

Erie Board of Trustees - Sustainable Erie Survey Report Out June 15, 2017



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Executive Summary

The Erie Sustainability Ad-Hoc Committee was established in 2016 to guide the Town of Erie in providing a more sustainable community for the residents. As part of the first phase, the committee established a survey to better understand the community's priorities for a more sustainable Erie.

Summarized results from the survey indicate that the top sustainable priorities for the Erie community include residential and business recycling and composting, sustainable building and energy efficiency retrofitting of local buildings, reducing water usage, and enjoying clean and healthy living in the community. Specifically, the top three answers to each question are as follows.

What is most important and/or valuable to you?

Diverting waste from the landfill through reuse, recycling, and composting

Reducing water usage at my home

Enhancing availability of locally grown and distributed food

What quality of life improvements are most important to you?

Creating a walk and bike friendly town, that is safe for kids and adults

Supporting Erie in preserving our natural resources for future generations

Reducing air pollution and carbon dioxide emissions

Which of the following programs or projects are most important to you?

Enhancing Town of Erie recycling pickup/programs for all residents & businesses

Enhancing Town of Erie composting pickup/programs for all residents & businesses

Establishing policies/incentives to ensure all new buildings are built with sustainable standards

What actions should the Town of Erie take to lead by example and promote good stewardship of the environment?

Making government buildings more energy efficient and use renewable energy sources

Increasing recycling in town buildings and parks

Informing residents of current sustainability incentives

There is a fifth question on the survey which reads “What other ideas do you have for the Sustainable Erie Committee?”. The results of this question, along with the responses to the “Other” selection from the survey are added to the appendix of this report. We made no attempt to modify the comments or make corrections to grammar or spelling.

The Erie Sustainability Ad-Hoc Committee recommends that the next step be to prioritize projects, efforts, and communications to deliver projects which support the sustainable priorities identified by the Erie community. Our goal is to provide the Board of Trustees with “big ideas” or projects, including the estimated costs and benefits for each.

Our short-term goals continue to be communicating to the community and taking full advantage of (or enhancing) current sustainability efforts in place by the Town of Erie, Boulder and Weld Counties, the State of Colorado and the federal government.

Introduction

We are proud to present the sustainable priorities of the Erie community gathered through the sustainability survey. It is important to remember, when reading the results from the community, that a common definition of sustainability is “relating to, or being a method of harvesting or using a resource so that the resource is not depleted or permanently damaged”.

The Erie Sustainability Ad-Hoc Committee was officially started in 2016 with the goal of “accelerate the delivery of sustainable practices producing measurable benefits to local community.” At our January 27, 2017 presentation to the Board of Trustees, our first step was to obtain results from a survey from the community to better understand their priorities for a more sustainable Erie.

The survey contains questions with a focus on asking the community member their priorities for a more sustainable Erie. These questions provided a mix of answers aimed at understanding Erie resident’s preferences on what would provide a more sustainable community. The questions focus more on “what” rather than “how” which provides the committee and the Town of Erie flexibility in the delivery of the end result prioritized. Each question allowed a choice of up to three selected answers or priorities. Some only selected one or two which is a valid response.

We received **747** responses to the survey. **507** came from the survey sent out to the community via SurveyMonkey in late March, 2017. This survey was advertised in multiple Erie communities through Nextdoor (a managed property social media tool) reaching approximately multiple households. For example, in Arapahoe Ridge, we reached over 815 households and Vista Ridge where we reached out to about 1,700 households. The survey was also advertised on the Erie Facebook site (5,785 members at the time of posting) and various other local communications. **132** responses were received from manual paper surveys submitted through the Community Center, Library and Great Harvest Bread Company. **108** responses were received from the survey sent in early November 2016 via SurveyMonkey. This survey was advertised using similar social media sites as the early 2017 survey. We received over 7,000 individual answers as the questions asked for up to three responses for each question. Using the 3.5 confidence interval which is a common

statistics analysis interval, the survey yields a 95% accuracy when looking at how well the view of the 16,410 voting adults⁽¹⁾ are represented by the 747 responses.⁽²⁾

On January 27, 2017, the Erie Sustainability Ad-Hoc Committee presented our mission and vision. These survey results and the Sustainable Erie Ad-Hoc Committee will assist the Town of Erie and Board of Trustees in continuing to produce a sustainable community; a community where our residents continue to thrive and proudly represent Erie.

Vision: The Town of Erie will be a model for sustainability, demonstrated through values and actions that exhibit commitment to stewardship of the environment. Erie will promote renewable resources, and improve the quality of life and well-being of the entire community.

Mission: Guide the Town of Erie leadership, residents and businesses on sustainable and renewable practices, which improve the quality of life, promote good stewardship of the environment and provide measurable cost savings and revenue generation.

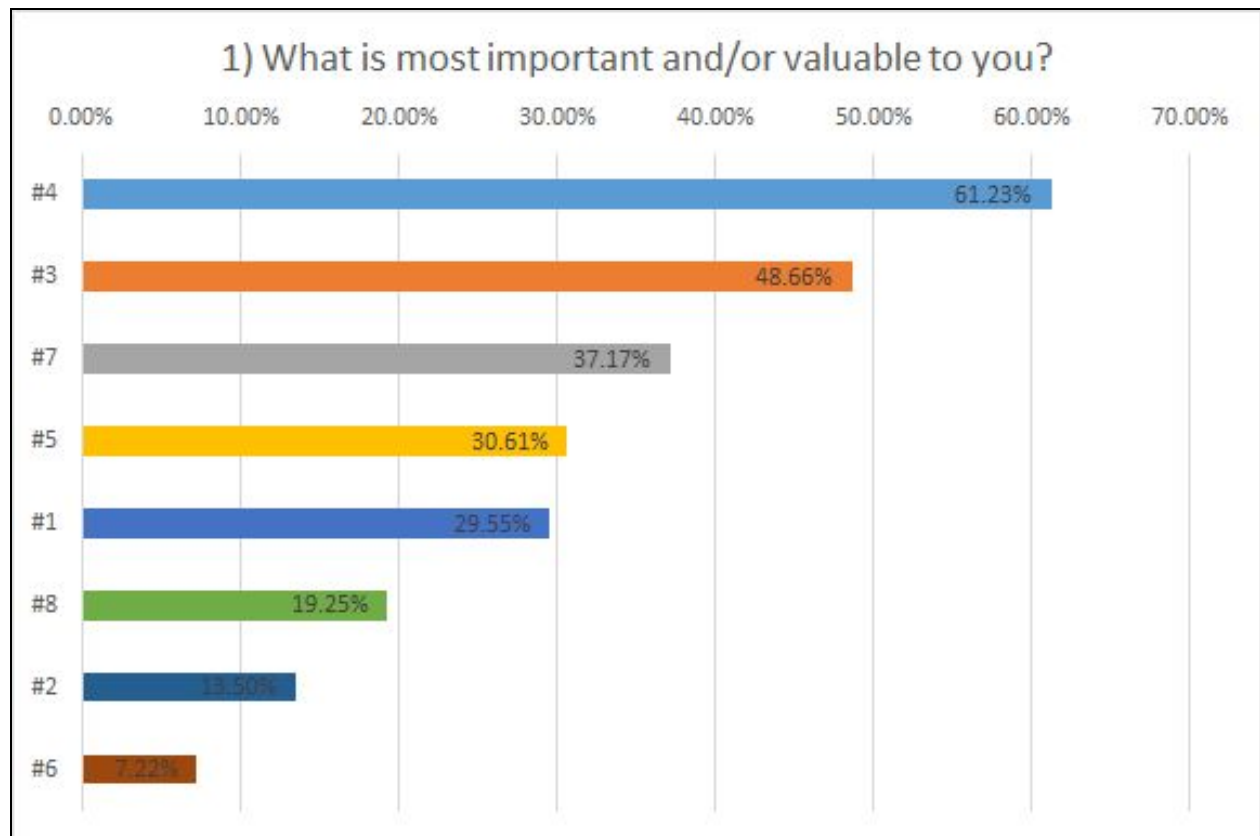
(1) Source: Secretary of State Office, Report EX-003; <http://coloradovoters.info/downloads/20170401/>

