	Less 5	Westerly	2	It's charming and feels safe. It is full of successful small businesses (big box stores are nowhere to be found, or on the extreme edges of town). It's very family friendly and supportive. Prices at restaurants and shops aren't too high. A middle-class family can afford them. People take care of the town (e.g. are considerate with their trash) and are respectful to and look out for their neighbors. There are lots of town events where you expect to see people you know. Town events can be popular, but are not so busy to the point of being stressful (I felt stressed at last year's Boo on Briggs, hoping that maybe a different layout for the tents to allow for more space between lines could help the problem). Downtown areas are beautiful and well cared for. There are volunteer opportunities for all types of people. including families with kids.
F	35-44	Dem	Y	Less 5	Westerly	2	It's nice but Erie isn't a small town anymore so not sure it has the same feel. Old town is crowded and we need more restaurants.
F	35-44	Dem	Y	Less 5	Westerly	2	Neighbors know each other and there are 3rd spaces to gather outside of work and home. Small towns also have a slower pace of life and value family, social connections, and a connection to the outdoor world.
F	35-44	Dem	Y	Less 5	Westerly	2	People are supportive and friendly. There are town activities and events as well as a thriving downtown area with local businesses and restaurants.

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F	35-44	Dem	Y	Less 5	Westerly	2	Walkable downtown, local restaurants, family programming, safe, strong school, community celebrations.
F	45-54	Dem	Y	Less 5	Westerly	2	Keep it small town with more restaurants
F	45-54	Dem	Y	Less 5	Westerly	2	Regular events that encourage community participation, inclusive for the variety of people and life stages we have in town, aesthetically beautiful - flowers, art, signage - a place you love to walk your dog through town, meet new people, have a meal or drink outside and enjoy the peaceful (yet vibrant) ambiance
M	45-54	Dem	Y	Less 5	Westerly	2	People who care about each other.
M	18-34	Rep	Y	Less 5	Westerly	2	A small-town feel means neighbors know each other, kids play safely outside, local shops and events bring people together, and the pace of life is warm, walkable, and community-driven.
F	35-44	Rep	Y	Less 5	Westerly	2	Spaced out homes, less congestion and less slammed in single family homes, less high density multifamily homes, more community events and shops in downtown Erie, but the farmlife, animals, horses, etc. larger farmers market with less hot foods and so more crops, etc.
M	35-44	Rep	Y	Less 5	Westerly	2	Lots of people know each other. The town comes to the high school football games to watch football, even without a kid on the team, HOMES ON ACREAGE, farms still exist
M	35-44	Rep	Y	Less 5	Westerly	2	Small downtown with small mom pop shops and community events and involvement
M	18-34	Unaf	N	Less 5	Westerly	2	People are friendly towards each other. They're proud of their community (collective efficacy). People go to town events. Being an East Coaster, we love the patriotism communities show.
M	35-44	Unaf	N	Less 5	Westerly	2	Friendly, downtown shops and businesses, services for all, homeowner rights
F	45-54	Unaf	N	Less 5	Westerly	2	Family friendly areas, walkable sidewalks. Town events, open spaces where kids can hang out in a safe environment. Restaurants that are inviting and places that allow you to linger.
F	65+	Unaf	N	Less 5	Westerly	2	A quaint downtown area, places to participate with families in ERIE. A good recreation center where people can meet and kids can play sports.
M	65+	Unaf	N	Less 5	Westerly	2	Less commercial, a lot of community involvement, less big subdivisions

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F	45-54	Dem	N	Less 5	Westerly	2	Non-chain stores, charming streets with trees providing shade, casual places to eat and get treats, knowing your neighbors.
F	65+	Dem	N	Less 5	Westerly	2	Being able to walk from place to place, park once, visit stores and restaurants, PO, park without moving the car.
M	65+	Dem	N	Less 5	Westerly	2	Mostly residential, lots of parks and park activities, lots of local events.
F	18-34	Rep	N	Less 5	Westerly	2	No sky scrapers, local businesses, a local downtown that's walkable or bikeable
M	18-34	Rep	N	Less 5	Westerly	2	Doesn't attract a lot of people from other areas to visit, good schools and tight community
F	35-44	Rep	N	Less 5	Westerly	2	A small-town feel is defined by a strong town—a deep felt sense of community, where there are various local small businesses, community events, and gatherings on a consistent basis. We believe that Erie needs more local, small businesses.
F	65+	Rep	N	Less 5	Westerly	2	Little crime, neighbors active in community,
M	65+	Rep	N	Less 5	Westerly	2	Having what we have now.
M	35-44	Oth	N	Less 5	Westerly	2	No "big box stores" like Walmart, as many local businesses as possible.
F	18-34	Unaf	Y	11-20	Westerly	2	No big buildings over 2 stories, having a downtown area that is walkable from longer distances. No large road ways wider than two lanes across on each side (or 3 in some cases) having the whole town connected in a way for pedestrians. a limit on the number of high schools. One football team for the downtown parade. Each neighborhood can still feel small and yet connected to each other. It would be great to have a sidewalk that connects all the way to Vista ridge on the dump road.
M	45-54	Unaf	Y	11-20	Westerly	2	Walkable downtown and city center
M	35-44	Dem	Y	11-20	Westerly	2	A community that is friendly and open to embrace the cultural diversity of those who move here, offering a sense of friendly and helpful hospitality that makes both residents and visitors wish to stay.
M	45-54	Rep	Y	11-20	Westerly	2	Love the parades we have downtown (homecoming , Christmas)
F	18-34	Unaf	N	11-20	Westerly	2	One that is open and welcoming to everyone.
F	35-44	Dem	N	Ref	Westerly	2	Community is built on bringing people together through events that attract and retain. Music is essential to providing flavor to community and can be loved by both young and old audiences.

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F	45-54	Unaf	Y	6-10	Westerly	2	Downtown area with events, ability ride bikes or walk places, and community events that allow people to meet one another.
M	35-44	Rep	Y	6-10	Westerly	2	Small town events, youth football fields, rec center, small businesses
F	65+	Unaf	N	6-10	Westerly	2	A fantasy that people who move from big cities use to describe anything smaller.
F	18-34	Unaf	Y	Less 5	Wildrose	2	1. A strong sense of community with shared traditions and pride in the town. Events that really rally the town together like Erie Biscuit Day or Niwot's RockN Rails 2. Local businesses - less chain establishments and more family-run diners 3. Low crime - a place where people feel safe 4. Natural surroundings that add to a peaceful, picturesque vibe
M	35-44	Unaf	Y	Less 5	Wildrose	2	To me, a small-town feel includes, * Low traffic density on most thoroughfares, especially during off-peak hours * Limited commercial real-estate, mostly of the mom-and-pop variety, and no big-box stores * Dedicated open spaces, not coopted by real-estate developers * Some farmland
M	45-54	Unaf	Y	Less 5	Wildrose	2	Like the small town feel as it is now, especially downtown area.
M	45-54	Unaf	Y	Less 5	Wildrose	2	Walkable downtown, limited high density housing, local business rather than chain
F	18-34	Dem	Y	Less 5	Wildrose	2	To me, small-town feel limits major retail corporations/large chain restaurants/fast food chains -and large hotels within the town itself (Target, Chilis, Marriott, etc) - most of these things are currently on the outskirts of Erie which is awesome. Small enough to be connected by trails and walking paths without crossing major highways and/or roads. Clean parks without graffiti and trash everywhere and well-kept landscaping.
F	35-44	Dem	Y	Less 5	Wildrose	2	Lots of independent places to eat or shop, many centralized areas to congregate and enjoy with your neighbors.
M	35-44	Dem	Y	Less 5	Wildrose	2	Greenery, some open space and parks, small local businesses, and roads that aren't constantly congested.
M	35-44	Dem	Y	Less 5	Wildrose	2	No massive chains like Walmart or target. Focus on community centers, and city beautification projects

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M	35-44	Dem	Y	Less 5	Wildrose	2	When I go to restaurants or the farmer's market, I bump into at least a few couple's I know or people who work there I'm familiar with.
F	45-54	Dem	Y	Less 5	Wildrose	2	Farmers market, community events like 4th of July parade and fireworks, Halloween and other holiday events on Briggs street, incorporating school sports and performing arts in the general events community
F	45-54	Dem	Y	Less 5	Wildrose	2	Walkable small town with a great vibrant downtown.
M	35-44	Rep	Y	Less 5	Wildrose	2	Independent small businesses instead of chains
M	55-64	Rep	Y	Less 5	Wildrose	2	Limited population, friendly and helpful people
M	35-44	NR	Y	Less 5	Wildrose	2	This not a small town any longer with the growing population and demographics of the population. Just accept that and build the town facilities to meet the expectations of its residents.
F	18-34	Unaf	N	Less 5	Wildrose	2	I do not like the small town feel. There are not many things to do here and you must drive out of town to many places such as stores, gyms, etc.
F	45-54	Unaf	N	Less 5	Wildrose	2	A thriving small downtown Main Street with local shops and restaurants, people who are able to know needs of town and show up to help.
F	45-54	Unaf	N	Less 5	Wildrose	2	Cute old-town-center area where community members gather, share food and celebrate the local community, eg farmers market, evening out, picnic in the park, outdoor concerts...
M	45-54	Unaf	N	Less 5	Wildrose	2	Unique shops and restaurants and a well-maintained downtown
F	55-64	Unaf	N	Less 5	Wildrose	2	We don't have it. Events are way oversubscribed so can't even attend.
F	65+	Unaf	N	Less 5	Wildrose	2	Walkability- easy access to businesses Parking- easy access Community events
M	65+	Unaf	N	Less 5	Wildrose	2	Lots of open space, minimum house lot size (min 1 acre), knowing many people in town. These things are long gone in Erie. Grow to 66,000? Crazy!
F	18-34	Dem	N	Less 5	Wildrose	2	Local business, less big box stores, though a grocery store would be beneficial.
F	35-44	Dem	N	Less 5	Wildrose	2	Local and not chain businesses

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F	45-54	Dem	N	Less 5	Wildrose	2	When you're out in the town, you feel welcome and safe. There is a general friendly feeling that exudes inclusion, that all are welcome and respected. There is an energy, a vibe, of fun, like you want to stay and have an ice cream, or a cocktail. People are friendly and relaxed.
F	55-64	Dem	N	Less 5	Wildrose	2	Seeing horses, farmers markets, hot air balloons, walkable downtown, parks and pathways
M	55-64	Dem	N	Less 5	Wildrose	2	Knowing your neighbors. Easy to navigate by foot and bike. Limited car traffic
F	65+	Dem	N	Less 5	Wildrose	2	Friendly atmosphere, chatting with neighbors, gatherings to support friendships...
F	65+	Dem	N	Less 5	Wildrose	2	Population below 50,000. Streets that aren't busy with congestion. Small shops in quaint downtown. Quiet neighborhoods. Safe communities.
F	65+	Dem	N	Less 5	Wildrose	2	Walkability in downtown area. Roads don't feel crowded and bustling with too much traffic.
M	65+	Dem	N	Less 5	Wildrose	2	Friendly, Safe, and Walkable vibrant down town. Local grocery shopping. Good recreation center for all ages. Neighborhood parks.
M	65+	Dem	N	Less 5	Wildrose	2	Where you see people you know when you're out and about.
F	35-44	Rep	N	Less 5	Wildrose	2	Always seeing someone you know when you go out. This is a result of a small population, but also numerous community spaces and areas (the rec, Briggs st, etc) that hold value for residents and a draw to go there.
M	55-64	Rep	N	Less 5	Wildrose	2	Fewer apartment buildings, fewer industrial parks, fewer strip malls, etc
M	65+	Rep	N	Less 5	Wildrose	2	Erie no longer has small town feel. You are letting large national builders take over. They should be building new schools and parks at their expense and upgrade the infrastructure. They should pay out of their pocket and not create special tax districts
M	65+	Rep	N	Less 5	Wildrose	2	Highly attractive
F	45-54	Dem	Y	11-20	Wildrose	2	Holiday Parades on Briggs Street including high school celebratory parades Holiday lights on Briggs / old town More storefront retail on / near Briggs
M	35-44	Rep	Y	11-20	Wildrose	2	Many small business or small chain shops and restaurants. Walkable areas near city center. People interested and participating in community activities.

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F	35-44	Rep	Y	More 20	Wildrose	2	Walkable paths, roads that are safe, smart decisions when it comes to adding new developments, more shops/restaurants in old town.
F	45-54	Unaf	N	More 20	Wildrose	2	Quaint and safe downtown, people know each other, kindness towards other residents. "We are all in this together" attitude
M	35-44	Unaf	Y	6-10	Wildrose	2	Small town feel has been gone for at last 5 years now. I don't know why people keep saying that. Yes, Erie has a small downtown, but there are 40k people living in this geographically small locality. There's nothing small about 40k residents.
M	45-54	Unaf	Y	6-10	Wildrose	2	Historic areas with unique dining and shopping (no chains).
F	65+	Unaf	N	Less 5	Canyon Creek	3	Not afraid to take a walk.
M	45-54	Unaf	N	11-20	Compass	3	Erie does not have a small town feel compared to 11 yrs ago. Too much traffic, too many people, too much road rage
F	65+	Dem	Y	Less 5	Cottages at Erie Village	3	Ma and Pop businesses More rural than suburban
F	55-64	Unaf	N	Less 5	Cottages at Erie Village	3	Active old town and rural areas (horse farms, agricultural farms). Continuously building housing developments will change Erie's small-town feel.
F	18-34	Dem	N	Less 5	Cottages at Erie Village	3	Lots of local/independent businesses, fun events and sense of community, walkable, unique homes
F	35-44	Dem	N	Less 5	Cottages at Erie Village	3	Safe, peaceful, friendly neighbors, low traffic, good schools, and many local businesses with very few big box stores or medium to large business retail shops, and minimal liquor and gas stores.
M	55-64	Dem	N	Less 5	Cottages at Erie Village	3	Quiet at night
F	65+	Unaf	N	11-20	Cottages at Erie Village	3	It has lost the small town feel. Really LOL
F	65+	Unaf	Y	6-10	Cottages at Erie Village	3	Walkability. minimal car traffic. People know their neighbors. grocery store located iff county line road
M	18-34	Unaf	N	6-10	Cottages at Erie Village	3	Seeing people you know around town, being able to easily walk/bike around town, a general feeling of friendliness from other people, little traffic, lots of local businesses
F	65+	Unaf	Y	Less 5	Erie Airpark	3	Low traffic, town employees that actually respond to issues,
F	65+	Unaf	N	Less 5	Erie Airpark	3	Cozy
M	18-34	Dem	N	Less 5	Erie Airpark	3	Connected community via pedestrian/bike trail systems. Currently many developments feel like isolated islands only accessible via car.

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M	55-64	Oth	N	Less 5	Erie Airpark	3	Not modernizing the area's architecture and keeping leases affordable for small businesses who have to compete with huge corporate interests.
F	35-44	Unaf	Y	11-20	Erie Airpark	3	Small town feel has an old town that is quiet and quaint and hasn't been ran over by new construction. It values public art and local parks, creating small niches for residents to gather. Small town feel includes close knit neighborhoods of homes and townhomes or small apartments vs. large apartment complexes where nobody knows each other. Small town feel has an accessible rec center where I feel comfortable sending my kids to play.
M	35-44	Unaf	Y	11-20	Erie Airpark	3	Is long gone
M	45-54	Unaf	Y	11-20	Erie Airpark	3	It doesn't feel small town. Small towns have small grocery store. We have two massive king Soopers.
F	35-44	Dem	Y	11-20	Erie Airpark	3	Small town means very little traffic, little to no wait times at restaurants, and certainly no hotels in town. Small town means most people know/are familiar with one another, a sense of community around High School sports/events.
M	35-44	Dem	Y	11-20	Erie Airpark	3	What we used to have in Erie. In world is 66000 people a small town. We need to stop encouraging growth.
F	45-54	Dem	Y	11-20	Erie Airpark	3	Thriving old town
F	45-54	Rep	Y	11-20	Erie Airpark	3	Close knit community
F	45-54	Dem	N	11-20	Erie Airpark	3	Having a variety of activities and meeting places-stores, restaurants where you can run into friends and neighbors. Safe-friendly neighborhoods where we help each other out.
F	55-64	Rep	N	11-20	Erie Airpark	3	Small towns don't have skyscrapers. I'm pretty happy with the way it is currently. Small towels usually have a really cute and quaint downtown strip which I believe we have and can definitely be improved upon.
F	55-64	Rep	Y	More 20	Erie Airpark	3	More "TOWN" community events, with collaboration of different neighborhoods/sub-divisions
F	65+	Unaf	N	More 20	Erie Airpark	3	It has been destroyed. Now strip mall town. Should be ashamed.
F	65+	Dem	N	More 20	Erie Airpark	3	Inclusive! Thinking about all residents and taking care to provide for everyone especially the marginalized population.

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F	65+	Dem	N	More 20	Erie Airpark	3	Poor access. Have to drive on poorly maintained residential streets. I am tail-gated when I drive the speed limit.
F	65+	Dem	N	More 20	Erie Airpark	3	Walkable neighborhoods, businesses like coffee shops or banks to walk to, not having to drive everywhere
F	65+	Rep	N	More 20	Erie Airpark	3	Old downtown is a special place
M	65+	Rep	N	More 20	Erie Airpark	3	Erie no longer has that small town feel. It did have 32 years ago when I moved here.
M	65+	Rep	N	More 20	Erie Airpark	3	Not sure we still have the small town to feel. 27 year resident.
F	45-54	Unaf	N	6-10	Erie Airpark	3	Community
F	55-64	Unaf	N	6-10	Erie Airpark	3	Neighborhoods where people care. Coming together for communal activities
M	55-64	Unaf	N	6-10	Erie Airpark	3	Single family homes, perhaps some clustered duplexes and townhomes, on tree lined streets. Good proportion of green space. Attention to down lighting (keeping as much as possible to Dark Skies lighting plans). Minimum of higher density housing developments, especially directly abutting low density or rural developments. Emphasis on owned property as opposed to transient properties (apartments). The highlighted zone from the illustration in question 11 should be shifted at least one place to the left.
M	65+	Unaf	N	6-10	Erie Airpark	3	Louisville has a wonderful small town feel. Its downtown is lively, with multiple blocks of dining and small shops. Erie has 2 similar blocks. I wish it could be expanded.
F	55-64	Dem	N	6-10	Erie Airpark	3	Kind residents, slower pace, easy traffic, open space areas, no high rises
F	18-34	Unaf	Y	Less 5	Erie Commons	3	Sense of community! Some things we have seen in Erie that give the "small town feel" are the homecoming parade through Briggs street and Rusty Melon playing the Erie high school football games on their TVs
F	18-34	Unaf	Y	Less 5	Erie Commons	3	Walk ability to essentials - grocery store.
F	35-44	Unaf	Y	Less 5	Erie Commons	3	Ability for people of all ages to travel to shopping, restaurants, parks, community services, schools safely. Friendly neighborhood communities.
F	35-44	Unaf	Y	Less 5	Erie Commons	3	Close knit communities and supporting small and local businesses

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F	35-44	Unaf	Y	Less 5	Erie Commons	3	For me, a small town feel means a place that has good local events and local restaurants we can patronize.
F	35-44	Unaf	Y	Less 5	Erie Commons	3	It's like all the small towns, like Superior, just small area with lots of things to do.
F	35-44	Unaf	Y	Less 5	Erie Commons	3	Walkable downtown, community center and library with plenty of room for everyone, lots of parks and walking paths to accommodate the growing populations
F	35-44	Unaf	Y	Less 5	Erie Commons	3	Walkable downtown, community events
F	35-44	Unaf	Y	Less 5	Erie Commons	3	Walkable vibrant downtown, lack of traffic
M	35-44	Unaf	Y	Less 5	Erie Commons	3	Being able to walk places, seeing people you work with/go to school with randomly and knowing those who own businesses personally.
M	35-44	Unaf	Y	Less 5	Erie Commons	3	Family friendly and kid oriented, safe, with many public recreational amenities. Classic look and feel to all public buildings—no strip malls, or chain businesses—focus on small businesses, families already in the community, and public recreational amenities and safety.
M	35-44	Unaf	Y	Less 5	Erie Commons	3	Open spaces - in neighborhoods and in public areas, and around the town in general. Less stacked housing – such as apartments. Limited and creative industrial/commercial areas.
M	35-44	Unaf	Y	Less 5	Erie Commons	3	This is a weird question. Highly biased. I like Erie as a small town but this question is absurd.
F	18-34	Dem	Y	Less 5	Erie Commons	3	No major throughways.
F	35-44	Dem	Y	Less 5	Erie Commons	3	Community support, services, and equity. Making sure there's opportunities and amenities for everyone who lives here.
F	35-44	Dem	Y	Less 5	Erie Commons	3	I really cherish the charm of our local shops and restaurants. It's wonderful to support unique businesses, and while I wouldn't mind a smaller grocery store coming in, I truly miss the warm atmosphere of the downtown Christmas lights. It all adds to the feeling of safety and community that I value so much.
F	35-44	Dem	Y	Less 5	Erie Commons	3	Recognizing community members and neighbors at town events and businesses, stability of residents, kids attending school and camps with kids they play sports and do extracurriculars with, low traffic and crime, walkable neighborhoods

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F	35-44	Dem	Y	Less 5	Erie Commons	3	Safe, easy to navigate using multiple modes of transportation, ample opportunity to connect with community members, regular town gatherings, excellent local schools
F	35-44	Dem	Y	Less 5	Erie Commons	3	Slower streets, safe community, running into the same people/familiar faces at community events, sense of pride and participation in community
F	35-44	Dem	Y	Less 5	Erie Commons	3	We came to Erie because we wanted our kids to feel safe and rooted in their community, and we've found that here. In a choice-based state, it speaks volumes that most families send their kids to the local public schools because that builds pride, trust, and a real sense of connection. To me, a small-town feel isn't about being physically small, it's about showing up for one another. In just two years, I've been to street fireworks, cookouts, block parties, and pop-up events that made it feel like we're all in this together. That's why it's heartbreaking to watch development that feels careless and uninspired. I believe the urgency people are expressing isn't resistance, it's love. We don't want to lose what makes this place so special. I'm not planning to leave, but it would be devastating to watch Erie turn into another Thornton when it has the potential to be something so much better.
M	35-44	Dem	Y	Less 5	Erie Commons	3	Community and belonging with neighbors
F	45-54	Dem	Y	Less 5	Erie Commons	3	Not crowded- I can only refer to old town Erie. With the amount of houses being built, it doesn't feel small any more. Many of our open spaces are being used to build new houses.
F	45-54	Rep	Y	Less 5	Erie Commons	3	Local events that characterize unique aspects of the town like the biscuit days or coal mining
M	45-54	Rep	Y	Less 5	Erie Commons	3	Small town means knowing your neighbor, lack of crime, a walkable and safe city, with regular and diverse events to bring everyone together in a central location.
F	35-44	Oth	Y	Less 5	Erie Commons	3	Cute downtown that's walkable (not worried going to get hit by a car). Places to sit and talk. Nice restaurants and bakeries to go to (no chain stores). Safe for kids to play. Plenty of places for teens to work. Festivals and parades downtown.

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F	45-54	Oth	Y	Less 5	Erie Commons	3	Knowing your neighbor and seeing them around town
M	18-34	Unaf	N	Less 5	Erie Commons	3	A place where you feel safe, there are lots of families, kid friendly, well kept, and most importantly for the small town feel: NOT OVERLY CROWDED or built into another concrete jungle.
F	35-44	Unaf	N	Less 5	Erie Commons	3	Regular community events, walkability, main street attractions like shops and restaurants
F	45-54	Unaf	N	Less 5	Erie Commons	3	Everyone cares about others.
F	45-54	Unaf	N	Less 5	Erie Commons	3	It felt that way 3 years ago but it's growing too much now
M	45-54	Unaf	N	Less 5	Erie Commons	3	A town that has a distinct character--it looks and feels different than the other surrounding towns, either in architecture, organization, or community involvement in the life of the town. It should NOT mean only a limited number of people can afford to (or are allowed to) live or build there.
F	55-64	Unaf	N	Less 5	Erie Commons	3	A small town feel is created by inclusive events, honoring generations and supporting local be that the businesses, the schools, or your neighborhood.
F	55-64	Unaf	N	Less 5	Erie Commons	3	Identifiable town center (current plans divide this), walkable center, street markets and fairs.
M	55-64	Unaf	N	Less 5	Erie Commons	3	A "small-town feel" is absurd at 35,000 people. It gets more absurd every day. This should be dropped as a topic.
M	55-64	Unaf	N	Less 5	Erie Commons	3	Connect. Aware of others. Working together for good.
F	65+	Unaf	N	Less 5	Erie Commons	3	A small town feel to me is having most what you need within walking or biking distance and a job ideally close by or within a 30 minute commute. A small town has gatherings where all are welcome. A small town's neighbors respect each other and encourage community happiness.

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F	65+	Unaf	N	Less 5	Erie Commons	3	Shirley Jackson esque. We don't have to binary about it. I don't want everyone to know everything in my life, what I bought at the store, my ailments, etc. And Erie as a city doesn't foster good neighbors: good neighbors do. So keep the place really clean. Get the 14 year old kids on motorcylces off the sidewalks, police this uptick in activity where we find 12 year old kids going 25 mph without helmets—protect the rule of law with a benign hand and people will deliver small town feel's upsides
M	65+	Unaf	N	Less 5	Erie Commons	3	Walkable. Community events. Interesting businesses and restaurants. Bikeable.
F	18-34	Dem	N	Less 5	Erie Commons	3	Easy access to a main street with a lot of small businesses/restaurants, no or minimal need for a car for most things, lots of trees/green space
M	35-44	Dem	N	Less 5	Erie Commons	3	Easy access and close proximity to parks, recreation, and local businesses. A well developed path/trail system. Small local business and restaurants with few large chains. No strip malls. Close knit community with public events. Old town has a great small town feel but it needs to be cleaned up and community members in that neighborhood held to a highe standard. Business selection and diversity need to be addressed. Prime real estate for businesses are not being put to good use. We don't need office space such as State Farm, allo fiber, law offices or other such as these along Briggs. Those spaces could be used to enhance community space with more offerings food, entertainment, and recreation.
M	35-44	Dem	N	Less 5	Erie Commons	3	More local businesses than chains, town events in spaces that prioritize people coming together. Nothing feeling too uniform, even neighborhoods that are common models have a ton of individual character. Right now Briggs Street has sold many of our friends on the small town feel.
F	65+	Dem	N	Less 5	Erie Commons	3	Knowing my neighbors, walk ability, close to services
F	65+	Dem	N	Less 5	Erie Commons	3	People caring for the community and everyone in the community. Participation in community forums.

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F	65+	Dem	N	Less 5	Erie Commons	3	To me, a small town moves at a more relaxed pace, often with access to outdoor activities and a connection with the natural environment. Small town supports local shops and businesses creating a unique character with very few chain and big box stores. It has a strong connection to the town's history and traditions that enhances the connection. It's a sense of belonging and shared values where everybody knows their neighbors and looks out for each other. Additionally a small town feel incorporates and builds on the architectural details and character of the existing old town buildings. With future development fitting into and complimenting that original character.
M	18-34	Rep	N	Less 5	Erie Commons	3	Community. Speak to your neighbor. Going to a neighborhood restaurant and feeling like family and being treated with respect. You can walk down the street and not feel like you might be accosted. And that is across the whole town.
M	18-34	Rep	N	Less 5	Erie Commons	3	Family and town events, like farmers markets, 4th of July parade, library, balloons, mud race, no traffic, land and trails to enjoy nature.
M	18-34	Rep	N	Less 5	Erie Commons	3	Walking through the farmers market, town events like the 4th of July, or a simple Saturday night in town and seeing familiar faces and friends.
F	35-44	Rep	N	Less 5	Erie Commons	3	Quiet during the weekends, don't experience traffic during the weekends. People out biking, walking with dogs.
M	55-64	Rep	N	Less 5	Erie Commons	3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 🏡 Tight-knit community – Neighbors know each other and look out for one another. • 🙌 Friendly greetings – People wave or say hello, even to strangers. • 🛍️ Locally owned businesses – Family-run diners, bakeries, and shops instead of big chains. • 🌳 Quiet streets – Less traffic, slower pace, kids playing outside safely. • 🎉 Community events – Parades, fairs, farmers markets, and holiday gatherings where “everyone shows up.” • 🏈 High school sports pride – Local games are social events for the whole town. • 🌲 Natural beauty – Parks, tree-lined streets, and open spaces for walking and relaxing. • 📮 Familiar routines – The post office clerk knows your name, and the barista knows your coffee order.
M	65+	Rep	N	Less 5	Erie Commons	3	Farms and outdoor markets

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F	35-44	Unaf	Y	11-20	Erie Commons	3	A small town feel means that people are loved and accepted in our town. We know and respect each other. A small town feel also includes have wonderful events like Pride, Juneteenth, and other cultural celebrations where we can really get to know each other better and have a shared sense of belonging.
F	35-44	Unaf	Y	11-20	Erie Commons	3	A strong community of local businesses who support each other and who are supported by the Town government. A town that you can easily drive around without being stuck in traffic. A place where neighbors know each other, support each other, and have a common goal of celebrating and maintaining the Town's history and values.
F	35-44	Unaf	Y	11-20	Erie Commons	3	Erie is losing it. You used to be able to park downtown with no problem. You could walk into restaurants and the staff knew you. You knew all of your neighbors. There wasn't an anxiety inducing rush to sign kids up for sports and recreation activities.
F	35-44	Unaf	Y	11-20	Erie Commons	3	More town events
F	35-44	Unaf	Y	11-20	Erie Commons	3	Town events, walkable, not so many people that you don't see someone you know at town events, local business, safe, low speed limits
M	35-44	Unaf	Y	11-20	Erie Commons	3	Here used to be a small town, but it isn't anymore. As a previous owner of a business in old town, Erie, we constantly fought against the city who kept incentivizing big businesses and giving them more opportunities to come into town. Small town field means the people who live in the town can have businesses that can thrive and survive with the town support, but it felt like the opposite.
O	35-44	Unaf	Y	11-20	Erie Commons	3	A downtown that's walkable, with small businesses, and community events. Pedestrian safe. Thriving parks and rec dept.
F	45-54	Unaf	Y	11-20	Erie Commons	3	A town with simplicity and warmth. It has a slower vibe where ppl greet each other by name. It has local eateries where families and friends gather with a strong sense of belonging and family. Politics are not part of small town feel- enough with the trans/pedo flag hanging in town. It's divisive.
F	45-54	Unaf	Y	11-20	Erie Commons	3	Communal spaces and events where people can gather and see their neighbors, one high school that everyone roots for,

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F	45-54	Unaf	Y	11-20	Erie Commons	3	Familiarity with many other residents and Christmas parade
F	45-54	Unaf	Y	11-20	Erie Commons	3	Having been here 15 years I can tell you the small town feel is gone, definitely not the same
F	45-54	Unaf	Y	11-20	Erie Commons	3	Knowing your neighbors (not too big to feel like you know everybody, people helping one another), walkable or at least bikeable (to shopping, restaurants, recreation, town events, schools), not crazy traffic through town.
F	45-54	Unaf	Y	11-20	Erie Commons	3	No major stores, no major attractions bringing tourists, many community gatherings and events. The town will not remain small or have a small town feel if we keep increasing housing.
F	45-54	Unaf	Y	11-20	Erie Commons	3	Not 66,000 people
F	45-54	Unaf	Y	11-20	Erie Commons	3	Parades including homecoming parade, events that support our one and only high school, farmers markets where half the reason you go is to bump into people you know, youth sports through the rec center held within the parks in our community,
F	45-54	Unaf	Y	11-20	Erie Commons	3	Seeing people you know around town. Lots of community events. Being able to walk or bike to places you want to go.
F	45-54	Unaf	Y	11-20	Erie Commons	3	The design of buildings not to be enotmoand atrocious. Businesses that are within walking/biking distance and can be reached via these methods.
F	45-54	Unaf	Y	11-20	Erie Commons	3	When I moved here I loved having open space. The camp outs and activities at the rec center, fewer schools so you knew local kids. With population and building growth, that goes away. Nothing to be done about it- just a change.
M	45-54	Unaf	Y	11-20	Erie Commons	3	A place where you know your neighbors. You feel your family is safe because your community looks out for their members. People go out of their way for each other. Town events bringing people together.
M	45-54	Unaf	Y	11-20	Erie Commons	3	Clean, well-kept neighborhoods. Heathy trees. Low speed limits that are actually enforced. Third space opportunities year round.
M	45-54	Unaf	Y	11-20	Erie Commons	3	Knowing your neighbors Running into people you know around town Community events Low population density with low traffic

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M	45-54	Unaf	Y	11-20	Erie Commons	3	People care about and participate in their community instead of just going somewhere else in their for time.
M	45-54	Unaf	Y	11-20	Erie Commons	3	Small town feel is that you feel safe and comfortable moving about town. It's a friendly, service first, attitude. It's a place where you can most of you services covered by people you know and trust. Most of all, it's a place where you can send your kids off to a store, park, ice cream shop and not have to worry about them.
M	45-54	Unaf	Y	11-20	Erie Commons	3	The way the town felt 30,000 people ago. When we moved to Erie people waved and said hello to each other. Today, I say hello to strangers and they glare at me. Erie is larger than Laramie and Rawlings Wyoming combined. How could that be considered small town?
M	55-64	Unaf	Y	11-20	Erie Commons	3	Attractive downtown area with restaurants, bars, walkways, bike paths and parking
M	55-64	Unaf	Y	11-20	Erie Commons	3	No major freeway passes through, ballfields and rec centers full of moving healthy people, qualitys downtown old school style like briggs street(we will need to build another one of these with similar style to accomodate the growth) familys are visibly enjoying life
F	35-44	Dem	Y	11-20	Erie Commons	3	Feeling that you are seen- not just a number.
F	35-44	Dem	Y	11-20	Erie Commons	3	Knowing your neighbors and feeling comfortable walking around the town
F	35-44	Dem	Y	11-20	Erie Commons	3	Safe, family-oriented, kind neighbors
F	35-44	Dem	Y	11-20	Erie Commons	3	The events in old town, making sure we keep small businesses and restaurants in old town. Ability to know your neighbors and see them out in the parks or trails.
M	35-44	Dem	Y	11-20	Erie Commons	3	What Erie was 10 years ago
F	45-54	Dem	Y	11-20	Erie Commons	3	Feeling safe to ride a bike around town. Town events where we run into friends. Small businesses lining the streets of downtown.
F	45-54	Dem	Y	11-20	Erie Commons	3	People know each other. Good participation in community events
F	45-54	Dem	Y	11-20	Erie Commons	3	We have everything we need here without leaving if we did not want to. It can be highly populated but we have all we need in town.
F	45-54	Dem	Y	11-20	Erie Commons	3	You run into someone you know every time you're out