(2) <https://www.surveysystem.com/sscalc.htm>

Survey Results - Question #1

Question #1 was intended to better understand the value of the results of sustainability and conservation for your constituents.

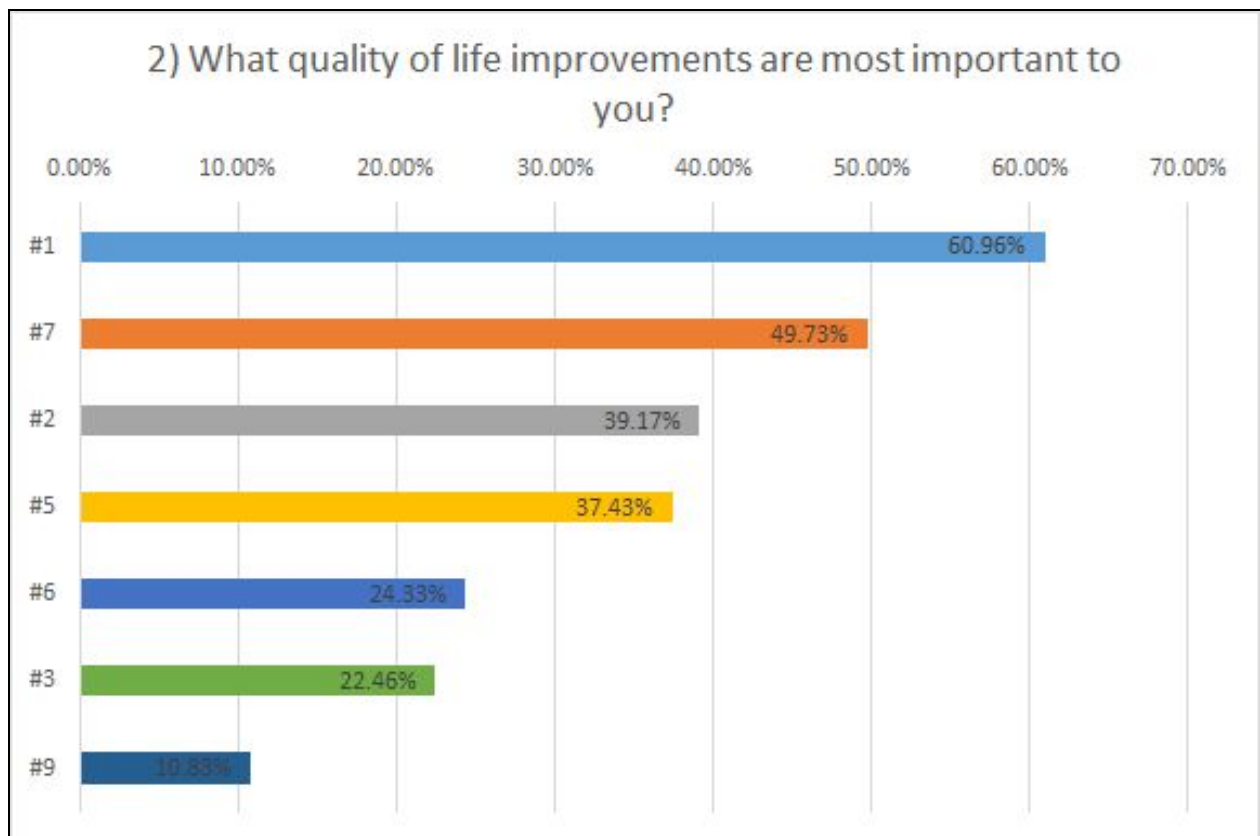
1) What is most important and/or valuable to you?	
4-Diverting waste from the landfill through reuse, recycling, and composting	458
3-Reducing water usage at my home	364
7-Enhancing availability of locally grown and distributed food	278
5-Creating more public transportation options and/or rideshare programs	229
1-Reducing electricity usage in my home	221
8-Other	144
2-Reducing natural gas usage in my home	101
6-Establishing more publicly accessible Electric Vehicle charging stations	54
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Survey Results - Question #2

Question #2 was intended to better understand the quality of life improvements for your constituents.

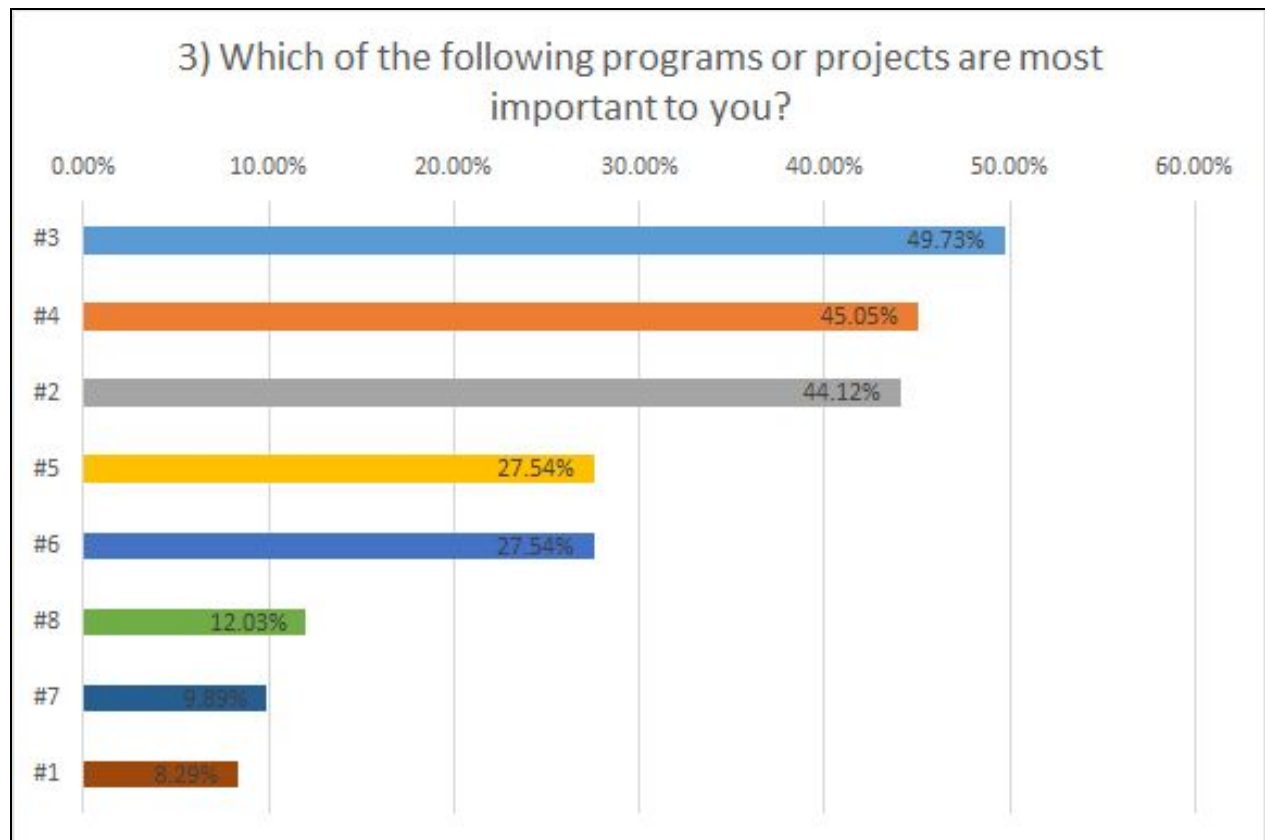
2) What quality of life improvements are most important to you?	
1-Creating a walk and bike friendly town, that is safe for kids and adults	456
7-Supporting Erie in preserving our natural resources for future generations	372
2-Reducing air pollution and carbon dioxide emissions	293
5-Growing a sustainable business community	280
6-Providing more opportunity to conserve our water resources	182
3-Saving money on my home utility bill	168
9-Other	81
	1832



Survey Results - Question #3

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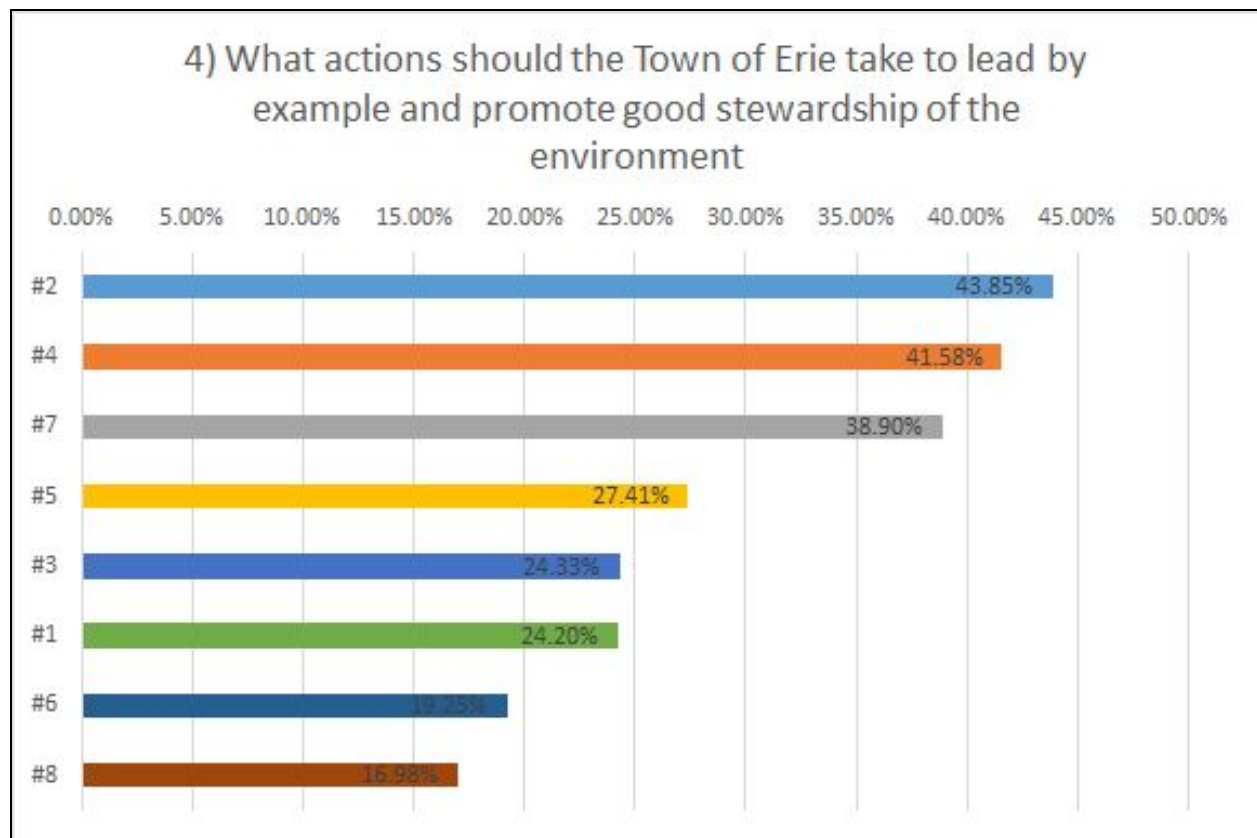
3) Which of the following programs or projects are most important to you?	
3-Enhancing Town of Erie recycling pickup/programs for all residents & businesses	372
4-Enhancing Town of Erie composting pickup/programs for all residents & businesses	337
2-Establishing policies/incentives to ensure all new buildings are built with sustainable sta	330
5-Creating community solar gardens for community use	206
6-Creating community vegetable gardens for residents use	206
8-Other	90
7-Adding publicly accessible Electric Vehicle charging stations	74
1-Increasing the number of park benches in the town	62
	1677



Survey Results - Question #4

Question #4 was intended to better understand the quality of life improvements for your constituents.

4) What actions should the Town of Erie take to lead by example and promote good stewardship of the environment	
2-Making government buildings more energy efficient and use renewable energy sources	328
4-Increasing recycling in town buildings and parks	311
7-Informing residents of current sustainability incentives	291
5-Increasing composting in town building and at parks	205
3-Reducing common area (parks, streets, etc.) utility cost/usage (electricity, water, etc.)	182
1-Replacing municipal gas powered automobiles with alternative fuel vehicles	181
6-Providing educational classes on sustainable practices	144
8-Other	127
	1769



Appendix

Each question allowed for an “Other” category for cases where none of the answers accurately reflected the community member’s perspective.