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M	45-54	Dem	Y	11-20	Erie Commons	3	A town that respects where it came from by supporting more local businesses, open access and not saying yes to unhealthy options that feel just like every other town. To be clear, I don't own a small business in Erie, but I can't help but think it's a missed opportunity to have a small town like Erie stand for something other than pure growth through major corporations. That's not a small town, that's a greedy one looking for tax revenue. Secondly - more open space, parks, special events and a balanced approach to housing. Of late, any open space is slated for affordable housing or new homes. Not unique and not a small town investment.
M	45-54	Dem	Y	11-20	Erie Commons	3	Easy to get around, lots of parks, safe, nice "downtown"
M	45-54	Dem	Y	11-20	Erie Commons	3	I don't know that I agree with the original sentiment. Erie is big and one of the fastest growing places in the country. I think it would be nice to have more community spaces, a Waterpark and other places. That's what I'd say gives it that small town feel, is the community events.
M	45-54	Dem	Y	11-20	Erie Commons	3	No massive residential growth. Keep the downtown charm it had 10+ years ago. Increase reasonable priced restaurants.
M	55-64	Dem	Y	11-20	Erie Commons	3	Balance of business v residential, where business is not dominated by chains and corporations.
F	35-44	Rep	Y	11-20	Erie Commons	3	Localized retail options that provide variety and meet basic needs, unique dining options. Events that bring the people of the community together. Less traffic congestion than major cities (like Denver). Shopping, dining, parks, etc within 15 drive of wherever one lives
F	35-44	Rep	Y	11-20	Erie Commons	3	Not having to kick a homeless man out of the bushes behind your house. Feeling safe letting your kids play out in front of your house.
F	35-44	Rep	Y	11-20	Erie Commons	3	There's not much of a small town feel left. Downtown gives a bit of a small town feel, but there's so many people and so much traffic now, that the small town feel is mostly gone.
M	55-64	Oth	Y	11-20	Erie Commons	3	Not leftist Erie! Don't need any more social engineering or diversity moved here to get away from that ant crime associated with it.
M	18-34	Unaf	N	11-20	Erie Commons	3	Less apartments and town homes and more long term residential homes

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M	18-34	Unaf	N	11-20	Erie Commons	3	Preserving local business, integration of the natural environment into our daily lives, walkability, architectural appeal, clean air, clean water, abundant wildlife and preservation of habitats, traffic reduction (don't just widen some streets and get rid of sidewalks, invest in alternative transit and *make some businesses walkable like the ziggis on Erie Pkwy*) town events, good services, (ah damn now we need to raise taxes)(worth it)
F	35-44	Unaf	N	11-20	Erie Commons	3	A 9.2% growth rate over a one year period is NOT sustainable or responsible given the lack of infrastructure and commercial development needed to support booming population growth. Dispense with the idea of creating a "small-town feel" and focus on creating a town that can support it's current population.
F	35-44	Unaf	N	11-20	Erie Commons	3	Where people are friendly and have community gathering spaces that people can interact without people always being cooped up in their houses are stuck in their cars. That's why I prioritize walkable neighborhoods and easy walk/bike paths to town events, stores, and amenities.
F	45-54	Unaf	N	11-20	Erie Commons	3	Erie lost its small town feel a decade ago. Small town feel comes with a physical small town, it can not be replicated in a small city like Erie.
F	45-54	Unaf	N	11-20	Erie Commons	3	Limit the growth
M	45-54	Unaf	N	11-20	Erie Commons	3	Community involvement with schools and supporting the kids. With that being said there is no pride in Erie as a town or at EHS! The small town feel of Erie has been got for years now.
M	45-54	Unaf	N	11-20	Erie Commons	3	I think of a rural small town when I hear that. Small houses with a small downtown. Erie is already long past that and I don't think of Erie as a "small town" anymore.
M	45-54	Unaf	N	11-20	Erie Commons	3	Limit the number of apartment complexes and chain retail stores. Not including grocery stores.
M	45-54	Unaf	N	11-20	Erie Commons	3	One where everyone knows everyone.

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F	55-64	Unaf	N	11-20	Erie Commons	3	It no longer feels like small town. With these mega subdivisions ie Westerly, Colliers Hill. It's not the same Erie. People don't really eat at restaurants in Erie....because not much of a choice....how about given small business tax incentives to have their business here
M	55-64	Unaf	N	11-20	Erie Commons	3	Rural surroundings
M	55-64	Unaf	N	11-20	Erie Commons	3	Walkable access to "everything"-- grocery, medical facilities, retail, restaurants, and transportation access. Less traffic congestion and civil neighborhoods with the expansion of so many rental units (e.g. Erie Cottages). Neighborhood road designs should be revisited; parking on neighborhood streets is a major safety concern that should be addressed as an immediate priority to maintain safety and small-town feel.
M	55-64	Unaf	N	11-20	Erie Commons	3	Walkable and bikeable.
F	65+	Unaf	N	11-20	Erie Commons	3	Having activities such as Boo on Briggs and the fireworks. There are so many people in Erie now, downtown can't provide adequate space for Boo and Christmas parade.
F	65+	Unaf	N	11-20	Erie Commons	3	Local events, concerts in the park, biscuit days,
F	65+	Unaf	N	11-20	Erie Commons	3	You know your neighbors and can get around the neighborhood freely.
M	65+	Unaf	N	11-20	Erie Commons	3	Central accessible downtown
M	65+	Unaf	N	11-20	Erie Commons	3	Easy community access to services and events , encouragement and support for small businesses
M	65+	Unaf	N	11-20	Erie Commons	3	Leave more open space. Enforce height limits on new builds. The small town feel has disappeared.
M	65+	Unaf	N	11-20	Erie Commons	3	NOT a new housing development on every open space. Town center welcoming to local residents.
F	18-34	Dem	N	11-20	Erie Commons	3	I think the heart of what creates the small-town feel is a place where everyone knows and supports each other and it feels easy to gather and find community. It is a place that is warm and welcoming and is a home for small businesses and families rather than large, cold corporations and office buildings.
M	45-54	Dem	N	11-20	Erie Commons	3	Community events, accessibility to services and restaurants/facilities, safety (low crime), cleanliness

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F	55-64	Dem	N	11-20	Erie Commons	3	A very cute and charming downtown. I'd like to see the real estate and other office like buildings on the side streets and restaurants and shops on Briggs.
F	55-64	Dem	N	11-20	Erie Commons	3	I definitely cherish a small-town feel, having Old Town as the heart of our community, where I recognize my neighbors, I trust my neighbors, I greet them when I walk in my neighborhood, and I show up to town events because I know I'll see my friends.
F	55-64	Dem	N	11-20	Erie Commons	3	Little traffic. Small businesses. Few people. Ample parking.
F	55-64	Dem	N	11-20	Erie Commons	3	Small charming downtown, park events, community events, farmers market--a feeling of community.
M	55-64	Dem	N	11-20	Erie Commons	3	Knowing your neighbors
F	65+	Dem	N	11-20	Erie Commons	3	Being able to walk or ride a bike to businesses, Groceries especially. Seeing friends and community members that I know at the businesses and the community center.
F	65+	Dem	N	11-20	Erie Commons	3	Comfortable, cozy, family-style.
F	65+	Dem	N	11-20	Erie Commons	3	Community activities, limited housing development
F	65+	Dem	N	11-20	Erie Commons	3	Community events and preserving old town and its charm
F	65+	Dem	N	11-20	Erie Commons	3	Knowing neighbors. Public activities such as fireworks, other ECC events
F	65+	Dem	N	11-20	Erie Commons	3	Less density
F	65+	Dem	N	11-20	Erie Commons	3	More sitting areas in neighborhoods, small water features scattered, avoid low end chains like burger king, preserve views in neighborhoods by spacing construction slightly. Avoid 3 story buildings . Provide space for smaller more quaint shops, similar to Stapleton, Central Park area. Everything is just so packed in, we now look like Highland's Ranch, we are quickly losing small town feel.
M	65+	Dem	N	11-20	Erie Commons	3	Few businesses, small neighborhoods
M	65+	Dem	N	11-20	Erie Commons	3	Friendly town staff and officers .
M	65+	Dem	N	11-20	Erie Commons	3	Keep big box stores on the outskirts of town with a small grocery store .
M	65+	Dem	N	11-20	Erie Commons	3	Not sure
M	65+	Dem	N	11-20	Erie Commons	3	Quiet No billboards No Circle K on Erie Pkwy and S Briggs No big King Soopers or Safeway
F	45-54	Rep	N	11-20	Erie Commons	3	NOT the sea of houses that Erie has grown into over the past 10 years!!

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M	45-54	Rep	N	11-20	Erie Commons	3	A quaint Main Street with walkability and shopping. Continue local events like the homecoming and Christmas parade.
M	45-54	Rep	N	11-20	Erie Commons	3	No "tall" buildings and plenty of trees/ open space keeping Erie from being a concrete jungle. Spread out retail, restaurants, shopping so not all residents cram into one commercial pod. Low crime rates and no violent crime. Quiet streets in late and early hours. Community events like concerts in the park, brew fest, etc.
F	55-64	Rep	N	11-20	Erie Commons	3	A place where the community comes together with events that are preserved from history. Parades, concerts, high school events, etc. Longmont does some great parades that make it feel small town even though it has grown.
F	65+	Rep	N	11-20	Erie Commons	3	Local events
F	65+	Rep	N	11-20	Erie Commons	3	Quiet neighborhoods and streets that are not congested like Arapahoe is.
M	65+	Rep	N	11-20	Erie Commons	3	Intimate, not sprawling. Not too much traffic. Open space, fields, rather than housing developments everywhere. People that drive respectfully instead of racing down quiet residential roads. Pastoral rather than a crowded, urban feel. Separation between industrial and residential areas.
M	65+	Rep	N	11-20	Erie Commons	3	Not Erie anymore. With all the development we are now just another small town going large
M	18-34	Oth	N	11-20	Erie Commons	3	Stop with the chain restaurants and modern townhome stuff. Make it seem genuine and fall back on its rich history.
M	55-64	Oth	N	11-20	Erie Commons	3	I loved the small town feel when I moved here in 2006. That no longer exists due to overpopulation and putting in apartment buildings. It has also brought some issues with crime and drug activity that were not as present when I moved here.
F	45-54	Unaf	Y	More 20	Erie Commons	3	I think what gives Erie the small town feel is the community events and shared sense of ownership.our fireworks on the 3rd mean that most of the town attends because we aren't competing with bigger activities in places like denver or Broomfield. Briggs street and the small businesses on it. Our shared commitment to local schools and the "Erie tigers".

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F	45-54	Unaf	Y	More 20	Erie Commons	3	Why can't we pay for the police dept with all the new houses and increased property taxes? Live within your means. Sorry, you did not give all possible choices for the previous question. So I am using this spaces. NO MORE TAXES!!!
M	45-54	Unaf	Y	More 20	Erie Commons	3	Downtown Longmont, shops, parades, parks, gathering places spend a day in rural America and witness the culture that once was Erie. We have an amazing park at the rec center. USE IT. Festivals, food, carnivals etc. create the space. Festivals being held downtown just plain suck. Zero parking and no one wants to go. Our city planning for events is horrific. Celebrate Erie. Small town feel is celebrating Erie. We are going backwards in that department. That's why we are losing that small town feel.
M	45-54	Unaf	Y	More 20	Erie Commons	3	It is gone other than old town
M	45-54	Unaf	Y	More 20	Erie Commons	3	We do not have this. we have political bullies.
M	45-54	Dem	Y	More 20	Erie Commons	3	Im pretty sure Erie has lost any semblance of a small town. Yes, downtown is small. Erie itself feels like its becoming Southern California with all the cookie cutter homes built by cheap builders trying to maximize profits and pushing out cheaply fabricated housing.
M	45-54	Rep	Y	More 20	Erie Commons	3	Erie is FAR past a "Small Town". If residents want that "feel" concentrate it in Old Town and let them support it
M	45-54	Rep	Y	More 20	Erie Commons	3	I would rather the town grow responsibly by providing space for people to gather and enjoy the town as well as having good parking downtown and being bike friendly as well.
F	45-54	Unaf	N	More 20	Erie Commons	3	Main downtown area with family friendly events that celebrate all people and their way of life reap.
M	45-54	Unaf	N	More 20	Erie Commons	3	Epic
F	55-64	Unaf	N	More 20	Erie Commons	3	Erie is beyond the small town feel now. Briggs street is the only area that provides venues to create that feeling of connecting with neighbors with small shops, coffee bars and some events. It's so crowded now that it's not worth the hassle of going down there. A small town feel needed to be considered before houses took up every corner and block.

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F	65+	Unaf	N	More 20	Erie Commons	3	There are two towns. The Rec. Center area and the businesses on Hi Way 7 and soon to be road #52
F	65+	Unaf	N	More 20	Erie Commons	3	Walkable, friendly service oriented
M	65+	Unaf	N	More 20	Erie Commons	3	Going away
F	45-54	Dem	N	More 20	Erie Commons	3	Sweet, original architecture, flowers, arts on the street , make it attractive
M	45-54	Rep	N	More 20	Erie Commons	3	It is no longer a small town feel. Nice try!
F	55-64	Rep	N	More 20	Erie Commons	3	Erie has lost its small town feel. Been here for 25 years, it is congested, roads are terrible, diverting traffic to go through neighborhoods is a terrible decision (closing countyline to hwy 7). Too many houses and small businesses cannot survive with high rent or cost of building.
M	65+	Rep	N	More 20	Erie Commons	3	No multi family homes
F	35-44	Unaf	Y	6-10	Erie Commons	3	Family focused, low density, more single family homes and small businesses than larger housing complexes or corporate or national businesses, low crime rates, low traffic and traffic issues within town, still having farms and green spaces around.
F	35-44	Unaf	Y	6-10	Erie Commons	3	Knowing that the people attend events with are your neighbors. That you can attend an event and not worry about overcrowding.
F	35-44	Unaf	Y	6-10	Erie Commons	3	No tall buildings, no large chain stores like Walmart, small businesses thriving, local gathering spots including outdoor spaces that are easy to access and well maintained, lack of traffic, and community events like town parades.
M	35-44	Unaf	Y	6-10	Erie Commons	3	Can let my kids appropriately navigate the community on their own. No large apartment or multi unit housing.
M	35-44	Unaf	Y	6-10	Erie Commons	3	Community events, good restaurants, lack of apartments
M	35-44	Unaf	Y	6-10	Erie Commons	3	People know a majority of the people in there town. I don't think Erie has a small town feel. People seem to just like to say that.
F	45-54	Unaf	Y	6-10	Erie Commons	3	I always tell my kids there's an adult watching you that has my number. Make good choices.

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F	45-54	Unaf	Y	6-10	Erie Commons	3	Open land, farms still exist, safe to walk around and kids can run in the streets, keeping the population down (there is way too much development housing), allow lots and custom homes to be built, don't fill the town by the interstate where homeless are attracted to, keep all that out of here.
F	45-54	Unaf	Y	6-10	Erie Commons	3	We see people we know at almost all town events. Feels safe for our kids. Most amenities that are needed can be found within Erie
M	45-54	Unaf	Y	6-10	Erie Commons	3	Mix of income levels, usable parks and public spaces, thriving local businesses, walkable but with adequate parking and road access for when you have to drive, good quantity and variety of events.
M	45-54	Unaf	Y	6-10	Erie Commons	3	Not seeing developments on every open space. Having open space areas for people to enjoy. Being able to bike everywhere on bike paths
M	45-54	Unaf	Y	6-10	Erie Commons	3	The downtown high school pep rally, Christmas parade ON BRIGGS (should move back) is a great definition. Love seeing everyone out, patronizing all the restaurants.
F	55-64	Unaf	Y	6-10	Erie Commons	3	This question is too open ended to be useful. Not answering.
F	18-34	Dem	Y	6-10	Erie Commons	3	In regards to the last question, why is an expansion of the Erie Police necessary? For small town feel, it means that business owners are in the community and it's a community that supports small businesses through events and collaborations.
F	35-44	Dem	Y	6-10	Erie Commons	3	Erie is knowing your neighbors because you are actually interacting with them at town events, school functions, recreational activities. It's being able to play where you live while feeling safe.
F	35-44	Dem	Y	6-10	Erie Commons	3	Knowing neighbors
F	35-44	Dem	Y	6-10	Erie Commons	3	Lots of locally-owned, independent small businesses. Walkable downtown and small streets. Friendly people. Regular events like street fairs and neighborhood gatherings.
F	35-44	Dem	Y	6-10	Erie Commons	3	Low crime, walk-ability, small businesses, community events
F	35-44	Dem	Y	6-10	Erie Commons	3	No big chain stores Small local businesses
F	35-44	Dem	Y	6-10	Erie Commons	3	Quaint downtown with restaurants and shops; slow, pedestrian-friendly traffic; walkable and bikeable; running into your neighbors while out and about; lots of family-friendly amenities and services

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F	35-44	Dem	Y	6-10	Erie Commons	3	Running into friends at local events. Being able to bike/walk around
M	35-44	Dem	Y	6-10	Erie Commons	3	Local businesses, local organizations. Less parking lots and big stores. Lots of trees and smaller streets. Good bike and walking access
M	35-44	Dem	Y	6-10	Erie Commons	3	Not as busy. Neighborly. Feel I can walk around downtown without issue.
F	45-54	Dem	Y	6-10	Erie Commons	3	Less housing development, more recreational options
F	45-54	Dem	Y	6-10	Erie Commons	3	Quaint old town with cute shops and unique restaurants. Also, not too many lights to cause congestion on roads.
M	55-64	Dem	Y	6-10	Erie Commons	3	Walkability, smaller non chain businesses
F	18-34	Rep	Y	6-10	Erie Commons	3	Running into people I know everywhere in town
F	35-44	Rep	Y	6-10	Erie Commons	3	As the population grows it would include maintaining all town events like Boo on Briggs or Biscuit Day where people can feel connected to the town and their neighbors. Encourage and keep a thriving downtown for families to hangout with local shops and restaurants and activities. Home owners that are invested in building community make the difference.
F	35-44	Rep	Y	6-10	Erie Commons	3	We are so far past small town feel unfortunately. It hasn't been prioritized for a decade
F	35-44	Rep	Y	6-10	Erie Commons	3	We don't have a small town feel anymore? You've overbuilt, made it impossible for businesses to come into Briggs street, hosted a pride parade? Our poor town has been run into the ground.
M	35-44	Rep	Y	6-10	Erie Commons	3	We don't need a giant water park or buildings like they did in superior. We want space not to be crowded. Stop building east of the high school We have plenty of houses stop building it's supposed to be a privilege to live here you need to earn it
F	45-54	Rep	Y	6-10	Erie Commons	3	I love my neighborhood and that we can walk to downtown. I love that there are increasing number of activities throughout the year to do.
M	45-54	Rep	Y	6-10	Erie Commons	3	Ease of accessibility, events that aren't overcrowded, roads that aren't packed and poorly designed to handle traffic. Parks that aren't ruled by 15 and 16 year old degenerates healing and cursing and littering in front of mothers and their young children.
O	35-44	NR	Y	6-10	Erie Commons	3	Priority placed on town events, geared toward families and kids. With strong support for the small business within the towns limits.