1) What is most important and/or valuable to you (check up to three)?
Stopping the pollution of our air and water
Public health
No. More. Fracking.
stopping fracking in our area and encouraging solar or wind energy development
Stopping the use of round-up and other cancer causing poisons for humans and dogs on and around lawns/sidewalks etc.
A
Increase footprint of zero scape
Getting fracking out of Erie
Barring fracking
Family community
Diminishing fracking in Erie.
Eliminating dangers from fracking (water & air contamination, possible earthquake activity)
Maintaining quality of Life in Erie
None of these

Better regulations for fracking regulations to keep it away from homes and schools.

reducing oil and gas rigs in the area

Reducing government spending

Reducing energy costs

Reducing property taxes and stimulating business growth in Erie

Less fracking

Get rid of Crestone Peak and all fracking activities

sidewalks along 119 and/or 287 so I can walk to lafayette restaurants.

Preserving open space, mountain views, wildlife, clean air, and keeping streets free of too much traffic

Maintain open spaces and agriculture

Curtailling the gross amount of unnecessary light pollution.

Stopping the incessant building of houses in the core of Erie. We need a grocery store along County Line Road NOT more house, condos or traffic.

Stop the Urban sprawl that has destroyed my Town...!!!%

Make composting available

Slowing growth in Erie

bike paths and multi use trails

OPEN SPACE IN MY CITY

Reducing cost of water

Getting people to pick up the dog poop throughout our beautiful trail system. It's a huge problem.

Lowering the costs of natural gas by providing mechanisms for gas and oil companies to more easily access resources within the town of Erie and removing barriers to extraction.

Preserving open space and creating unique desirable well thought out communities rather than thousands of cookie cutter communities.

reduce street lights (light pollution)

open space preservation

I try my best to do all of these check-box items in my daily life. I am very thankful these are available to be and I have been educated in these topics by Boulder County. "Water Waste" -particularly in Colorado landscaping by developers who do not care once they are paid- is my peeve! Thank you for asking.

walking and biking trails (not roads) that loop through the town, in/out of every development

Preserving farmland so we can grow food locally. Also preserve open space, natural areas, and views.

economic sustainability

This is an absurd survey

Reducing Town's Operating budget

Adding shops and restaurants

I would like to have curbside composting. If that's not available, at least some place to drop off the compost.

a financially viable community

More energy sustainability such as fracking to help improve Americas independence

I would like to highlight the importance of composting

Lowering mill levy / Reducing towns expenses
Maintain open space
Reduce water usage at my HOA
developing affordable and desirable senior living structures, stronger commercial tax base to pay for specialized improvements, not property tax assessments.
not over developing the town of erie...i like that its small
Community Gardens
Nothing. The Town of Erie should stay out of its resident lives regarding "sustainability". These meausres are not needed and should not be encouraged with an overbearing town government.
Slowing down fracking, excessive house building in Erie
Why we allow hoa's to require watering of lawns when we live in a semi-arid region?
Developing economic oppotunity for residents, and lowering the costs of all items mentioned above
For local government to stay out of the environmental - sustainability business
Limiting oil & gas production in our neighborhoods
None of these are a proper role of government
Na
keeping water, elect, gas economical in my home, but not with programs that the govt pays for or are involved in that create more taxes for us.
reducing the cost of energy
Widening Erie Parkway!

ensuring the town remains sustainable by not wasting money on "green" technology that isn't economic

Prohibiting fracking near homes and schools

Banning fracking, more solar power

Preservation of historic structures where possible.

Driving the Oil and Gas polluters and heavy industrial use out of residential neighborhoods, which are zoned for residential developments and schools.

Diverting the Landfill vehicles to take the Frontage Road on East side of I-25 to and from the Landfill. They should not be going by the Schools or in Town. Eliminate trash on roads and Diesel exhaust.

Reducing pesticide usage in our community. Allowing the usage of rain barrels.

I am all for supporting local business and having local food options available, but the rest of these questions are a little extreme.

Attract more commercial development and less rooftops to balance the city tax base

Encouraging businesses, especially restaurants to open in Erie.

Add new businesses.

The health, comfort safety of my family and friends

Reducing excessive growth in Erie & gas & fracking wells

Decreasing trash that flies out of the trash trucks and is just left on the roads and in fields. The dump or the trash companies need to comb the areas and pick up trash.

Leaf pickup in autumn

Encouraging creation of food forests for residents use

Increase live/work/play development
None. I do try to minimize my utilities usage and I do recycle, but that's a personal choice.
None of the above
Reducing O&G from being less than a half mile from our homes
Nice outdoor space (no fracking)
Eliminating Oil and Gas activity from neighborhoods
preserving more open space, natural areas and farmland around Erie
purchasing and maintaining green space and open space
Enhancing air & water quality and home environment quality through limiting O&G & fracking operations in close vicinity of homes in our town.
Bike trail connectivity to other communities. I would be interested in biking to work, but I would like to live and the streets aren't safe.
Preserve open space before it's all houses
Town to move to 100% renewable energy + emphasize "green" building for all new building (commercial & residential)
Widening roads for bikes
None. Government should get out of these topics.
Public transportation to DIA, link with Wagon Road for bus.
maintaining green space and small town feel. interesting that the newsletter shows budget surplus, yet we keep building.
Purchase and retention of open space

none of the above

X

Reclaim water availability for residential homes

Reducing our water bills is my top choice!!

2) What quality of life improvements are most important to you (check up to three)?

Business and retail

no industrial activity in or around residential areas

Please stop the oil and gas companies from erecting wells close to our homes. They are loud and smell bad. Is there anybody that can stand up to them?

No! More! Fracking!

Providing more services to near the old town and center of town and not serving just the outlying areas of Erie!

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Stopping the use of round-up/poison treatments on lawns since this causes cancer for dogs and humans...

The

Barring fracking

Not letting oil and gas company take over our town. Fracking poses large threats to our health and the environment.

Increase in parks and preserving open spaces

Limiting growth to single family homes only. Reduce density create more open space NOT dense pockets with larger lots around it then bordering open space

Alternative forms of transportation opportunities such as golf more golf cart access

Providing a natural grocer that is centrally located so that we can walk or not have to drive so far for groceries.

That Erie gets rid of Crestone Peak and all fracking activities

Providing open space

reducing oil/gas impact in Erie

Preserve Open spaces. No more fast food chains.

Preserving open space, mountain views, clean air and low traffic flow on streets.

Keep Erie small. I moved here, and not neighboring cities, precisely for that reason.

Preserving open spaces

Raise chickens

Adding additional activities central to 4 corners - basketball courts, outdoor pool, community gardens (that aren't buried in a neighborhood).

Reducing the Population Density and the inner city Mentality that the new Administrators have brought....

Preserving our natural resources by NOT PUTTING HOUSES EVERYWHERE

Keeping our neighborhoods clean, poop-free, and attractive landscaping

Providing a business corridor to allow more businesses such as grocery stores to locate closer to the center of town. My current drive to any grocery store is 15 - 20 minutes.

More pollinators (reduce light pollution)

I would be SO pleased if Erie and it's developers who create these rules for HOAs in our communities that we "Must" have 70% green grass in our front yard scapes. Green Grass in this high plain-desert region has got to be the most wasteful way for water usage there is. Please change the rules so we can xeriscape our yards with drought resistant plantings!! Thank you.

preserving as much open space as possible

Bringing in jobs and commercial

Perserving our Heritage of Historical Structues

Open space, reducing water sprinklers in areas that won't grow grass-use rock, a grocery store, small town feel

Not allowing too many homes to be built in Erie and keep its "small town" feel.

financial stability, easily accessable commercial/retail shopping, energy independence ie fracking is good!

Cheaper water bills, increase town revenue, more commercial

Composting

Quality of life is subjective to the individual. It cannot be mass distributed by others, for all. Individuals must provide for themselves what they define as quality.

Attracting good quality business and recreation for the family

Methane leakage - the comparative impact of methane on climate change is 25 times greater tha. CO2 over a 100-year period.

Attracting fine / finer dining options

I would like to see a mortatoirim on fracking near any part of Erie. It is the number one problem with living in Erie

Fix the roads! Better traffic management! It is difficult to travel around Erie due to poor road planning, poor traffic flow management and poor quality roads. Road dollars should NOT be spent on bikes or bike lanes.

Reducing oil and gas operation impact on residents

Free stuff so I don't have to work. Ask Bernie.

Limiting oil & gas production in our neighborhoods

None of these are a proper role of government

Keeping our town govt small and out of the way of business growth - not impeding with new 'regulations and boards'

growing a financially sustainable community

Saving money on water bill specifically

Eliminating air and water pollution from fracking close to homes and schools

Less density

Erie Village will not allow zero scape yards. This needs to change!

Driving the Oil and Gas polluters and heavy industrial use out of residential neighborhoods, which are zoned for residential developments and schools.

Bringing more retail stores in

Better, faster, wider roads. Erie is a bedroom community and commuters need throughput

Having a safe and small community is simply enough.

Learning how to reduce the cost Erie pays for water.

Add new businesses.

Reduce gas exploration and fracking wells

These aren't specifically important to me.

Supporting alternative energies

Fighting oil and gas activity in our community through legislative action

Preserving irrigated farmland surrounding Erie and enabling more fresh, organic food and livestock production to supply local markets and restaurants!

Allow residential wind generators

If you are in the pockets of the home builders, you'd better have them start expanding the roads.
Endless building with not expansion of the roads is ridiculous

Reducing Oil and Gas activity and the poor air quality that comes with it.

Worried this town will be known for too many homes and fracking

X

providing more roads to get in and out of Erie

I didn't notice we had air pollution on the Front Range and especially Erie?

3) Which of the following programs or projects are most important to you (check up to three)?

Revitalize existing train tracks in Erie

stop the fracking in erie

increasing senior transport

No-more-fracking.

stop fracking

A

stopping the use of round-up/poison lawn treatments...

More public transportation

Keeping HOAs out of old town Erie. I am glad we don't have any here.

Preserving and making more open spaces

Charging stations would be good but cost should be incurred by business owners such as Walgreens

Bike/Walk/Golf Cart friendly

Reduce government spending

New programs will increased taxes. No new programs!

Landscaping

Preserving existing undeveloped spaces.

Increase parks and maintain ample open space

None of the above

Get rid of Crestone Peak and all fracking activities

sidewalks into lafayette

Frankly, NONE of the options would make my list of important programs.

Slowing down or stopping real estate development which is threatening clean air, open space, mountain views and small-town feeling. Please preserve ERIE.

Maintaining open spaces and agriculture

Providing incentives and creating policies that support small business growth

Limiting light pollution.

providing more stations to throw out dog waste on walks

Smart Water meters but it seems that only certain people are getting them. My house is 20 years old yet homes that are less than 10 yrs. old were on the list for the special meters. No mention of the program since last year so my guess is that only a select few are getting the smart water meters.

Quit catering to the outside monies and actual support Old Town Erie residents that grew up Here...

Preserving our natural resources by NOT PUTTING HOUSES EVERYWHERE

Reducing public expenditures for programs that do not actively contribute to a lower cost of living thereby lowering the required tax base necessary to provide services.

Limiting growth

Would like to see more sidewalks put in place on roads like E county line.

How can we have more gardens if we chase away the bats and insects that pollinate with our light pollution?

create more trails

smart GROWTH

Helping homeowners and communities buy more trees

Reducing the impact and government hold that the Oil and Gas industry have on our town.

rewrite code for new homes, reducing or eliminating requirement for grass yards for all homes/switching to buffalo grass or similar or just xeric front yards

Developers should be required to put solar panels on a percentage of new homes.

reducing regulations for small businesses, NOT increase regulations.

Commercial, commercial commercial

Developing design standards for Heritage Structures

Adding more trees and benches along walking trails- we need shade. Also adding canopies to the parks and playgrounds would be great to limit sun exposure to our little kids in the community.

Having a height limit to homes, town homes and other buildings to not diminish the beautiful view we are all able to enjoy.

Would love for recycle pickup to be once a week

continuing fracking, commercial development

increase revenue for the community retail development

A minority of the town may want some of these items, the majority of the voters will pick three as per the instructions, but that does not imply there is a major demand for any.

Making downtown and erie as a whole a desired place, attracting businesses that grow the family... Need to reduce property taxes... they are extremely high... if we can attract great businesses like Ikea then property taxes in my mind should drop... The highschool needs to be expanded... far too small for the amount of growth. Traffic and road maintenance is less than desired. Need more double lane roads and the streets through Erie are rough, bumpy and pot holes... for the amount of property taxes we pay, there is no reason the streets should not be smooth

None of these are important to me. Everything you are proposing means increasing taxes to pay for unnecessary projects making tax payers live in an overly restrictive environment. Why should tax payers be ultimately paying for people to charge their cars. Who is going to help me pay for the gas I put in my car to pay my taxes. It's more government over reach which needs to stop.

Increasing the number of trails, bike paths, and sidewalks.

Planting trees, more bus shelters

planting more trees
Preserving open space
increasing trash cans to reduce litter
More outdoor pools
"Sustainability" has no meaning. You should define what "sustainability" means to the Town of Erie government. The main roads in Erie should be expanded and repaired and redesigned for better traffic flow to ease congestion.
Stop or slow down fracking and drilling
Maintaining small town feel of Erie and not catering to big businesses just for the taxes
Bringing more businesses to Erie to provide a sustainable way to support the town other than through home building permits
None of the above
open space
anything that helps conserve water usage
Aesthetically pleasing building and development projects, giving residence more retail options.
It would be nice if Erie provided a leaf drop off during the fall months for recycling yard leaves (if this is not included under the recycling pickup/composting pickup listing above.)
A public beer fountain with micro beers
Limiting oil & gas production in our neighborhoods
Accessible lightrail
None of these are a proper role of government

Efficiency incentives for existing homes!

lap lanes at the rec center, so erie high school could have a swim team

None of these projects should be the responsibility of local government

Keeping trees alive!

create non-potable water connections for irrigation use in neighborhoods. Don't waste tax dollars on non-economic "sustainable" projects.