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M	35-44	Unaf	N	6-10	Erie Commons	3	A town with a walkable center full of mom&pop shops (no chain stores) and keeps aspects of its original form like historic buildings. A town that does not let low quality mass-market home builders take over
F	45-54	Unaf	N	6-10	Erie Commons	3	Smaller population with less busy roads. Also, more restaurants and sandwich shops and fewer nail salons and dentist offices.
F	45-54	Unaf	N	6-10	Erie Commons	3	Unfortunately the town no longer has a small town feel. The exponential growth and price of housing has lost the charm of what once was a small town. The renting and selling of housing in Erie is outrageously high with complete disregard for true low income neighborhoods in keeping with a small town.
F	55-64	Unaf	N	6-10	Erie Commons	3	Relaxed
F	65+	Unaf	N	6-10	Erie Commons	3	Easily walkable,pretty ,cozy,unique restaurants or businesses locally owned, lots of trees
F	65+	Unaf	N	6-10	Erie Commons	3	No traffic, congestion, Open space to preserve beauty and encourage recreation
F	65+	Unaf	N	6-10	Erie Commons	3	Small town feel is one with charming buildings and a unified tight knit community (not the strip malls that are being built everywhere in Erie and the dissention being generated by 'Being Better Neighbors' and 'Yellow Scene'magazine, nor town council members who have stated public ally that they want to change the demographics of Erie.
M	65+	Unaf	N	6-10	Erie Commons	3	Not crowded, not having massive or tall buildings. Tree lined streets. Single-family homes. The new tall, dense, boxy buildings In the town Square development, at the corner of Evans and County line Road, and on Cheesman near County line Road are NOT small town features.
F	45-54	Dem	N	6-10	Erie Commons	3	Have a town that is walkable with lots of local businesses (preferable not chains), community events, and open space so it doesn't feel so crowded.
F	55-64	Dem	N	6-10	Erie Commons	3	The downtown in Erie feels like a small town. It is walkable. It has gatherings like the farmers market and restaurants a few stores and businesses that feels like the downtown. It is also nice in the surrounding areas. Have new businesses like tire shops health clinics.

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M	55-64	Dem	N	6-10	Erie Commons	3	The Community center is a good example; it's a place to meet new and old friends. We could make the same thing happen with a small arts and culture center. Preserve more open space as you develop!!
F	65+	Dem	N	6-10	Erie Commons	3	Inclusion for all community members.Honor the history of the town. Promote a variety of opportunities for youth that creates community pride and safety. Welcoming parks that provide spaces that are available recreation and relaxation. Civic opportunities to create community.
M	55-64	Rep	N	6-10	Erie Commons	3	Developing a feeling of community through local events where people can congregate and socialize apart from work, school and church. A sense of belonging to the city as opposed to that is just where we live.
M	55-64	Rep	N	6-10	Erie Commons	3	Knowing your neighbors and bringing people together for the historic small town events (i.e. Fireworks on the 4th, biscuit days.)
F	65+	Rep	N	6-10	Erie Commons	3	Minimal traffic and no more neighborhood developments. Shops and restaurants locally owned. Public/outdoor areas.
F	65+	Rep	N	6-10	Erie Commons	3	The charming downtown area. Traffic is bad and not enough parking
M	55-64	Dem	N	6-10	Erie Highlands	3	Family values based on God.
F	45-54	Unaf	Y	More 20	Old Town Erie	3	Erie is no long a small town.
M	35-44	Unaf	N	More 20	Old Town Erie	3	Completely dead, you ruined my town and should move back California where you belong
F	35-44	Unaf	N	6-10	Old Town Erie	3	How old town Erie used to be 5 years ago.
M	45-54	Dem	Y	Less 5	Other Neighborhood	3	Well maintained town
M	35-44	NR	Y	Less 5	Other Neighborhood	3	Not a lot of crime. Family gatherings. Safe to everyone.
F	18-34	Unaf	N	Less 5	Other Neighborhood	3	A town that you can walk or bike anywhere. A focus on safety and family. A focus on community events and sense of belonging.
F	18-34	Dem	N	Less 5	Other Neighborhood	3	You know your neighbors and you are able to spend time in the downtown area or recreational areas without having to leave the town.
F	35-44	Dem	N	Less 5	Other Neighborhood	3	A small town feel means to me that I can get everywhere I need to go without having to resort to driving on the interstate. It also means that there are well lit streets with trees and other plants where I can walk my dog safely.

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F	45-54	Unaf	Y	11-20	Other Neighborhood	3	Bikeable. Unique local businesses rather than chains (Ace hardware not a Home Depot). Community events like the balloon festival are great.
M	55-64	Oth	Y	6-10	Other Neighborhood	3	Many in Erie are delusional about what a small town is. It's laughable to even suggest Erie is anything of the such. The limited downtown retail space with almost non-existent parking doesn't create a 'small town'. Why not petition the Post Office to move to a more suitable location, buy that plot and turn it into vertical parking. Kill 2 birds with one stone.
F	55-64	Dem	N	11-20	Vista Estates	3	Small town means local businesses NOT fast-food chains, NO high-density neighborhoods, keeping Erie "small", protecting open spaces and promoting community events for residents to join together.
F	45-54	Unaf	Y	More 20	Vista Estates	3	A town that works to create a wide variety of family friendly programs and services.
M	45-54	Unaf	Y	More 20	Vista Estates	3	Scale of roads and buildings, demographic of residents (families, children, schools, etc.), scale of businesses (having small businesses instead of big box stores/franchises), lots of open space and parks
F	45-54	Rep	N	More 20	Vista Estates	3	Lots of community events, live music, and balloon festivals.
M	35-44	Unaf	Y	Less 5	Vista Pointe	3	Friendly community, low crime, fun things to do.
F	35-44	Rep	Y	Less 5	Vista Pointe	3	I think a small town feel means inviting, walkable town streets with stores and restaurants vs strip malls, which have no personality.
F	65+	Unaf	N	Less 5	Vista Pointe	3	Lots of small businesses and low traffic
M	65+	Unaf	N	Less 5	Vista Pointe	3	A slower-paced community with a lower density, soft-scaped, walkable business district with a mixture of local restaurants, pubs and other retail businesses. Spaces to sit outside with family/friends and enjoy a snack or ice cream. In a perfect world, it would be awesome if Briggs could be a dedicated pedestrian zone between Moffat and Wells or possibly even Chessman (similar to Old Town Arvada). Surrounding residential area is lower density, tree-lined with park areas. A community where kids can ride their bikes from home to go grab a soda at the local convenience store or a cone at the local ice cream shop or to the local park/swimming pool.

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M	65+	Unaf	N	Less 5	Vista Pointe	3	A small town feel means people know their neighbors and regularly get out in their town to share their life experiences with each other. It implies a safe environment where parents aren't afraid to let their children ride their bike to the park or library and where people gather to celebrate town events like July 4th, beer fest, Halloween.
M	45-54	Dem	N	Less 5	Vista Pointe	3	The events and services feel great. I need to find a calendar of events. I placed an optional trip out of town so missed the balloon festival.
M	55-64	Dem	N	Less 5	Vista Pointe	3	Original buildings and facades, limited modern corporate presence and/or signage
F	65+	Oth	N	Less 5	Vista Pointe	3	More houses than condos and apartments! Neighborhoods with sidewalks and parks, enhancing good neighborhoods! Downtown quaintness with local merchants, restaurants and shops , not large retail! Intentionality in growth with willingness to cap and not continue expansion until every acre is built out...large, beautiful open spaces, ranges enhance quality of life!!!
F	35-44	Unaf	Y	11-20	Vista Pointe	3	Seeing the same people around town, finding parking easily and not much traffic or crowds at events
F	35-44	Unaf	Y	11-20	Vista Pointe	3	Small town means easy to drive around and get from place to place like Erie was 10 years ago. Going out and seeing multiple people you know. Easy access to downtown for events with out stress of parking and over crowding. Again like 10 years ago. I have stopped going to town functions due to too many people being there and it no longer being worth it
F	35-44	Unaf	Y	11-20	Vista Pointe	3	The warmth of familiar faces, neighbors know each other by name, the pace of life is unhurried and less stressful, streets are lined with mom and pop shops/restaurants and a sense of belonging.
M	35-44	Unaf	Y	11-20	Vista Pointe	3	I small town should not have 66,000 people. A small town should have traffic that flows. It should not have parents miss the opportunity to sign kids up for rec sports because they tried to sign up at 710 am not 700 on the dot. Schools should not be overflowing. There should be local businesses that are able to serve the community without restaurants having hour waits to sit. Erie has lost the small town feel.

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M	35-44	Unaf	Y	11-20	Vista Pointe	3	Unsure. Probably a town small enough that kids generally grow up with the same experience. Same high school, places to hang out, handful of good commercial districts (we can still improve on that one). I like that everyone involved with youth sports is generally a "Tiger" and looks forward to becoming a high school "Tiger".
F	45-54	Unaf	Y	11-20	Vista Pointe	3	Less dentist offices and more locally owned restaurants and stores. Public spaces for all ages and interests
M	45-54	Unaf	Y	11-20	Vista Pointe	3	Needs more local shops. Needs business to help pay for costs. Erie is not on track to stay a small town.
M	45-54	Unaf	Y	11-20	Vista Pointe	3	The middle of town is where all the residents gather. They know each other and participate in town-wide events. There are small shops, restaurants, parks, and recreation facilities to encourage residents to be there. The outskirts of town are where the large retail and high density housing are. Those fill a need without inviting too much traffic through the middle.
F	65+	Unaf	Y	11-20	Vista Pointe	3	"Cheap" Activities that promote community feeling. Slow growth and fix electrical grid. Give our police and firemen a raise. Ditto librarians. I worry about how we would all get out if we had a fire and only had to get out by auto. We need emergency planning. For owners, schools and all times of day or night.
F	35-44	Dem	Y	11-20	Vista Pointe	3	It's gone. We've lived here over 10 years and feel a huge difference in just the last 10 years. The small town feel is gone, too crowded, and without enough thought into the infrastructure to support the amount of houses being built.
F	45-54	Dem	Y	11-20	Vista Pointe	3	Communities getting together and feeling safe where we live. Allowing our kids to go out and play without having to worry (as much) about their safety. Safe roads with spread out traffic.
M	45-54	Dem	Y	11-20	Vista Pointe	3	Being able to safely transport to gathering places and town events. For our family, being able to ride our bikes to the Thursday farmers markets and talk to everyone there we know while the kids run around.
M	45-54	Rep	Y	11-20	Vista Pointe	3	Neighborly people, lots of sociopolitically neutral community activities and events.

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M	45-54	Rep	Y	11-20	Vista Pointe	3	Sucks, too many people. Transplants the have ruined the Colorado culture.
M	55-64	Rep	Y	11-20	Vista Pointe	3	No dense housing. No constricted traffic. Recreation and entertainment locally.
M	55-64	Rep	Y	11-20	Vista Pointe	3	No Erie lost small town feel. Overcrowded now
M	35-44	Oth	Y	11-20	Vista Pointe	3	Was a small town feel. Now it has exploded and not a small town feel. To many people moved in over the past 8 years and building more houses won't help.
F	35-44	Unaf	N	11-20	Vista Pointe	3	Local shops and eateries without big chains, being able to walk and bike to most places, lots of local events. These local events have seemed to decrease in the years we have lived here. Such as concerts in the park, mighty kids triathlons.
F	35-44	Unaf	N	11-20	Vista Pointe	3	Vibrant, active old town/town center with regular town events (Concerts in the Parks, those overnight camping events at rec center, good town festivals/parades on holiday weekends). we seem to have weird events right now. I don't know when that changed but they don't seem well attended.
M	55-64	Unaf	N	11-20	Vista Pointe	3	Having a distinctive downtown area. Limiting large construction projects.
M	55-64	Unaf	N	11-20	Vista Pointe	3	Regular town events like the Concerts in the Park bring people together in a small town. Also, keeping government as small as possible so residents can feel a connection with our leaders, officers, etc. Open Space also gives Erie a more rural feel, which is similar to a small-town feel.
M	55-64	Unaf	N	11-20	Vista Pointe	3	This is no longer a small town. We've lived here 15 years. That era is long past.
F	65+	Unaf	N	11-20	Vista Pointe	3	The ability to walk or ride a bike short distances to shop safely
M	65+	Unaf	N	11-20	Vista Pointe	3	Having to go elsewhere for many goods and services.
M	65+	Unaf	N	11-20	Vista Pointe	3	Safe to be out at night
M	45-54	Dem	N	11-20	Vista Pointe	3	Being trapped, unable to grow.
M	65+	Dem	N	11-20	Vista Pointe	3	Friendly people. Unlike the young boys on motorbikes who speed at 30+ mph on the Open Space paths and swear at you as the go by almost making contact with pedestrians.

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M	65+	Dem	N	11-20	Vista Pointe	3	No traffic jams, a welcoming and attractive historic district, beautifully-maintained parks w/i easy access of population centers, lots if quaint restaurants and merchants.
M	45-54	Rep	N	11-20	Vista Pointe	3	Don't try to become Boulder... keep things simple and fiscally responsible we're not a big city don't try to be one and it will remain a "small town". I think the farmers market is a good start. Maybe courting the local farmers and ranchers for more involvement in town events, ie harvest festival, horse riding demonstrations or training events maybe even a small roping or reigning event.
F	55-64	Rep	N	11-20	Vista Pointe	3	People helping to create a happy safe space to raise a family
F	55-64	Rep	N	11-20	Vista Pointe	3	Slow down the growth, Keep business chains out, and maintain mom and pop businesses. Also, continue with things like farmers markets, and town events. Keeping the city clean and not bringing in more more and more people would be beneficial
M	55-64	Rep	N	11-20	Vista Pointe	3	Small population (Erie is getting close to crossing over that line already) with many family run businesses and town events.
M	65+	Rep	N	11-20	Vista Pointe	3	That would be a town with limited growth and a decent comprehensive master plan, which Erie does not have.
M	65+	Rep	N	11-20	Vista Pointe	3	We have outgrown small town
F	35-44	Unaf	Y	More 20	Vista Pointe	3	I'd say that a small town has a downtown area where people like to congregate, which we do. I also feel like a small town is one where you can get to those events without having to drive over and find parking and such. I live in Vista and it would make me feel like I was more connected to the small town if I could get there by bike (I don't bike but this is aspirational). A small town also has open spaces and native vegetation left I think.
F	45-54	Unaf	Y	More 20	Vista Pointe	3	I think the home building has gotten out of hand— the population is growing too quickly!!! 60k is the projection now— that is nuts!!! More open space
F	45-54	Unaf	Y	More 20	Vista Pointe	3	What Erie was 10 years ago.
M	45-54	Unaf	Y	More 20	Vista Pointe	3	Fewer traffic lights, reasonable services, more single family dwellings, parks, restaurants and services, preferably not so many chains

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M	45-54	Unaf	Y	More 20	Vista Pointe	3	Preserving the look and feel of Old Town and possibly creating a historic district.
F	55-64	Unaf	Y	More 20	Vista Pointe	3	Great local restaurants and entertainment. Safe accessibility for pedestrians/bikes.
M	55-64	Unaf	Y	More 20	Vista Pointe	3	Feeling safe on the streets. Low traffic. Knowing neighbors.
O	55-64	Unaf	Y	More 20	Vista Pointe	3	Dying- Erie is expanding too rapidly.
M	65+	Unaf	Y	More 20	Vista Pointe	3	Not high density, overcrowded urban sprawl such as what is now happening in Erie. How many more new housing developments are being crammed into our small town? We replaced the small town feel with urban sprawl.
F	45-54	Dem	Y	More 20	Vista Pointe	3	A small town feel to me means more unique shops and services. A small town feel is not riddled with fast food chains. I hate what Hwy 7 has become. Hwy 7 now feels like a congested I-25 pitstop. The number of developments being put in on every ounce of land takes away from the charm of an old town. A small town is meant to be quaint, easy for families with children to navigate safely via bikes, walking paths and trails. A place you want to raise your family, in hopes your grown children will always want to come "home" to. I believe Erie is moving in the wrong direction. If I didn't have my perfect spot to hide away from the mess Erie has become, I'd be gone by now.
F	45-54	Dem	Y	More 20	Vista Pointe	3	Think back to Erie around 2013, prior to Colliers and Erie Highlands, when our high school was not over capacity and could accommodate our students, when we didn't have traffic circles and it was safe to cross the street because traffic wasn't too busy and pedestrians did have the right of way.
F	45-54	Rep	Y	More 20	Vista Pointe	3	Keeping the population smaller by capping the population to what it is now. Events that appeal to the broadest number of people - ie the fireworks show, Balloon Fest, Biscuit Days. Stay away from events that are polarizing - ie Pride parades.
F	45-54	Rep	Y	More 20	Vista Pointe	3	No more high density housing
F	45-54	Rep	Y	More 20	Vista Pointe	3	Old town, walkable

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M	45-54	Rep	Y	More 20	Vista Pointe	3	Main Street that is welcoming family friendly, affordable atmosphere. Traditional events like parades, and seasonal events that honor the history and schools of Erie while keeping the town relevant with new ideas.
M	55-64	Rep	Y	More 20	Vista Pointe	3	Cool old town area, parks, trails, water.
M	45-54	Oth	Y	More 20	Vista Pointe	3	A town in which you know and trust your government and the police department doesn't need to expand again.
F	45-54	Unaf	N	More 20	Vista Pointe	3	Getting too big now!
F	55-64	Unaf	N	More 20	Vista Pointe	3	A place where you can run into the people you know - that your kids go to school with, People from your congregation, people who are friendly and acknowledge one another, and treat each other with respect and kindness
F	55-64	Unaf	N	More 20	Vista Pointe	3	A walkable town with a nice variety of local businesses from restaurants to shops.
F	55-64	Unaf	N	More 20	Vista Pointe	3	Just like it is now.
M	55-64	Unaf	N	More 20	Vista Pointe	3	Community connections that offer ways for the public to interact together cross generationally. Part of a small town vibe is personal to how people choose to live. Community outreach to help get people to engage would be great!
F	65+	Unaf	N	More 20	Vista Pointe	3	Erie used to have a small town feel. Less people and traffic congestion makes Erie no longer a small town.
M	65+	Unaf	N	More 20	Vista Pointe	3	Walkable downtown. Diminished vehicular traffic. Public events on Briggs St.
F	55-64	Dem	N	More 20	Vista Pointe	3	Being able to walk or bike to downtown Erie, enjoy seeing your neighbors on the restaurants. Erie, with it's massive growth can afford to pay for the infrastructure it needs with the current sales and property tax rates. At a time when housing affordability is priority, the last thing we need is to raise taxes.