Constant monitoring of the fracking already in progress and prohibiting anymore in neighborhoods or near schools

Encouraging historic preservation and working with the Erie Historic Preservation Advisory Board

Driving the Oil and Gas polluters and heavy industrial use out of residential neighborhoods, which are zoned for residential developments and schools.

Enhancing Erie's incentives to preserve historic buildings to maintain it's diverse culture.

Bring small boutique retail business to downtown Erie

Creating more retail store fronts. Sports center

Smooth out vista parkway and remove unnecessary roundabouts

Less unnessessary expenses

Setting aside more land for parks in new developments. Not allowing the fee in leu of providing open space for parks.

Add new businesses.

Creating more open space that is available to the public

Reduce excessive growth and fracking

Public transportation to/from Vista Ridge, the new King Soopers store and surrounding towns via RTD. PLEASE!

Providing high speed quality wifi for the residents

None of the above.

Increasing recycling program to include scrap metal and glass at recycle center. Separating glass from single stream.

None of the above

Powering the Town through 100% renewable energy and refusing donations and sponsorships from Oil and Gas drillers and operators.

Preserve more natural areas and open space to improve quality of life, enable kids and adults to interact with their natural world.

Fighting for our town, its residents and its reputation by strong opposition to O&G operations.

Get the home builders to pay for putting in new schools. Not the tax payer. If they want to build homes then they should pay for the schools and roads.

Requiring higher Green Build standards for all new homes in Erie

none of the above

Adding more dog trash cans

X

Composting facilities for food waste. Mandating that waste companies offer composting opportunities for users.

getting oil and gas out of Erie

4) What actions should the Town of Erie take to lead by example and promote good stewardship of the environment (check up to three)?

Enhance the Erie site

stop fracking

Stop the oil and gas companies from erecting wells close to our homes.

No more fracking.

stopping fracking and investing in solar and/or wind energy

Less fracking and support of O & G

A

Stopping the use of round-up/poisonous lawn treatments...

Ban fracking.

Replacing the ridiculous amount of fracking around town with more sustainable and clean energy solutions. It's getting pretty disgusting.

Ban fracking and do not make deals to cut back on green space in large developments

Please don't use roundup on the public trails. It poisons wild animals and makes our dogs sick. It's proven that it causes birth defects. There are much better alternatives to that poison. Do you realize that roundup is banned in most European countries?

REDUCE the number of homes, create corridors / contiguous pockets for wildlife to continue to thrive

Go wind/solar/battery for power generation. Help push that option for residents too.

Reduce spending

Erie already had alternative energy programs in place. No need for more.

Less light pollution

Education is top priority. If a Town is to come into the 21st Century they must find ways to reduce their waste and inform the public of the same. You can not expect everyone will comply if they do not know "how to" or "why this is important" to separate trash to begin with. Clean water, air and environment are the ultimate goal. This includes not bringing more fracking into the town as well.

Planting more trees on Town property

Reducing or alleviating the oil and gas industry from destruction to our environment and open spaces.

create a town xeric garden for example to citizens, use solar at town hall and the police station and all municipal buildings.

reduce light pollution (and reduce cost) by reducing number and intensity of street, lot, building lighting

Reduce light pollution by enacting an "Outdoor Lighting Ordinance" as the city of Boulder has.

An action Erie should take would be NOT to create a sustainability Commission.

Another absurd question

Adopting a Master Preservation Plan and Design Guidelines

continue fracking to gain energy independence.

increasing commercial so other citizens from bordering towns can come into Erie and spend money

How much will it cost the tax payers to lead by example? I don't care what they do as long as I don't have to pay for it. We all know that the tax payers will have to FUND every project that is unnecessary as you have described them.

Cleaning up trash and garbage alongside roads, streams, and public spaces. Keeping our town beautiful!

Prohibiting businesses running a/c and heat leaving doors open

Better bike/greenway connectivity. Tough to get across Erie Parkway, or County Line Road.
Underpasses?

None of the above. This is NOT and should NOT be a priority. Value signalling and moral preening with public tax dollars is wasteful and not prudent.

Fight oil and fracking companies

Change approval process for housing developments to create more hardscape options?

None of the above

Erie is doing a fine job of being sustainable and conserving the environment, we don't need to make it our sole focus!!!

None.

Fighting against the abundance of fracking in our town close to neighborhoods & schools

Stay out of people's lives

All of these options sound like things that will cost Erie tax payers - alt fuel vehicles are not at all cost effective. I'd like to see the schools encouraging civic projects of kids picking up a piece of trash when they see it and toss it. Be proud of Erie type civic project.

Protect the rights of citizens to manage their own personal property/environment.

Is this a joke? The same answers are in all of the questions so far!

make wise investment decisions regarding "sustainable" and "green" efforts, ie., convert town trucks to natural gas if it makes economic sense, not just to pat ourselves on the back for being "green".
Going into the red to become green is not sustainable. Run economics on all recommendations before spending the money on them.

No other environmental measure makes any sense if Erie does not take a stand against fracking.

Ban fracking, higher safety standards re fracking

Include historic preservation actions.

Driving the Oil and Gas polluters and heavy industrial use out of residential neighborhoods, which are zoned for residential developments and schools.

Informing residents of future sustainable efforts.

Reduce pesticide usage.

Composting made available to all residents of Erie

None this is a ridiculous question.

Take on the Vista Ridge metro district debt and incorporate it into the city or county tax base mill levy. It is city infrastructure.

Less unnessessary expenses

Erie already is an environmental leader. Methane gas program from the dump, world class water treatment, on the cutting edge of clean burning natural gas development. One thought might be to reduce the size of government, and committees in Erie, to save paperwork

Add new businesses.

Reduce growth, inc. Openspace. BAN FRACKING!!!!!!!!!!

Minimize use of pesticides/herbicides and GMO plants in favor of permaculture landscape designs

None of the above. People who want to practice sustainability know what their options are. Don't spend everyone's money to promote your vision.

None of the above

Stop fracking !!

Powering the town with 100% renewable energy and refusing donations and sponsorships from oil and gas drillers and operators.

Increase purchases of open space, and assist ag land owners in establishing conservation easements on their farmland to preserve ag land around Erie

Helping to organize clean up days where we could all work on picking up trails or trash

Stop the Nine Mile disaster.

Stop doing business with landfill and O&G!

none of the above

Love the town cleaning days... Recycle, dump, etc. 4 times a year would be even better

X

Build solar farm for Erie residents' use

kick out O&G

The final question on the survey was an open-ended question to allow for other sustainability ideas from the community.

What other ideas do you have for the Sustainable Erie Committee?
continued expansion of trails, composting leaves
solar on government buildings, community garden, composting pick up option
too much development harrassing old town folk
bike education
lower taxes, better post office and an expansion to skatepark, allow fracking
curbside compost like Boulder county is a must
wind farm and solar farm
stop fracking
drive more slowly
make energy sources cheaper, more economical; no additional town debt; allow residents to choose projects on their own property; require open space owned by government entities.
traffic safety; xeriscape examples, make home builders put in xeriscape yards.
more roads and less traffic lights; use the train tracks for travel
yard waste pick up or at least drop off like Lafayette
Reduce water rates
ask everyone to move to LED bulbs for all new buildings
Local Town of Erie bus to take you around within town.

Push for a limit on growth (reducing the need for natural resources), incentives for solar/recycling new homes/businesses.

Open space in Erie

Dog bags/bins = less dog droppings all over

stop developing new neighborhoods, we need open space

less light pollution/slower development - too many houses being built

Too many homes. Not enough local jobs. Poor RTD. Roads too small & few. Lots of pollution

using less water needy landscaping in public areas, open space, discouraging new developments from building ponds and water features, decrease water usage through responsible sprinkler usage.

compost drop off

none of these

renewable energy to power town & home. Help residents with making the switch to renewables: education, partnership and incentives

quit building, reduce urban growth - nobody needed new King Soopers, stop wasting water, The airport low fly zone is ruining our quality of life.

Street lights are very bright and the airport needs a noise abatement program.

Open spaces, stop filling all the empty fields with homes.

public safety, keep quality of life improvements affordable, volunteering locally for kid programs esp. in education. A smart community doesn't need gov't programs. Town of Erie actions have to make fiscal sense.

Energy prices need to stay affordable. More "green energy" is hard on those on fixed income. Opportunity for more competition in business. Work to make energy more affordable for all.

safe community, drug free. Expanding the Rec Center pool for laps for health in Erie. Stop the pot initiatives, drugs have no place in our community.

Economic value of using elec, nat gas, keeping it economical for community. No pot so kids are safe. Town reduce budget/let economy decide.

More public transportation, bike paths, recycling effectively.

Love the Farmer's Market. Keeping pot out of our currently safe and low crime community. Not wasting tax payer money. Fracking for local jobs to remain & it's clean and viable. Promoting "Be proud of Erie" - picking up trash.

Reducing growth, too much toxic fertilizers used everywhere, stop raising taxes, stop all the building.

Stop wasting water on greenbelts, stop airplanes from flying over our homes at low elevations, stop building.

More open space parks and trails.

Reducing growth and traffic and the noise.

halting residential development - catching up first

reduce water usage in public areas. Over-developing and sprawl are not sustainable. Please keep our town small.

I am very opposed to these subsidies that take away from families trying to save for kid's college or retirement. Gov't must have fiscal responsibility above all else. Safety and community looking out for each other and our officers. First priority needs to be fiscal restraint and accountability. Being smart with resources, education - those who know facts about fracking support fracking. The country needs energy independence.

Make energy prices lower. More business opportunities. Why do we need a sustainability committee?

Make sure sustainability efforts are affordable. Safety is my family's first priority. School programs that encourage our kids to "Keep Erie beautiful." Have a program for all of us to pick up after ourselves and others.

Solar incentives: if I make more energy with my solar panels than I use the \$14 connection should be waived.

Make electricity, etc. more cost effective. Increase standard of living. Don't raise taxes for recycling, composting, etc. More fracking - natural gas burns cleaner than coal. Sustainable Erie = higher taxes.

Strictly limit residential densities in new developments and require builders to include open space in all developments

Stop or slow down this crazy building of crummy cookie cutter homes...more open space; STOP fracking STOP mindless home building DO NOT make Erie look like Louisville; STOP this crazy building. I moved to Erie to be AWAY from houses that are 10 feet apart. My place was rural but now I'm surrounded by these God awful monstrosities line Flatiron Meadows

Minimizing oil and gas development; monitoring closely existing wells.

Erie needs more grocery stores so people don't have to drive so far.

Better/more efficient roadways with roundabouts to support our growth.

None of these items. Improving the neighborhood parks, adding trees to the landfill to make it visually more appealing and improving our roads to make them more bicycle friendly with sidewalks and bike paths; Cleaning and caring for our parks and planting greenery in our parks

Making sure that Erie's growth doesn't destroy all the open space...there needs to be more land set aside that is undeveloped and undisturbed (i.e. not man-made parks!) and is more than a greenbelt on either side of a walkway; Building trail systems which will protect & preserve more open space and help local residents appreciate and enjoy nature; Increase natural open space where foxes, coyotes, raptors, skunks, etc can still live in peace in their natural habitat; help people reconnect with nature. There is a lot of beautiful space in & around Erie and it would be sad to see it all destroyed in the name of growing the economy and making more money.

Maintaining adequate open space so as not to destroy biodiversity & habitats for plants, animals, insects & birds; Increase road capacities to accommodate transportation needs, increase thoroughfare, and ease traffic congestion; Literally none of these should be projects funded by taxpayer dollars until we have the infrastructure in place to accommodate residential and business growth; Literally none of these should be projects funded by taxpayer dollars until we have the infrastructure in place to accommodate residential and business growth.

Business reduction of plastic bags; takeout food containers environmentally friendly.

No fracking in our town!!!!; improving water efficiency practices in the common areas

No fracking!!!!

more attention to animal care and training

wise use of land for development. wise use of funding for that research. IE: 9mile corner fiasco is an incredible waste of \$\$; wise use of money used on researching these issues; more reports, more often readily available to the public of the surrounding areas

No comment

Limiting growth in Erie

Leaving open space, limit building; Having any builders be responsible for building schools

continue to use Roundabouts instead of stoplights and stop signs.

Establishing areas that are grazed by ruminants to increase carbon and nitrogen sequestration in the soil around our water supplies and homes.

I would like to have compostable materials picked up and made into compost for the community;
Raising local food; Producing food locally

More amenities in Erie, specifically mid-level food. Chipotle, Noodles & Company, Fuzzy's Taco, etc

Acquiring open space lands before every inch of Erie is lost to development.

Not having a solidification plant or expansion/extension of either landfills. Close as soon as possible.
Do not allow liquid waste ever.

expanding the mountain biking trails near the dump

Airport is really disruptive as far as noise pollution!!!!

Stop fracking

Additional Bike lanes, paths. Specifically on Arapahoe or Isabelle/Erie Parkway

Stop fracking, oil and gas extraction

Increasing the ease of walking and biking between Erie and Lafayette via connected trails

Investing in renewable energy sources like solar farms.

Improving recycling center to take more things so we don't have to drive to boulder. Broomfield and Louisville also have facilities to use as a role model

maintaining open space and small town feel

Projects that are Green that will attract national attention

stop fracking

Do everything you can imagine to keep fracking far away from our neighborhoods and schools! This is all just silly when our residents can look out their window and see HEAVY INDUSTRY at work in close proximity!