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F	55-64	Dem	N	More 20	Vista Pointe	3	I believe that Erie has already grown (40K) past small town and doesn't need a small town feel. Characteristics should include though, a sense of safety in our community, neighbors that care and are respectful of each other, many needs like banking, groceries, pharmacy, etc. can be delivered locally, with other venues like shopping malls and such available within a short distance, lots of options for residence to spend time outdoors with protected nature areas.
M	65+	Dem	N	More 20	Vista Pointe	3	Homes backing to open space.
M	18-34	Rep	N	More 20	Vista Pointe	3	It's very simple, less housing and less people. The more neighborhoods and shops you add the less open space, the less open space the less it feels like a small-town.
M	55-64	Rep	N	More 20	Vista Pointe	3	Where I would not have to wait to turn on the street that runs through my neighborhood because the traffic is so bad because someone had a stupid idea to close the intersection of HWY 7 and County Line Rd. Have the ability to attend a city function and not go back home since it was to crowded and no place to park.
F	65+	Rep	N	More 20	Vista Pointe	3	Limiting city limits rather than trying to annex bordering farms/pastures. Having open space around perimeter of town. Mom-and-pop shops rather than chains. Seeing police officers around who are enjoying the town while they are still paying attention to what's happening. Parks in town.
M	65+	Rep	N	More 20	Vista Pointe	3	Not Erie anymore. New house construction is out of control. Erie is growing too fast.
M	65+	Rep	N	More 20	Vista Pointe	3	The way the town was 10 or 15 years ago quit building houses and apartments and build commercial.you have totally ruined Erie by being so greedy. And now you are asking us to pay more taxes for roads and police because you have over built.just look at g questions you are asking that should tell you something
M	18-34	Unaf	Y	6-10	Vista Pointe	3	Frequent Town events that bring the community together and gathering spaces that not only facilitate these gatherings but also draw people to them every day of the week.

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F	35-44	Unaf	Y	6-10	Vista Pointe	3	Slow paced and spread out (not crowded), local business owners, low crime/high trust, tradition and pride
F	35-44	Unaf	Y	6-10	Vista Pointe	3	The community behavior and the downtown feel.
F	35-44	Unaf	Y	6-10	Vista Pointe	3	The events like balloon fest, Erie days, the parade of lights, and boo on Briggs give that feel. I think it's important to have things like this that can bring the whole community together.
M	35-44	Unaf	Y	6-10	Vista Pointe	3	A smaller population creates a small town feel. Stop building housing and apartments!
M	35-44	Unaf	Y	6-10	Vista Pointe	3	Character in building structures, family owned businesses/restaurants
F	45-54	Unaf	Y	6-10	Vista Pointe	3	Erie isn't a small town anymore. It isn't going back to that. Erie is a wonderful town and I enjoy living here but this rhetoric needs to stop as it just pits people against each other. We are all Americans just stop.
F	45-54	Unaf	Y	6-10	Vista Pointe	3	Local shops, people know each other and come together as a community to celebrate and work together to build the town
F	45-54	Unaf	Y	6-10	Vista Pointe	3	Someplace where kids on bikes are safe everywhere. Where all residents can access food/groceries on foot. Someplace that prioritizes people and discourages thru traffic.
M	45-54	Dem	Y	6-10	Vista Pointe	3	Being able to get from one side of town to the other with minimal time/headache, knowing your police officers, having unique/non-chain food options, very low crime, great parks and rec
M	55-64	Dem	Y	6-10	Vista Pointe	3	I grew up in a big town. Move to Erie because it reminded me of small farm towns my parents are from. Knowing your neighbors and celebrating holidays in the old part of town
F	35-44	Rep	Y	6-10	Vista Pointe	3	Putting a halt to the growth of this town, focusing on community, community events, small business, and parks/rec.
F	45-54	Unaf	N	6-10	Vista Pointe	3	Little traffic, little crime, local mom and pop shops that benefit community -not vape shops:-)
F	65+	Unaf	N	6-10	Vista Pointe	3	Retail that truly serves the community, downtown that is both interesting and vibrant.
M	65+	Unaf	N	6-10	Vista Pointe	3	Erie is growing at a rate that is causing increased traffic and losing the slow pace of life and ease of getting things you need easily.

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F	55-64	Dem	N	6-10	Vista Pointe	3	Walkability connecting rec center to neighborhoods and trails all together. NON CHAIN restaurants and businesses
M	65+	Dem	N	6-10	Vista Pointe	3	A small but vibrant downtown district with restaurants, shops, and activities for all
							Sense of community, knowing people in multiple neighborhoods, safe and quiet place to take family walks and outings, small town fairs, locally owned small businesses, having lots of open space, not a place covered in apartments, having it so nice and quiet and friendly that my whole family now calls Erie home. And place that is dog friendly, loves nature, clean and orderly neighborhoods, really the biggest compliment is how well the police/sheriff do here in Erie by always making us feel safe and secure without being constantly noticed every where. Just don't become what Thornton is now. Why we moved from there. Was drugs, crime, hobos, too much pandering, never felt safe, sirens all the time, traffics accidents constantly.
M	35-44	Rep	N	6-10	Vista Pointe	3	
M	35-44	Rep	N	6-10	Vista Pointe	3	Time to move elsewhere Erie is no longer a small town
F	18-34	Unaf	Y	Less 5	Vista Ridge Master HOA	3	Free Community events and gatherings and friendly people who may be strangers but feel like neighbors, with great options for shopping small
F	18-34	Unaf	Y	Less 5	Vista Ridge Master HOA	3	No large highways/traffic, downtown area, town events, accessibility (biking/walking)
F	18-34	Unaf	Y	Less 5	Vista Ridge Master HOA	3	One thing that makes Erie feel like a small town is that people work, play, shop, eat, etc here. People don't need to go elsewhere so you can easily run into friends and neighbors everywhere you go.
M	18-34	Unaf	Y	Less 5	Vista Ridge Master HOA	3	Safety, accessibility, and open spaces/parks.
M	18-34	Unaf	Y	Less 5	Vista Ridge Master HOA	3	Sell beer at the splash pad haha

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F	35-44	Unaf	Y	Less 5	Vista Ridge Master HOA	3	A small town feel is where you feel safe, welcomed and a little hidden on the map. I enjoy seeing people I know when I go to a local park or 'the' Safeway or the rec center. We can give driving instructions by landmarks vs street names. The social media presence of a small town is fun and refreshing, not too political or either rampant complaints - the buy nothing page is a great way to support others in the community. Small towns aren't bothered by tourist and enjoy meeting people who have never heard of our town - feel like we are talking to them about a well kept secrete.
F	35-44	Unaf	Y	Less 5	Vista Ridge Master HOA	3	A small-town feel is a place where you feel safe in your neighborhood, less traffic than in highly populated areas, and neighbors look out for one another. It's a place with main street charm and events where you can run into someone you know. It's where community members are invested in the town and want to support it to be the best it can be. It's where schools have enough room for students and every child gets the attention they need to learn and develop.
F	35-44	Unaf	Y	Less 5	Vista Ridge Master HOA	3	Designated downtown area. Not filled with apartments or condos
F	35-44	Unaf	Y	Less 5	Vista Ridge Master HOA	3	Love it keep it. It's necessary to keep the charm and feel. If we lose it why would people move here?
F	35-44	Unaf	Y	Less 5	Vista Ridge Master HOA	3	Open space, spread out communities, less chain restaurants/businesses and more local restaurants/businesses , more single family homes than apartments.
F	35-44	Unaf	Y	Less 5	Vista Ridge Master HOA	3	Quaint community events, running into people you know in town often, Main Street area
F	35-44	Unaf	Y	Less 5	Vista Ridge Master HOA	3	Quaint downtown, town celebrations and festivals, small shops (ie south public road is a great example of what Briggs should be)
F	35-44	Unaf	Y	Less 5	Vista Ridge Master HOA	3	Where the town hosts community events and you know your neighbors.
M	35-44	Unaf	Y	Less 5	Vista Ridge Master HOA	3	A self sustaining community, relatively isolated from other close by communities.

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M	35-44	Unaf	Y	Less 5	Vista Ridge Master HOA	3	Everyone knowing and caring about what is going on in town. Large portion of the population participating in events. Lower density housing, so it doesn't feel like people are crammed in. Locally owned small businesses rather than large or chain stores and restaurants.
M	35-44	Unaf	Y	Less 5	Vista Ridge Master HOA	3	I don't like this fee
M	35-44	Unaf	Y	Less 5	Vista Ridge Master HOA	3	It's being over taken becoming another city with way to many apartments
M	35-44	Unaf	Y	Less 5	Vista Ridge Master HOA	3	Less dense. Slow down growth.
F	45-54	Unaf	Y	Less 5	Vista Ridge Master HOA	3	Our downtown feels perfect, slow down growth to catch up services like roads, utilities, schools, etc
M	45-54	Unaf	Y	Less 5	Vista Ridge Master HOA	3	Feeling like you know your neighbors and everyone has a feeling of identity with the city
M	45-54	Unaf	Y	Less 5	Vista Ridge Master HOA	3	Safe, friendly, welcoming. A consistency from place to place within the city that makes you feel a part of it, whether you live in that specific neighborhood or not.
F	18-34	Dem	Y	Less 5	Vista Ridge Master HOA	3	Cozy, everyone knows each other, clean, focus on sustainability, efforts feed back into community
F	18-34	Dem	Y	Less 5	Vista Ridge Master HOA	3	Focus on small downtown with frequent events
F	18-34	Dem	Y	Less 5	Vista Ridge Master HOA	3	I say to everyone I love that I always see a neighbor at king Soopers and get to have a nice chat with those I live around.
F	35-44	Dem	Y	Less 5	Vista Ridge Master HOA	3	Activities (concert/music/movies/hot air balloon viewing, etc) in the park that aren't over crowded. High school pride. Small locally owned restaurants/shops. Easy to get anywhere in our town quickly.
F	35-44	Dem	Y	Less 5	Vista Ridge Master HOA	3	Little traffic, more local than chain restaurants, a cute and bustling downtown. High school football games and community support. Parks and rec that supports the town and population. Neighbors as friends and feeling safe in our community
F	35-44	Dem	Y	Less 5	Vista Ridge Master HOA	3	Public events such as the Farmers Market and Boo Bash on Briggs that feature local businesses, low student-to-teacher ration in classrooms, local restaurants

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M	35-44	Dem	Y	Less 5	Vista Ridge Master HOA	3	Pedestrian infrastructure + community events that enables you to walk, see, and get to know your neighbors to build shared understanding. Cultural identity through local businesses and stores (and not through big-box stores).
M	35-44	Dem	Y	Less 5	Vista Ridge Master HOA	3	Whether you are walking, biking, or driving through a small town, you are always moving at a slower pace, always something catching your eye and you mumble to yourself, "that's cute!" You have everything you need at the moment and pop shop, but the box stores are nearby. You never feel lost in the community, you know all the roads and how to get where because "it's the way."
M	45-54	Dem	Y	Less 5	Vista Ridge Master HOA	3	Culture is what is most essential in keeping small town feel. Erie is growing and welcoming change with understanding our values is the best path forward.
M	45-54	Dem	Y	Less 5	Vista Ridge Master HOA	3	I don't feel like Erie is a small town. It is spread very wide and growing rapidly. Erie has a quant main street that is like other close towns like superior, Longmont and Lafayette.
M	45-54	Dem	Y	Less 5	Vista Ridge Master HOA	3	Small town is absolute vital for me to stay in Erie. It means not building anything too tall not overcrowding space preserving nature and making sure the community knows each other and takes care of each other. The last thing we need out here is a mall, high-rise apartments, and overcrowding.
F	18-34	Rep	Y	Less 5	Vista Ridge Master HOA	3	I define a small town feel as knowing your neighbors and running into them at local events. Going to a locally owned business and knowing the owner. Seeing more fields and farm land instead of housing developments. Agriculture and animal husbandry being more of a community staple.

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F	18-34	Rep	Y	Less 5	Vista Ridge Master HOA	3	Many who live in Erie cherish the 'small town feel'—a sense of community where neighbors know each other by name, kids can safely play outside or ride bikes through the neighborhood without worry, and local events feel like a gathering of friends and family. It's the comfort of seeing familiar faces at the grocery store, waving to neighbors while walking the dog, and knowing our schools and parks are a safe extension of our homes. Maintaining that feeling also means protecting our streets from becoming high-traffic cut-throughs for non-residents. Prioritizing safety, preserving our close-knit community, and minimizing outside congestion is key to keeping Erie's small-town charm alive as we grow.
M	18-34	Rep	Y	Less 5	Vista Ridge Master HOA	3	I think the lack of large corporate or chain businesses in downtown is a major contributing factor to the small town feel. While those types of businesses aren't bad in anyway, the town should make an effort to keep the downtown or historic downtown locally owned small businesses if it wishes to retain the small town feel.
M	35-44	Rep	Y	Less 5	Vista Ridge Master HOA	3	Low cost (taxes, fees, etc), low gov intrusion, trust in schools (non existent now).
F	18-34	Oth	Y	Less 5	Vista Ridge Master HOA	3	More boutique local shops as opposed to large chains
F	18-34	Unaf	N	Less 5	Vista Ridge Master HOA	3	A community feel, less chain restaurants, less dentists and more parks. The vibe of Main Street is what makes Erie great. Enough resources for the residents, like another grocery store and a community center big enough for the town size.
F	18-34	Unaf	N	Less 5	Vista Ridge Master HOA	3	People being friendly with each other and being a close knit community
M	18-34	Unaf	N	Less 5	Vista Ridge Master HOA	3	A small town feel means walkable to desirable shops and restaurants, with well-kept trees , streets, curbs, crosswalks, and storefronts. Minimal to no traffic lights, just stop signs and signs blinking at crosswalks to prevent traffic from moving quickly past.
M	45-54	Unaf	N	Less 5	Vista Ridge Master HOA	3	Safe community. Supporting and expanding downtown Erie businesses and restaurants. Community events.
F	55-64	Unaf	N	Less 5	Vista Ridge Master HOA	3	Walking down the street and talking to your neighbors, block parties, community events, neighbors, helping neighbors, safety

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M	55-64	Unaf	N	Less 5	Vista Ridge Master HOA	3	Keeping commercial development to minimum; enough of a level to meet the resident demand. Not serve as a place to go for many towns. No Orchard, No Bradburn etc.
M	55-64	Unaf	N	Less 5	Vista Ridge Master HOA	3	Less traffic with a smaller downtown area and local shops and restaurants.
M	55-64	Unaf	N	Less 5	Vista Ridge Master HOA	3	Lots of community events, lots of green beautifying plants, and less concrete.
F	65+	Unaf	N	Less 5	Vista Ridge Master HOA	3	I grew up in a small town, I would define it as a safe , friendly place with a downtown shopping and dining area, access to library and parks, good schools, safe streets and responsible government. Also, a plan for the future to insure this way of life, not unlimited growth.
F	65+	Unaf	N	Less 5	Vista Ridge Master HOA	3	No more than 25,000 people, great schools and adequate shopping.
F	65+	Unaf	N	Less 5	Vista Ridge Master HOA	3	Quaint neighborhoods, fewer "cookie cutter" neighborhoods more parks and green space, rather than the taller apartments townhomes cramming as many people in as possible.
F	65+	Unaf	N	Less 5	Vista Ridge Master HOA	3	The downtown area has a small town feel; small restaurants/ businesses that seem interested in you as a person; can ride my bike to downtown and stop to eat. I like the small town feel also but seems with all the development/ traffic, it is disappearing.
M	65+	Unaf	N	Less 5	Vista Ridge Master HOA	3	Condos, apartments and townhomes do not promote a small town feel.
M	65+	Unaf	N	Less 5	Vista Ridge Master HOA	3	In small towns people know each other - not possible at Erie's size. Erie has an old town feel - not a small town feel.
F	18-34	Dem	N	Less 5	Vista Ridge Master HOA	3	Walkable neighborhoods, safe to wander after dark, historic buildings or building code that preserves charm. Local businesses over chains.
M	35-44	Dem	N	Less 5	Vista Ridge Master HOA	3	The lack of mega conglomerate businesses. I would prefer to pay for local shops than cookie cutter big business
F	45-54	Dem	N	Less 5	Vista Ridge Master HOA	3	A small town needs to stay small, aka. Stop building more housing.
F	45-54	Dem	N	Less 5	Vista Ridge Master HOA	3	Communities that know and support each other, even with differences
M	45-54	Dem	N	Less 5	Vista Ridge Master HOA	3	What Erie was before the extensive building of homes off of WCR4, WCR5 and the Colliers hill area
F	65+	Dem	N	Less 5	Vista Ridge Master HOA	3	Knowing your neighbors. Walkable lively downtown.

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M	65+	Dem	N	Less 5	Vista Ridge Master HOA	3	There is only one walkable/shopping area in town, Briggs st in old downtown. The money grab for simply building house after house and no new business is staggering
M	18-34	Rep	N	Less 5	Vista Ridge Master HOA	3	People know each other, go to events, participate in the community, have kids at school, well mannered, good neighbors
F	35-44	Rep	N	Less 5	Vista Ridge Master HOA	3	I like the downtown Erie area. It might be nice to have another area like that since expanding there probably isnt possible. Its nice having restaurants and things to do that are walkable. Also parks with trees and shade to the enjoy simple things in life and be outside.
M	45-54	Rep	N	Less 5	Vista Ridge Master HOA	3	A small town feel is one with a sense of belonging, knowledge of one's community, and ease of involvement if so desired.
F	55-64	Rep	N	Less 5	Vista Ridge Master HOA	3	Friendly vibes, safe, pretty surroundings, neighborly, good values, no inappropriate businesses, good schools, pride in community, not too big
M	65+	Rep	N	Less 5	Vista Ridge Master HOA	3	Safe to walk at night. Low or no crime. Parks for kids to play, safe for pinics.
F	35-44	Unaf	Y	11-20	Vista Ridge Master HOA	3	Being able to attend events like Boo on Briggs, Holiday parade, balloon festival. We haven't been able to enjoy them in the last 5 years as the town has grown way to quickly and has lost the "small town" feel. It's not enjoyable to go as they are over crowded and there's no Peking for anything!
F	35-44	Unaf	Y	11-20	Vista Ridge Master HOA	3	Not sure how to define it but Erie does not have it.
F	35-44	Unaf	Y	11-20	Vista Ridge Master HOA	3	People in the neighborhood recognize me and say hi
M	35-44	Unaf	Y	11-20	Vista Ridge Master HOA	3	Actually knowing folks in the community. Once it gets to a certain size, its impossible to have a small town feel. Its gone and lost for Erie.
M	35-44	Unaf	Y	11-20	Vista Ridge Master HOA	3	Pride in local establishments and each other

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F	45-54	Unaf	Y	11-20	Vista Ridge Master HOA	3	Create opportunities for residents to spend free time in Erie rather than leaving to a nearby city to have more options for dining and entertainment. Make Erie more appealing to small businesses! Make them want to come to Erie. Slow down new housing growth until schools and roads are completed to handle the growth - or just speed up the process of expanding both? The Highschool has been overcrowded for years. Just go try and park in the parking lot, walk the halls, or talk to the students - it's a mess! Way to tell our students "you're NOT THAT important" This new high school is way over due and is a complete FAILURE of Erie and St.Vrain! Clearly students are a VERY low priority to both organizations! Sad. I suggest we continue the parades on Briggs. They make Erie special. Either get donations or other funding for the annual fireworks or just stop. The current firework display is pretty sad! It gets worse every year!
F	45-54	Unaf	Y	11-20	Vista Ridge Master HOA	3	Accessible Community events that encourage gathering, support of Erie small businesses, sustainable growth (making sure existing residents are taken care of before adding more), town involvements and presence in schools, identity building (Sports focus community, are we in Arts focused community, do we have an identity)
F	45-54	Unaf	Y	11-20	Vista Ridge Master HOA	3	Having Briggs as our "main street" where we have parades, farmers markets, concerts and events at Cole Creek Park all create the community gatherings of a small town. Love watching the middle and high school kids march in our Christmas parade. Going to the grocery store, rec center, library, etc and running into people you know. I am also enjoying the social media that the police department has been spending quality time on sharing where they are involved in protecting our town.
F	45-54	Unaf	Y	11-20	Vista Ridge Master HOA	3	Old Town area accessible, clean and a variety of restaurants and business. Also, a 1 high school town means small-town me.
F	45-54	Unaf	Y	11-20	Vista Ridge Master HOA	3	Safe, joyful, thoughtful humans caring about people and animals.
F	45-54	Unaf	Y	11-20	Vista Ridge Master HOA	3	Small, community, involved and family

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F	45-54	Unaf	Y	11-20	Vista Ridge Master HOA	3	Smaller population, walkable town, lack of big box stores, small business friendly, lots of open space
M	45-54	Unaf	Y	11-20	Vista Ridge Master HOA	3	Being a small town is fine, but if we cannot afford all the things that the town wants to buy, I would rather see larger businesses move into Erie. Downtown can remain a place with a smaller town feel, but we need a tax base that doesn't rely on simply raising taxes for existing residents, especially considering how little of use the town of Erie provides for us short of parks and such. Erie has a high rate of funding boondoggles that do nothing for its residents.
M	45-54	Unaf	Y	11-20	Vista Ridge Master HOA	3	Events, culture, pride in a safe and fun place to live, work and play.
M	45-54	Unaf	Y	11-20	Vista Ridge Master HOA	3	Less of the constant new housing developments
M	45-54	Unaf	Y	11-20	Vista Ridge Master HOA	3	Not so crowded. Low traffic. Free parking available
M	45-54	Unaf	Y	11-20	Vista Ridge Master HOA	3	Recognizing and interacting with neighbors. Transparency in government. Quiet, peaceful, charming, friendly. Low crime. Welcoming. Residents with a history in the town. Rural. Self-sufficient.
M	45-54	Unaf	Y	11-20	Vista Ridge Master HOA	3	Small town field means you can go downtown and see several families that you know and it's not overcrowded but busy
F	55-64	Unaf	Y	11-20	Vista Ridge Master HOA	3	Easy to get around. You see people you know when you go places. You know your neighbors. Honestly, I think you're in denial that the small-town feel can be preserved. When Erie caved in to developers and committed to over-development, so it's impossible to maintain the "small-town feel." Maybe neighborhoods can keep that, but not the town as a whole.
F	18-34	Dem	Y	11-20	Vista Ridge Master HOA	3	Open space, lower traffic, less house congestion
F	35-44	Dem	Y	11-20	Vista Ridge Master HOA	3	Business owners who live locally. Walkable neighborhoods and town to local businesses. Knowing neighbors. Parking available for local events and businesses. Less residential GROWTH. Preservation of historic buildings, history, feel, land, property.
M	35-44	Dem	Y	11-20	Vista Ridge Master HOA	3	Keep growing commercial but keeping chains out. No big box stores or strip malls. Local restaurants and bars with diverse options. Keeping events like parade of lights, fireworks, etc are what make this small town great.

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F	45-54	Dem	Y	11-20	Vista Ridge Master HOA	3	Building community locally through individual neighborhoods and then connecting those neighborhoods within the Town. A small town can still exist within a growing region through the development of centers of conversion, Town activities, amenities and events. It is also a place where you can still see your neighbors at neighborhood shopping areas and restaurants, mixed with recreation and arts.
F	45-54	Dem	Y	11-20	Vista Ridge Master HOA	3	Lots of community events with local businesses involved. More mom and pop shops.
F	45-54	Dem	Y	11-20	Vista Ridge Master HOA	3	Not tons of housing Plenty of businesses within a walkable community
F	45-54	Dem	Y	11-20	Vista Ridge Master HOA	3	Walk ability, friendly, small shops and restaurants, parks and outdoor spaces to gather as a community or with friends and families
F	45-54	Dem	Y	11-20	Vista Ridge Master HOA	3	Welcoming and inclusive town where kindness and community are priorities.
M	45-54	Dem	Y	11-20	Vista Ridge Master HOA	3	Downtown revitalization. I know many people in town because I have been active in the Erie community center classes for example and also coaching and my kids participating in recreational sports and also other community events vets like the eerie Erie and biscuit day.
M	45-54	Dem	Y	11-20	Vista Ridge Master HOA	3	Where people know each other and Main Street is the community center.
F	55-64	Dem	Y	11-20	Vista Ridge Master HOA	3	I don't think that Erie has a small town feel anymore.
M	55-64	Dem	Y	11-20	Vista Ridge Master HOA	3	Going to the farmers market and seeing people I know from 20 years ago. I love that area on Briggs and would be so great to create a pedestrian zone like Pearl street there
M	55-64	Dem	Y	11-20	Vista Ridge Master HOA	3	Maintenance of a cute, wholesome downtown with historic buildings, and locally owned businesses. Also minimal high density housing. Keep low-end chain restaurants out!
F	35-44	Rep	Y	11-20	Vista Ridge Master HOA	3	Definitely not a small town feel anymore
F	35-44	Rep	Y	11-20	Vista Ridge Master HOA	3	Less building of these mega-neighborhoods. Small town feel means the town isn't overly busy and crowded. You run into people you know all around town. A small-town feels safe and cohesive and downtown has a charming feel to it.

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F	35-44	Rep	Y	11-20	Vista Ridge Master HOA	3	You know people when you are out and about, everyone is friendly, everywhere feels safe - i.e. letting kids run to the park alone, not a lot of traffic/waiting when driving around.
M	35-44	Rep	Y	11-20	Vista Ridge Master HOA	3	I hate this term. Real small towns don't try to look the part, they just be who they are. Focus on what works for us, not what things are supposed to "look and feel like". Whoever asked this question needs a paradigm shift.
F	45-54	Rep	Y	11-20	Vista Ridge Master HOA	3	I love love the small town feel. My favorite is the Christmas Light parade
M	45-54	Rep	Y	11-20	Vista Ridge Master HOA	3	Bike paths, community events, local restaurants
M	18-34	Unaf	N	11-20	Vista Ridge Master HOA	3	A small town feel is just what it sounds like, a small town with limited large commercial businesses and a relatively small population.
M	18-34	Unaf	N	11-20	Vista Ridge Master HOA	3	A small town is where life slows down enough for people to truly see one another. It's where neighbors aren't just people who live nearby but friends who share gardens, trade recipes, and show up unasked when someone is in need. It's where dinners stretch long into the night with laughter that echoes down quiet streets, where children run free and elders are honored, where stories are told and retold, weaving everyone together in a living memory. In this rhythm, people remember what matters: the joy of simple work done well, the beauty of shared meals, the goodness of gathering just to be together. There is no striving to be someone else, no pretending to be separate, just the steady pulse of togetherness—people fully alive, grateful for the air, the land, the company, and the day. In these places, creation isn't just the buildings or gardens but the way people build each other up, celebrate each other's wins, and carry one another through the hard days. The joy is honest, the connections are real, and life feels full because it's shared. This is how life was always meant to be: not just surviving, but overflowing. Not just working, but rejoicing. Not just passing time, but living wide open, receiving every good thing together.

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F	45-54	Unaf	N	11-20	Vista Ridge Master HOA	3	Friendly people, people knowing one another - this happens during community events. Also walkability. We do not have good walk ability because the new condo developments do not have retail and restaurants. It is too far for many people to walk to retail and restaurants since there aren't very many and they are not spread throughout the town.
M	45-54	Unaf	N	11-20	Vista Ridge Master HOA	3	The small town feeling is going away as development seems to take precedence over quality of life.
F	55-64	Unaf	N	11-20	Vista Ridge Master HOA	3	Community pride! Patronizing local businesses and attending events
F	55-64	Unaf	N	11-20	Vista Ridge Master HOA	3	Knowing your neighbor and looking out for them.
M	55-64	Unaf	N	11-20	Vista Ridge Master HOA	3	A place that is safe to walk around in at night without homeless and drug users littering the streets and a family friendly atmosphere without the stink of pot everywhere.
M	55-64	Unaf	N	11-20	Vista Ridge Master HOA	3	Being left alone and not over patrolled by cops.
M	55-64	Unaf	N	11-20	Vista Ridge Master HOA	3	Not having to answer stupid city-politician questions like this. Erie is no longer a small-town, it's a city.
M	55-64	Unaf	N	11-20	Vista Ridge Master HOA	3	Open spaces, bike paths, relatively low traffic and congestion
M	55-64	Unaf	N	11-20	Vista Ridge Master HOA	3	That small town feel of Erie was gone 8 years ago. No longer exists.
F	65+	Unaf	N	11-20	Vista Ridge Master HOA	3	Erie's downtown area...
F	65+	Unaf	N	11-20	Vista Ridge Master HOA	3	Friendly, small businesses, support of schools and school activities
F	65+	Unaf	N	11-20	Vista Ridge Master HOA	3	I don't think we have a small town feel any longer
F	65+	Unaf	N	11-20	Vista Ridge Master HOA	3	No big box stores or major malls
F	65+	Unaf	N	11-20	Vista Ridge Master HOA	3	No there anymore - too many apartments being build. Houses being put on small lots and built straight up in the air. Ruined the imaged of Erie.
F	65+	Unaf	N	11-20	Vista Ridge Master HOA	3	Old Erie restaurants on Briggs Quality schools
F	65+	Unaf	N	11-20	Vista Ridge Master HOA	3	The small town feeling (of an inviting, wholesome town center, good schools, churches, a great library, coffee shops, bookstores, parks and playing fields, family activities and events.
F	65+	Unaf	N	11-20	Vista Ridge Master HOA	3	We would like to see more restaurants and not more dentist or tire or oil change
M	65+	Unaf	N	11-20	Vista Ridge Master HOA	3	Friendly neighbors.

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M	65+	Unaf	N	11-20	Vista Ridge Master HOA	3	Friendly proactive local government, police outreach and engagement with citizens, public free events that bring people together (parades fireworks etc)
M	65+	Unaf	N	11-20	Vista Ridge Master HOA	3	Locally owned restaurants, less rush-hour traffic, town community events, and Town leaders making themselves available for to the community outside official business.
M	65+	Unaf	N	11-20	Vista Ridge Master HOA	3	Walkable, inviting, welcoming, safe and friendly.
F	18-34	Dem	N	11-20	Vista Ridge Master HOA	3	This does not feel like a small town. It is growing too much and too fast. Stop building houses.
F	45-54	Dem	N	11-20	Vista Ridge Master HOA	3	Thriving locally owned small businesses that act as 3rd places. Parks and open space. Community events. Charm and character (vs cookie cutter suburban sprawl). Neighbors who know one another. Identity (vs genericism).
F	55-64	Dem	N	11-20	Vista Ridge Master HOA	3	A small town feeling evokes, a quiet, close-knit community and characterized by strong social connections, and a slower pace. People also know their neighbors and support their local businesses. Also, the advantage would be lower crime rates and potentially lower cost of living. Also a limited choice of shopping, entertainment, and dining in our local area.
F	55-64	Dem	N	11-20	Vista Ridge Master HOA	3	It is no longer a small town feel. Big boom since we moved here in 2006. Speed limits in neighborhoods need to be lowered. Vista Parkway should be 25
F	55-64	Dem	N	11-20	Vista Ridge Master HOA	3	Low traffic, stop signs in town, open spaces
F	55-64	Dem	N	11-20	Vista Ridge Master HOA	3	One where you do not have to travel to other towns to shop. One where you can easily walk to places.
F	55-64	Dem	N	11-20	Vista Ridge Master HOA	3	Vital downtown, multiple events/festivals/farmers market in Erie, trails that connect the community, communication of events, etc., continuation of asking and collecting the community thoughts and ideas at events, consideration of those thoughts and ideas. Make Erie affordable to live in while also keep our standards high.

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M	55-64	Dem	N	11-20	Vista Ridge Master HOA	3	Larger downtown area with restaurants and shops. Mass transit like Boulder. More bike only paths that optimize transit to downtown. People walking bike paths increase confrontations (multiple walkers walking abreast and taking up the whole path).
F	65+	Dem	N	11-20	Vista Ridge Master HOA	3	Being able to afford living here. Feeling that the town officials care about people rather than money.
F	65+	Dem	N	11-20	Vista Ridge Master HOA	3	Community engagement, friendly - familiar faces and places, feeling of safety walking the neighborhoods and downtown areas (clean, well lit, well kept properties).
F	65+	Dem	N	11-20	Vista Ridge Master HOA	3	The small downtown area and the various activities that happen in town or central like in the community center or at coal Creek park.
F	65+	Dem	N	11-20	Vista Ridge Master HOA	3	There are people of all ages interacting with each other. It is convenient to get to services and businesses. Events bring people together. Lots of trees. Quiet.
F	65+	Dem	N	11-20	Vista Ridge Master HOA	3	Walkable streets; local events; Less traffic; more local restaurants.
M	65+	Dem	N	11-20	Vista Ridge Master HOA	3	Absence of soulless development no
M	65+	Dem	N	11-20	Vista Ridge Master HOA	3	Diverse local businesses in old town Erie. Support for farmers market kids sports etc.
M	65+	Dem	N	11-20	Vista Ridge Master HOA	3	Well maybe old town has that, but the rest of the town is just a collection of subdivisions. A small town feel is one where if you and your neighbors agree on something you do it. And you don't have HOA Nazis telling you no because it's against their rules, especially when all of your neighbors agree.
M	65+	Dem	N	11-20	Vista Ridge Master HOA	3	When things are "going on". Small towns are focused on their high school, the recreational uniqueness, etc. urban sprawl is not it.
F	45-54	Rep	N	11-20	Vista Ridge Master HOA	3	Activities in town and neighborhoods where people gather and it's not total chaos with too many cars and people. Also able to stroll down downtown and have active businesses and neighbors walking around.

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F	45-54	Rep	N	11-20	Vista Ridge Master HOA	3	I would define it as knowing our neighbors, having friendly interactions with those we meet, for example, on walks, fun town traditions like the fireworks and biscuit day, and knowing and enjoying the unique character of the local businesses and services. It's also feeling safe and not worrying about crime, which feels like it is encroaching more all the time from all the crime in Denver, etc.
M	45-54	Rep	N	11-20	Vista Ridge Master HOA	3	15 years ago it was the awesome small town now it is a disaster with all the new houses getting built
F	55-64	Rep	N	11-20	Vista Ridge Master HOA	3	Like it was 10 years ago. Too many people now and expensive housing too many apartments
F	55-64	Rep	N	11-20	Vista Ridge Master HOA	3	Safe, not overcrowded, slower paced, less traffic, lower speed limits, gathering places, small town restaurants, community events, board members live in the area, are known in the community, serve the community, and actually know and care what is going on in their community.
F	65+	Rep	N	11-20	Vista Ridge Master HOA	3	A place where people look out for one another, and take good care of their homes and surroundings.
F	65+	Rep	N	11-20	Vista Ridge Master HOA	3	Safe, friendly and less traffic No more apartments or condos no big box stores. Local shops give you that small town feel.
M	65+	Rep	N	11-20	Vista Ridge Master HOA	3	Great friendly people
M	65+	Rep	N	11-20	Vista Ridge Master HOA	3	Road that don't cause flats rest. Scattered all over town not all jammed intondowntown Deie
M	65+	Rep	N	11-20	Vista Ridge Master HOA	3	Rural atmosphere. No large retail areas.
M	55-64	NR	N	11-20	Vista Ridge Master HOA	3	Having areas where there is retail that is walkable. Limiting population. If you pause residential construction, then population will not continue to explode.
F	45-54	Unaf	Y	More 20	Vista Ridge Master HOA	3	All the public events are wonderful - parades, fireworks, balloon launch, etc.
F	45-54	Unaf	Y	More 20	Vista Ridge Master HOA	3	Less people. Stop building on every piece of open land. And you should give the option of to not build the police station at all. You did not give that option. Stop the growth. This is no longer a small town. Build more custom go.es on larger multi acre lots. Create more rural community.

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F	45-54	Unaf	Y	More 20	Vista Ridge Master HOA	3	The small-town feel is *gone.* the Town has ruined it with too much new housing jammed everywhere, gentrified the Main Street with over-priced restaurants and high traffic.
M	45-54	Unaf	Y	More 20	Vista Ridge Master HOA	3	Stop growth. Just because you estimate we can grow to 66,000 doe not mean we should. Limit growth. We don't need to spend \$38M on expanding anything if we stop growing immediately. Buy open space instead. We dont need to crowd more here. You should have had an option on that last question of an answer of "None. no expansion or more spending needed."
F	65+	Unaf	Y	More 20	Vista Ridge Master HOA	3	Well, since we're headed in the wrong direction with over overdevelopment, I would say we have already lost that small town feel.
F	45-54	Dem	Y	More 20	Vista Ridge Master HOA	3	Open and inclusive community with walkable access to quaint restaurants and shops.
F	45-54	Dem	Y	More 20	Vista Ridge Master HOA	3	Sense of community is strong
M	45-54	Dem	Y	More 20	Vista Ridge Master HOA	3	For one a lot less people I know coon national kicked off the fireworks and now the town does it, but the town stuff is really d + Event when was held at the golf course it was an all day affair hundreds of booze. Kids had fun. It was the biggest firework show in Northern Colorado. The other thing that's missing is we all should have a huge balloon launch at the golf course? Where did that go?
M	45-54	Dem	Y	More 20	Vista Ridge Master HOA	3	Plenty of trails, parks and open spaces.
F	35-44	Rep	Y	More 20	Vista Ridge Master HOA	3	Limited growth, which is currently out of control. If new facilities and roads are needed to accommodate these new huge neighborhoods then the developers should help pay for them, like the police station. Downtown Erie is small and will continue to be that simply by design of itself. Doing activities in Downtown help with the small-town feel, like homecoming and Christmas parade. Keep that up and encourage more people/businesses or even groups from neighborhoods to also enter floats. I'd love to see a "Real Housewives of Colliers Hill" lol.
F	45-54	Rep	Y	More 20	Vista Ridge Master HOA	3	Walking down the street and seeing familiar faces. Small mom and pop shops

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M	45-54	Rep	Y	More 20	Vista Ridge Master HOA	3	Knowing people in the community and being able to attend community events
F	55-64	Rep	Y	More 20	Vista Ridge Master HOA	3	I think our small town feel is more from our community of Vista Ridge than from the town itself. When I think of you I think more of old town Erie versus the suburbs around it. For a small town feel is going to restaurants the golf course and places in the community and seeing people that you know.
M	55-64	Rep	Y	More 20	Vista Ridge Master HOA	3	Small roads, few traffic lights, little police, single family homes not apartments/high density housing
M	18-34	Unaf	N	More 20	Vista Ridge Master HOA	3	Neighborly, safe, and good events to bring neighbors together and not have them have to leave town for all services/events
F	35-44	Unaf	N	More 20	Vista Ridge Master HOA	3	Less big name businesses. More privately owned businesses. More town events. Lower speed limits off Erie Parkway in town.
F	45-54	Unaf	N	More 20	Vista Ridge Master HOA	3	Strong sense of community, personalized services, slower pace of life, familiarity and tradition, safety, trust and local pride.
M	45-54	Unaf	N	More 20	Vista Ridge Master HOA	3	Community
M	45-54	Unaf	N	More 20	Vista Ridge Master HOA	3	Not a small town anymore
F	55-64	Unaf	N	More 20	Vista Ridge Master HOA	3	Friendly, accessible, community events for all
F	55-64	Unaf	N	More 20	Vista Ridge Master HOA	3	More police force members and limit growth
F	55-64	Unaf	N	More 20	Vista Ridge Master HOA	3	Outdated and not sustainable when building a diverse community.
F	55-64	Unaf	N	More 20	Vista Ridge Master HOA	3	Seeing familiar faces at town events, even though you don't necessarily know them and a sense that your neighbors would show up if needed.
M	55-64	Unaf	N	More 20	Vista Ridge Master HOA	3	Knowing your neighbors, locally owned businesses, fun community events
F	65+	Unaf	N	More 20	Vista Ridge Master HOA	3	A community where you know your neighbors and feel welcome.
F	65+	Unaf	N	More 20	Vista Ridge Master HOA	3	Not very much traffic Businesses who recognize/know the locals
M	65+	Unaf	N	More 20	Vista Ridge Master HOA	3	A place where people gather, communicate and feel free to voice there opinion with no judgment.
F	45-54	Dem	N	More 20	Vista Ridge Master HOA	3	Not continual destruction of open space for more housing and a balance of infrastructure to population. The desire to stay small and not keep stuffing more people in, which is what it feels like now.

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F	45-54	Dem	N	More 20	Vista Ridge Master HOA	3	Town events down town, school events down town, parades, local events etc.
F	45-54	Dem	N	More 20	Vista Ridge Master HOA	3	Town fair, farmers market, community events, Briggs Street- love the many restaurants and sidewalk seating available. Love the complex bile path and walking trails that connect neighborhoods to each other and downtown. Awesome parks.
M	45-54	Dem	N	More 20	Vista Ridge Master HOA	3	This question, like this entire survey, is a waste of time and money. Everyone is going to have a unique answer and this assumes that everyone wants a "small-town feel"
F	55-64	Dem	N	More 20	Vista Ridge Master HOA	3	Not what Erie is now!!
F	55-64	Dem	N	More 20	Vista Ridge Master HOA	3	The Christmas parade of lights
M	55-64	Dem	N	More 20	Vista Ridge Master HOA	3	Having a defined downtown, major traffic passes by, not through the town. Lack of high-rise buildings. Communication of town needs regularly and encouraging grass roots responses in neighborhoods.
M	55-64	Dem	N	More 20	Vista Ridge Master HOA	3	Walkable with extensive bike trails.
F	65+	Dem	N	More 20	Vista Ridge Master HOA	3	Community that interacts
F	65+	Dem	N	More 20	Vista Ridge Master HOA	3	Keeping downtown small and quaint but remove or renovate dilapidated buildings.
M	45-54	Rep	N	More 20	Vista Ridge Master HOA	3	Neighbors that know each other and get together downtown and at school events.
M	55-64	Rep	N	More 20	Vista Ridge Master HOA	3	A small town has low crime and pride of ownership among homes and businesses. The businesses are high quality and novel, such as the ones coming about in old town Erie. We're past being small enough to know all your neighbors, but a sense of permanence among the residents drives a quality neighborhood community.
M	55-64	Rep	N	More 20	Vista Ridge Master HOA	3	No long delays on major roads.
M	65+	Rep	N	More 20	Vista Ridge Master HOA	3	A small town feel to me means being able to go to town events and run into friends and neighbors. It also involves a close relationship between schools and the residents even for us who no longer have school age kids.
M	65+	Rep	N	More 20	Vista Ridge Master HOA	3	Eliminate town building expansion
M	65+	Oth	N	More 20	Vista Ridge Master HOA	3	It's no longer a small town

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O	45-54	NR	N	More 20	Vista Ridge Master HOA	3	Less houses. Erie is in the top 3 growing towns/cities in the US making small town feel impossible.
F	18-34	Unaf	Y	6-10	Vista Ridge Master HOA	3	Majority single-family homes and small businesses Safety is a priority Thriving downtown / main street
F	35-44	Unaf	Y	6-10	Vista Ridge Master HOA	3	- Walkability - trails that connect the town - Priority to locally owned, mom and pop businesses - no chain restaurants and stores - Supporting the town schools and prioritizing town pride (homecoming parade, seniors walk the halls, etc.) - Protecting the local farmers and dairy's - limit condensed housing - this makes the town feel more like a city
F	35-44	Unaf	Y	6-10	Vista Ridge Master HOA	3	A small town feel is a mix of cozy, familiar, and slower-paced charm. It's a place where everyone knows each other, and there's a sense of community that feels almost like an extended family. Picture tree-lined streets, the smell of fresh-cut grass wafting through the air, and the sound of children laughing as they ride their bikes down the sidewalk. The town square might have a local coffee shop with a chalkboard menu, a small bakery with the scent of warm bread, and a general store where you can pick up everything from groceries to local honey. The buildings are often older, with a timeless quality to them. There's a quiet rhythm to the day – people stop to chat while walking their dogs, or you might catch someone sitting on their porch in a rocking chair, sipping iced tea and waving as you pass by. There's often a sense of belonging that comes with living in a small town—people look out for one another, and life tends to be less hurried. While there might not be big city distractions, there's a peacefulness that lets you savor the simple moments. Whether it's the local diner's weekly special or a town festival, there's a warmth to the shared experiences and traditions that make the town feel like home.
F	35-44	Unaf	Y	6-10	Vista Ridge Master HOA	3	I don't get the small town feel. Erie is growing so rapidly. There are so many construction projects going on simultaneously I've grown to dislike living in Erie. I'm considering moving out now. Also, taxes are insane.

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F	35-44	Unaf	Y	6-10	Vista Ridge Master HOA	3	Maintaining a downtown area that has restaurants and shopping, potted flowers along the walkways intermixed with big shade trees, hanging flower baskets along light poles that line the streets. Easy to walk around with many cross walks. Street parking close to restaurants and shops. Many small community events or gathering places where people can get to know one another. Strong sense of community. Lower crime rates. Neighborhood gatherings so you get to know your neighbors.
F	35-44	Unaf	Y	6-10	Vista Ridge Master HOA	3	Non existent at this point
F	35-44	Unaf	Y	6-10	Vista Ridge Master HOA	3	We don't have a small town feel
M	35-44	Unaf	Y	6-10	Vista Ridge Master HOA	3	A town where people know and help one another. It's easy to get around the small town.
M	35-44	Unaf	Y	6-10	Vista Ridge Master HOA	3	Great town culture, central place to come together, good positive neighbors
M	35-44	Unaf	Y	6-10	Vista Ridge Master HOA	3	Most recent experience- attending an Erie HS football coaches clinic setup for the youth football league with coaches donating time to teach and benefit the younger kids, and then running into one of those coaches who also works for the town as an inspector on the traffic signal that my company is building for the town. A community of folks that work and live together with the ultimate goal of making the community better.
M	35-44	Unaf	Y	6-10	Vista Ridge Master HOA	3	Stop with the small town feel. Have you attended any town sponsored activity in the last few years - because Erie is holding onto the 'small town feel' and not expanding their programs, events, etc, it is so overcrowded they are not enjoyable anymore. If you would actually adjust and embrace growth and plan events for more people, the town would be better for all.
F	45-54	Unaf	Y	6-10	Vista Ridge Master HOA	3	A small town is mostly residential neighborhoods, smaller stores, smaller parks.

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F	45-54	Unaf	Y	6-10	Vista Ridge Master HOA	3	Connection. Small town feel is directly correlated to a sense of belonging, that we are welcome and thought of in planning, and design of neighborhoods; the types of businesses that exist and are supported; the opportunities for community members to connect in shared spaces; in flying of pride flags that signal all are welcome; community events that value culture and define who we are with broad strokes; in activities and programs through the rec center that interest a variety of ages. It's encountering kindness and concern.
F	45-54	Unaf	Y	6-10	Vista Ridge Master HOA	3	Erie is not small town anymore, but our roads are meant for a small town. A small town to me is when the size of the town is small enough that those in "charge" actually listen to complaints and then proceed to follow through with a solution to those complaints. We are not a small town.
F	45-54	Unaf	Y	6-10	Vista Ridge Master HOA	3	Town pride, town involvement
M	45-54	Unaf	Y	6-10	Vista Ridge Master HOA	3	A feeling where you feel safe, know your neighbors, have common interestes. Small buisness is welcomed and rewarded for choosing Erie. Town employees are approachable and take into consideration who is already here and not try to change who we are.
M	45-54	Unaf	Y	6-10	Vista Ridge Master HOA	3	A small town feel is accomplished by more open space and less high density housing.
M	45-54	Unaf	Y	6-10	Vista Ridge Master HOA	3	Houses not apartments. Community events like the fireworks. Friendly/visible police.
M	45-54	Unaf	Y	6-10	Vista Ridge Master HOA	3	small business that attract visitors from neighboring towns. limited chain restaurants. safe walkable community with robust events for citizens

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M	45-54	Unaf	Y	6-10	Vista Ridge Master HOA	3	Small town feel would be keeping the focus on houses and not on overcrowding. The more dense our population becomes the more services like police and fire we need which is disproportionately paid for in property tax by home owners. Please STOP pushing more duplexes, townhomes, condos, mixed residential/retail, small apartment buildings, or apartments in general. Why would we be excited by this: https://www.kunc.org/news/2025-05-19/erie-ranks-15th-in-u-s-population-growth?_amp=true .
M	45-54	Unaf	Y	6-10	Vista Ridge Master HOA	3	Where I don't have homeless people at the exit of my king Soopers!!!
F	35-44	Dem	Y	6-10	Vista Ridge Master HOA	3	A small town feel is community involvement, we love our first responders and when they come to schools to help familiarize the kids with them. I appreciate our farmers market and touch a truck events. I also love how old town has developed, it has some wonderful restaurants.
F	35-44	Dem	Y	6-10	Vista Ridge Master HOA	3	Knowing your neighbors. Seeing familiar faces when downtown at restaurants and events.
F	35-44	Dem	Y	6-10	Vista Ridge Master HOA	3	Lots of town events, small businesses, and walkable streets
F	35-44	Dem	Y	6-10	Vista Ridge Master HOA	3	Small town means you know your neighbors and others who live in the town, there are traditional town events that people attend, and children go to schools in the area.
F	35-44	Dem	Y	6-10	Vista Ridge Master HOA	3	The many apartment buildings and the new co-op building will diminish the small town feel—they look to be tall and obtrusive, more like a city. To me a small town has events most of the town supports (like Erie sports, or the Erie town events). Even though we're getting bigger I appreciate the Erie police and town FB pages for communicating things. I especially love the Erie Police page (many of their posts make me chuckle like the banana in the snow). Having an Erie police office at our schools. Those things make you feel like you know the town and the people in it.

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F	35-44	Dem	Y	6-10	Vista Ridge Master HOA	3	Walkable areas to restaurants and parks. Ability to bike places or ride a golf cart. Closing off Briggs street to expand restaurant outdoor space. The parades and school support events. Recreational facilities that can house the population.
M	35-44	Dem	Y	6-10	Vista Ridge Master HOA	3	More downtown area and businesses, local businesses, less traffic through neighborhoods
M	35-44	Dem	Y	6-10	Vista Ridge Master HOA	3	Not super busy traffic. No big box stores or large commercial businesses. Downtown is locally owned small businesses. Nice friendly people.
M	35-44	Dem	Y	6-10	Vista Ridge Master HOA	3	Very welcoming and convenient.
F	45-54	Dem	Y	6-10	Vista Ridge Master HOA	3	Walkable, bikable, a variety of locally owned shops to meet my needs
O	45-54	Dem	Y	6-10	Vista Ridge Master HOA	3	Small town has deep connections to conservative, white, racist, and homophobic. I would redefine it as inviting, comforting, caring and a place of belonging. We're not there yet.
M	55-64	Dem	Y	6-10	Vista Ridge Master HOA	3	One high school that serves the community leads to common interests and activities
M	18-34	Rep	Y	6-10	Vista Ridge Master HOA	3	Being able to let my children play outside and walk to the park without fear of something happening to them. Being able to walk around downtown and enjoy the small business and outdoor spaces. Football games at the high school. Having the police do escorts for teams headed to state championships. That's home town/small town America.
F	35-44	Rep	Y	6-10	Vista Ridge Master HOA	3	Having grown up in a legitimate small town (1,800 population) it's where the majority of people know and care for each other.
F	45-54	Rep	Y	6-10	Vista Ridge Master HOA	3	Low crime, safety as a priority
M	45-54	Rep	Y	6-10	Vista Ridge Master HOA	3	Quiet, easy to travel freely, open space, town events
M	45-54	Rep	Y	6-10	Vista Ridge Master HOA	3	Small town feel = Minimal traffic, low crime / safety, well kept roadways / medians / tree lawns, healthy vegetation that isn't neglected, nice public areas, community events like the great farmers market in old town. I guess small town could also be seen as a real sense of community that you don't get in urban areas.

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M	45-54	Rep	Y	6-10	Vista Ridge Master HOA	3	Small town feel means "small town" not saying yes to every developer that wants to build high density housing or develop raw tracts of land for housing. The infrastructure cannot support it.
M	45-54	NR	Y	6-10	Vista Ridge Master HOA	3	Open air shopping. Pedestrian routes. Not just an avenue to commute! Highway 7 and 52 are for that. Erie parkway should be more localized.
F	18-34	Unaf	N	6-10	Vista Ridge Master HOA	3	Close community where you know your neighbors and have places to interact with their neighbors.
M	18-34	Unaf	N	6-10	Vista Ridge Master HOA	3	Open landscape, quietness
M	35-44	Unaf	N	6-10	Vista Ridge Master HOA	3	Keeping a 'small town approach' to business, boutique style. Downtown is headed that direction and we should strive to keep it.
M	45-54	Unaf	N	6-10	Vista Ridge Master HOA	3	Local places. Not chains. How about a local owned Ace or McGuffins instead of Lowe's? Sprouts instead of King Soupers? We don't need ziggies or Dutch brothers when we have great local coffee places. And we don't need more banks/credit unions. Doesn't everyone bank online these days?
M	45-54	Unaf	N	6-10	Vista Ridge Master HOA	3	Small-town feel isn't a number. Be bold with development regulations. Require neighborhood commercial throughout a subdivision, not only along major collectors. Narrow streets and walkable neighborhoods. Don't let the developers tell you that concept will not work.
M	45-54	Unaf	N	6-10	Vista Ridge Master HOA	3	We used to have a small town feel but you over built high density housing. Also we don't need a bigger police office. Cops should be patrolling. Have you looked at the crime figures lately?
F	55-64	Unaf	N	6-10	Vista Ridge Master HOA	3	A vibrant downtown, similar to Louisville, that attracts people and facilitates community interaction. The Street Faires and parades, for example, pull residents of all ages, as well as from other communities, into the town. It creates a sense of being part of something.
F	55-64	Unaf	N	6-10	Vista Ridge Master HOA	3	The Old Town area is the only thing creating that small town feel. The rest of Erie has become high priced homes and suburban sprawl.
M	55-64	Unaf	N	6-10	Vista Ridge Master HOA	3	A central downtown with lots of community programs allowing for positive interaction with neighbors
M	55-64	Unaf	N	6-10	Vista Ridge Master HOA	3	Community pride, friendly neighborhoods, respect for the law and doing the right thing

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M	55-64	Unaf	N	6-10	Vista Ridge Master HOA	3	I would define small-town feel as knowing and wanting to spend time with neighbors and having services, public and commercial, easily accessible without the need to drive as much to get to them. Public transportation in this Town is almost non-existent and is rarely an option to get around.
M	55-64	Unaf	N	6-10	Vista Ridge Master HOA	3	Lack of traffic, crowds with friendly and family feel
F	65+	Unaf	N	6-10	Vista Ridge Master HOA	3	Friendly, upkeep for roads, town mixers. Discussion classes 1 hour each how running a small to medium sized town works(various positions)
F	65+	Unaf	N	6-10	Vista Ridge Master HOA	3	No traffic
F	65+	Unaf	N	6-10	Vista Ridge Master HOA	3	Walkable neighborhoods, non-corporate/chain restaurants and small shops and boutiques. Farmers markets are a plus too.
M	65+	Unaf	N	6-10	Vista Ridge Master HOA	3	Do not let the town grow out of control. Be fiscally responsible with the limited resources at hand. Maintain the downtown, athletic fields, rec center and library
M	65+	Unaf	N	6-10	Vista Ridge Master HOA	3	Noncongested roads Friendly and cordial neighbors Small, locally owned merchants
F	45-54	Dem	N	6-10	Vista Ridge Master HOA	3	Quaint, friendly, and whimsical
F	55-64	Dem	N	6-10	Vista Ridge Master HOA	3	Homes that don't look like they are cookie cutter homes. Variety in the neighborhoods, not just upscale homes. Many of my neighbors are concerned about affordability as well. Small town feel also encompasses the downtown Erie feel. Small homes, old growth trees, yards with scruffy gardens and nice gardens, homes with quirky details that show more personality of the community. Being able to allow all of our residents to feel like they belong, and that this is home. Being an inclusive community for all people.
F	55-64	Dem	N	6-10	Vista Ridge Master HOA	3	It's really no longer a small town feel. Erie is growing at a very fast pace. For us it's open fields, lots of nature less traffic.
F	55-64	Dem	N	6-10	Vista Ridge Master HOA	3	No permanent amusement type entertainment. Example : water park
F	65+	Dem	N	6-10	Vista Ridge Master HOA	3	Central Gathering area, like a Square w/park
F	65+	Dem	N	6-10	Vista Ridge Master HOA	3	Feeling safe, knowing your neighbors and keeping areas that are still rural

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F	65+	Dem	N	6-10	Vista Ridge Master HOA	3	Friendly people who are willing to help others in need. Opportunities to get to know each other. Services such as police, parks, recreation that show care.
F	65+	Dem	N	6-10	Vista Ridge Master HOA	3	Where I feel safe to use the trails and parks. Keeping pot shops away from schools and parks. Support of mom and pop shops over big box stores.
M	65+	Dem	N	6-10	Vista Ridge Master HOA	3	Active historic downtown
M	65+	Dem	N	6-10	Vista Ridge Master HOA	3	Community of vents such as fireworks, concerts Roads with slower speeds Mature trees
M	65+	Dem	N	6-10	Vista Ridge Master HOA	3	Minimize traffic in restaurant/shopping areas, make it safe and easy to walk around town. Offer parking within walking distance, but minimize traffic/parking in central area
M	65+	Dem	N	6-10	Vista Ridge Master HOA	3	No big trucks, family businesses
M	45-54	Rep	N	6-10	Vista Ridge Master HOA	3	It has an epicenter where people congregate.
F	55-64	Rep	N	6-10	Vista Ridge Master HOA	3	Knowing your neighbors and caring for each other
M	55-64	Rep	N	6-10	Vista Ridge Master HOA	3	Accessible downtown restaurants and shops. Neighborhood parks and trails. Single family housing vs. apartments and multi-family units.
F	65+	Rep	N	6-10	Vista Ridge Master HOA	3	Community focus, children's sports and cultural programs, farmers market,
F	65+	Rep	N	6-10	Vista Ridge Master HOA	3	Somewhat. Improvement of downtown area would contribute to a small town feel.
M	65+	Rep	N	6-10	Vista Ridge Master HOA	3	Being a partner and working the people of Erie by showing you care
M	65+	Rep	N	6-10	Vista Ridge Master HOA	3	Comfortable down town
M	65+	Rep	N	6-10	Vista Ridge Master HOA	3	Not Erie Growing to fast Look at loveland
M	65+	Rep	N	6-10	Vista Ridge Master HOA	3	People are friendly, know and help their neighbors, attend church together. Low crime. Places to work, eat and shop in town. Great schools and kids activities.
F	18-34	Rep	Y	Less 5	Vista Ridge-Blue Sky Condos	3	Knowing others in the community and being able to use public places and common areas without feeling unwelcome or crowded-out.
F	18-34	Unaf	N	Less 5	Vista Ridge-Blue Sky Condos	3	There is open space and trails to roam. People are friendly and willing to help each other.

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F	18-34	Dem	N	Less 5	Vista Ridge-Blue Sky Condos	3	Very community focused events, thriving local businesses, and walkability
F	55-64	Dem	N	Less 5	Vista Ridge-Blue Sky Condos	3	Small businesses, no box stores
F	65+	Dem	N	Less 5	Vista Ridge-Blue Sky Condos	3	Niwot
F	45-54	Rep	N	Less 5	Vista Ridge-Blue Sky Condos	3	Small town feel is like Lafayette and Louisville... even Arvada... pockets of shops, restaurants that support local businesses, while only having a few major eatery chains (we have, like, no where to go out and eat), being smart about parking, positive police presence.
F	65+	Dem	N	11-20	Vista Ridge-Blue Sky Condos	3	Not here
M	65+	Dem	N	11-20	Vista Ridge-Blue Sky Condos	3	Walk to things, no traffic issues
M	45-54	Oth	N	More 20	Vista Ridge-Blue Sky Condos	3	Not a persistent police presence. Its about treating each other like neighbors far more than any aspect of the structure of the neighborhood.
M	45-54	Rep	Y	6-10	Vista Ridge-Blue Sky Condos	3	Safe, clean, and not overly crowded
M	35-44	Oth	Y	6-10	Vista Ridge-Blue Sky Condos	3	Having fairs, on a friendly, clean, classic Main Street. Something Erie does well! Good job!
F	45-54	Unaf	N	6-10	Vista Ridge-Blue Sky Condos	3	Farmers markets and local events, walkable, farms and buffer zones between developments, trees in parking lots and medians, outdoor patios, sidewalks/gravel trails connecting everything, I'd prefer nice signs around town that describe the history of Erie over a museum. More cute cottage condo type housing, I don't think we need more apartments. I think affordable housing should be more focused on providing housing for city staff/teachers. It was too open and salary range for qualifying was too high. For that location, it should go to people working at the community campus, not tech people with 6 figures working from home
F	55-64	Unaf	N	6-10	Vista Ridge-Blue Sky Condos	3	Erie is no longer a small town feel, so for me, this question doesn't apply. The traffic where I live is far from small town.
M	55-64	Unaf	N	6-10	Vista Ridge-Blue Sky Condos	3	Neighborhood activity Neighbor helping neighbor Inclusion that allows all neighbors to feel accepted and able to contribute
M	35-44	Dem	N	6-10	Vista Ridge-Blue Sky Condos	3	I'm not a fan of the small town feel

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F	65+	Unaf	N	Less 5	Vista Ridge-Heritage	3	Not a proliferation of apartments and condos. Reduce residential sprawl. Provide a larger recreation center with dedicated spaces for exercise equipment and additional rooms not in the hallways or gym for exercise classes.
M	65+	Unaf	N	Less 5	Vista Ridge-Heritage	3	A central town area where all services and administration are located
M	65+	Unaf	N	Less 5	Vista Ridge-Heritage	3	Caring about your neighbors.
M	45-54	Unaf	Y	11-20	Vista Ridge-Heritage	3	Main street is where you go to meet and eat other people in town or take family and friends. Easily accessible by walking, biking, or driving. Business are inviting with plenty of options to eat inside or outside and shop for unique items. Parks and recreational areas are close by.
M	65+	Unaf	N	11-20	Vista Ridge-Heritage	3	If you participate it's easy to get to know people and help shape the community. Supporting local businesses and know the owners. And transparency in government.
F	65+	Dem	N	11-20	Vista Ridge-Heritage	3	The only small town feel in Erie are the 4 blocks downtown on Briggs, nothing else feels small town and isn't even pretty
F	55-64	Unaf	N	6-10	Vista Ridge-Heritage	3	Improve Town of Erie culture: community events, rec center events, trails that connect neighborhoods
M	55-64	Unaf	N	6-10	Vista Ridge-Heritage	3	Good community friendly
M	65+	Unaf	N	6-10	Vista Ridge-Heritage	3	Neighbors know neighbors
M	65+	Dem	N	6-10	Vista Ridge-Heritage	3	Neighborly, close knit
F	45-54	Rep	N	6-10	Vista Ridge-Heritage	3	Erie is no longer a small town, this is no longer relevant.

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M	45-54	Unaf	Y	Less 5	Vista Ridge-Latitude	3	The section of old Erie from County Line road to the park is the part of Erie that I think of as small town." The rest of Erie I would describe as rural or suburban sprawl. A small town feel, to me, is a close proximity (walking distance) between homes and a central business district. The business district then does not need to be full of parking lots because people don't need to drive - ultimately small town to me really means you don't need a car to engage in the community. Since Erie has already experienced a blow up of subdivisions, that ship has sailed, but a central parking structure could give the same dynamic tp those who have to drive in from their different housing communities and alleviate the difficulty of street parking during busy times. Alternately, as mentioned in one of my previous answers, developing a bus loop(s) that serves old town Erie and the various subdivisions would help foster a small town feel. Making Briggs "pedestrian only" in the four to five blocks of the old town would also help, allowing businesses (or the city) to have more outdoor dining areas for people to gather and interact.
F	18-34	Dem	Y	Less 5	Vista Ridge-Latitude	3	The downtown area vibe and people who have lived here for generations, farm land
M	18-34	Dem	Y	Less 5	Vista Ridge-Latitude	3	In the area I am it does not give a small town feel. It feels like a part of town made only for the top 1% that can afford it. MOr duplex homes or townhomes that are affordable would be great! I love this town but I feel like I have to move since I cannot pay to be here
F	35-44	Dem	Y	Less 5	Vista Ridge-Latitude	3	It's no longer a small town.
F	35-44	Dem	Y	Less 5	Vista Ridge-Latitude	3	Local shops and restaurants(no major corporations), hosting as many town events as possible, not having a parking garage(not a lot of outside traffic)
M	45-54	Dem	Y	Less 5	Vista Ridge-Latitude	3	I feel a sense of connection to the town. This includes walking malls, activities, festivals and communal gatherings
M	65+	Unaf	N	Less 5	Vista Ridge-Latitude	3	Not a lot of houses, large buildings and lots of open spaces
F	65+	Dem	N	Less 5	Vista Ridge-Latitude	3	Family events
M	65+	Dem	N	Less 5	Vista Ridge-Latitude	3	More locally owned stores. Less automobiles. More open space. Reduced driving speed.

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M	65+	Rep	N	Less 5	Vista Ridge-Latitude	3	On one hand, Old Town Erie has that small-town feel with events in the park and the farmer's market. On the other hand, Erie extends far beyond Old Town Erie with those near the borders not experiencing the small-town feel. The fireworks and balloon glow drew a good number of residents.
F	45-54	Unaf	Y	11-20	Vista Ridge-Latitude	3	I'd define a small town feel as room between homes, less high density communities, (sprinkle in a few high density areas within subdivisions that are more tucked away in each community), more open space between subdivisions, more small businesses especially in old town Erie, community events that don't feel overly commercial, big displays of fireworks during the 4th, kids can ride all over town on bike trails without riding on the streets.
F	55-64	Unaf	N	11-20	Vista Ridge-Latitude	3	Less urban sprawl, less high density housing
F	55-64	Unaf	N	11-20	Vista Ridge-Latitude	3	You know your neighbors, turn over in home ownership is low, reduced high density living
F	65+	Unaf	N	11-20	Vista Ridge-Latitude	3	Community events that encourage interaction
F	65+	Unaf	N	11-20	Vista Ridge-Latitude	3	Parks, a variety of quality shops, parking available, wide sidewalks, benches for visitors
F	65+	Unaf	N	11-20	Vista Ridge-Latitude	3	People know and care for each other. There r a few pockets remaining but the larger part of Erie is a "bedroom" community where everyone does there own thing.
F	65+	Unaf	N	11-20	Vista Ridge-Latitude	3	Walkable with small bakery/bread shop, produce shop, butcher, just like in Europe
F	65+	Unaf	N	11-20	Vista Ridge-Latitude	3	Wide sidewalks, shopping of higher quality- less chain stores. Gardens, seating areas outside
M	65+	Unaf	N	11-20	Vista Ridge-Latitude	3	Better traffic control. More lights and roundabouts. More parking for town activities .
M	65+	Unaf	N	11-20	Vista Ridge-Latitude	3	Easy access to parks, town Center areas that can be walked especially in the evenings from covienet parking area.
F	45-54	Dem	N	11-20	Vista Ridge-Latitude	3	Less high density housing, less traffic, continuing the events that have been happening for years

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F	65+	Dem	N	11-20	Vista Ridge-Latitude	3	Knowing your neighbors, feeling safe, lots of participation from residence events
F	65+	Rep	N	11-20	Vista Ridge-Latitude	3	Knowing and supporting your neighbors. Local great things to do and places to go for eating, fun, and culture.
F	45-54	Unaf	Y	More 20	Vista Ridge-Latitude	3	Driving home from work and not spending 30 minutes in a three mile space. Driving through my neighborhood and doing the speed limit and not having people tail gate me. Walking through my neighborhood and not worry about being run over by an e- bike. Being able to ride my bike all through town and not worry about getting a flat tire every time because of all of the debris. Not having to travel to neighboring towns like Longmont, Lafayette and Boulder to hear good music at restaurants and pubs.
F	55-64	Unaf	N	More 20	Vista Ridge-Latitude	3	Less tract home development, less high density apartments/condos/townhomes, more open space. Houses not built right along road corridors! More independent restaurants and shops. Stop the housing growth! Preserve the downtown area. More walking trails that include benches and shade trees!!!
F	35-44	Unaf	Y	Ref	Vista Ridge-Latitude	3	Neighbors who know each other. Kids riding bikes safely down quiet streets. Locally-owned shops, not just chains. A slower pace of life where people wave hello, support each other, and care about preserving shared spaces. It means open land, trees, and sky, not endless construction. It's hearing birds in the morning, not traffic. It's a sense of belonging, not just population growth. A place where history is visible and valued, and where people feel rooted.
M	45-54	Unaf	Y	6-10	Vista Ridge-Latitude	3	Easy to walk or bike, doesn't have wide roadways splitting town
M	45-54	Unaf	Y	6-10	Vista Ridge-Latitude	3	Erie is. It a small town!!!! Get over it!!! Erie is big and going to soon be huge!!!
F	55-64	Unaf	Y	6-10	Vista Ridge-Latitude	3	Walkable downtown with outdoor spaces/ benches
F	65+	Dem	N	6-10	Vista Ridge-Latitude	3	Embracing diversity and all socio economic levels
M	65+	Dem	N	6-10	Vista Ridge-Latitude	3	Retain the legacy businesses with fewer chains, Walker friebdky
F	45-54	Rep	N	6-10	Vista Ridge-Latitude	3	That's why I moved there because of the small town but keep adding apartments and affordable housing and it won't be that way much longer

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"Many who live in Erie cherish the small-town feel. Being as descriptive as possible, how would you define a small-town feel?"

Sex	Age Range	Party	Parent	Tenure	Neighborhood	Ward	Response
M	35-44	Dem	Y	Less 5	Westerly	3	It's not a small town. There are no walkable grocery stores.
F	45-54	Unaf	N	Less 5	Westerly	3	Having the space for the balloons to take off and land. Farm stands and Farmer's Markets. The car shows at the markets. Fireworks on the 4th. Local bands in the parks. Open spaces, whether Town owned or private. Quaint local restaurants- not chains. No more high rise apartments!
M	55-64	Dem	N	Ref	Westerly	3	Being Safe