Promoting housing that has larger open community spaces, community gardens and ranch type (1 acre) properties where homeowners can have gardens and farm animals.

More bike lanes!

limiting Fracking

Lets not encourage and promote fracking in close proximity of our schools and homes

I love all of the ideas, of course. I run a small edible nursery up on Old Hwy 52 if you guys need fruit trees or berry bushes for anything... coloradofoodforest.com

Allow cannabis storefronts

More businesses in our town

Town wide wifi and increase of cell coverage in down town Erie

Again. Please don't use roundup in parks and on trails.

Adding more open spaces and discouragement of fracking to enhance the quality of life in Erie.

AGAIN...reduce the number of homes to assure a quasi rural quality of Life

Don't recommend anything unless proven cost savings

I love the golf cart idea.

More open space, less housing development

Reduce spending all around, no new wasteful committees

We don't need a sustainibility committee.

No more houses built

Preserve green spaces and maintain and encourage landscaping

Parks...good. Open spaces.....good. Maintaining quality of life....good. Almost everything else suggested herein.....minutiae!

EV Incentives

A bin at each home for yard waste so it can be composted and available for residents

Get rid of Crestone Peak and all fracking activities

Provide accurate water meters so usage can be monitored accurately

sidewalks. lots and lots of sidewalks are needed. they're in small developments, but there are usually no sidewalks between larger developments. i want to bike and walk and do not want to do that on the road.

Public Solar and Public Electric Car Charging Stations, like Lafayette has.

Reduce light pollution

I am frustrated by the constant new neighborhoods being built all over the open spaces. I strongly dislike this trend and hope that it will stop. It isn't sustainable! The city council needs to look toward preserving our small town charm and look to Niwot as a model.

It is counter-intuitive to consider environmental stewardship while at the same time depleting the environment and its resources by promoting scraping the land and building houses. This naturally uses resources in and of itself, and creates a permanent future need for gas, electric, water, services, etc.

Expand the use of golf carts and alternate vehicles like electric bike station

enforcing air pollution/dust mitigation on new construction and reducing light pollution. The lighting in our neighborhood is unnecessarily polluting and not efficient.

Do not be fooled by the term "sustainable". Look what that term has created in Boulder --- traffic jams 24/7, no housing to speak of for "real working people". Do not be fooled by the builders with that term. It is bait and switch at its finest.

Consider tax incentive for energy generation (solar/wind)

Tear out the pavement and return this Town to the dirt roads that I loved... You People have Ruined this Town.. Thanks ... If I wanted to live in Broomfield, I would have moved there...

stop over building areas and protect current open spaces and create more with access paths

Please Please PLEASE stop building high-density houses everywhere, I moved here for a REASON because I liked the way country was integrated with city but you people are ruining everything with all the Fracking and High Density house building. How about you focus on taking care of the city we already have first??????????? PLEASE

Let's start residential composting! Longmont is Doing it; we can learn from them

Again, monitoring and ensuring that people are picking up after their dogs in common areas

Careful and measured approval of residential housing increases commensurate with infrastructure and services to serve them.

I'm sure that my thoughts will be discarded as extreme but please look past that and look for private funding to achieve these goals and don't fall into the easy trap of public funding for these initiatives. This is a more sustainable model and those that take part will feel more ownership to see the programs succeed.

We should educate and encourage people about recycling and sustainability programs

We have too much growth - we do not need anymore neighborhoods or the traffic that comes along with them.

Create bike paths and lanes from the surrounding communities, not just within the city.

Boulder Creek Home Buliber have installed solar lights on every house so that every night all the houses there are lit up.

I like that the Town is thinking about these things given the fact it is growing leaps and bounds over what it was less than 10 years ago. I believe there was no speak of any sustainability at that time.
YAY Erie!

Offering composting services to residents

Water is too expensive in Erie.

I would love to see Erie lease one of its newly acquired farms to an organic farmer similar to Isabelle Farm in Lafayette. I would support an Erie CSA model rather than driving to Lafayette to get my produce during the summer.

We need to decrease or completely eliminate our reliance on oil and gas and break ties with the industry in Erie!

stop wasting money, this cap is low priority

create lighting ordinances that reduce light pollution

Don't allow future housing to be built within 1000 feet of existing O&G installations, enact a moratorium on O&G permits until proper studies are conducted.

Connect walking paths! :)

Smaller government, fewer regulations, and no need for Sustainability Commission.

Being in more small businesses near Walgreens.

I used to live in Louisville, I miss curbside composting SO MUCH. I rarely had any trash, usually could compost and recycle most of it.

Keep Erie small, keep it local, keep it family friendly.

Really need to add a strong composting effort.

Possibly a crossover class for parents/kids to do a sustainable project - like weekly community gardening/cleanup?

Put up an EcoCycle-type sign at the recycling center in old town showing what to recycle and what can't be dropped off here. Provide info on where styrofoam, etc. can be taken (cHarm, Boulder).

This is a ridiculous survey and is fiscally irresponsible to continue these types of ineffective surveys

Stop trying to Boulderize Erie!!!!!!

Give Arapahoe Ridge residents a recycle bin that closes and can accommodate more recycles. Right now it's a tiny bin that is pretty useless and the recycles blow all over in the wind. Also composting!!

At this time to me the greatest need is to step up and start a city-wide composting system -- other cities around us do this and i see no reason why we can't too. This is so important.

More focus on economic conservation, the majority of this survey offers options that primarily increases citizen expenses, versus minimizing them.

Need another rec center... with all this growth the erie one is getting pretty crowded... Also, need to do more with off the grid solar options...

Many people are interested in solar energy and not interested in fracking. Perhaps you could build on that.

Install Smart watering tools to help reduce water use in parks and open space.

Although you may find my comments negative they are not. I'm tired of paying for things that don't really help the community, reduce crime, and make it a safe place to live. As the town grows so does our crime. Our safety is diminished as our town grows. Where are your sustainability ideas to keep kids off the streets. What environment are you going to create for them? A garden can be destroyed in seconds? If you are copying Boulder STOP! The way to keep electric bills down is only is one outlet in your house, not a bank of sockets, get rid of your satellite TV. We used to drink from fountains now we have water bottles. Maybe if we just think smarter every person in the community should not have to pay for the arrogance of others. I for one am tired of paying for entitled people. They don't even clean up the dog poop on the trails. What makes you think they will do anything else to make this community sustainable? You need to eliminate disposable diapers. Cloth diapers work great and helps the environment. Maybe limit the amount a \$45,000 SUV drives their children to and from each activity vs riding their bikes on all the millions of trails that exist. Go back to the old days. They didn't need to create jobs for sustainability. Every family did their own part and many do today as well. Today a teenager can't make change without an electronic cash register. Fix the real problems that exist in the community. If I need to manage my water bill I don't water as much or do it smarter. Where there is a will there is a way. People don't need this nor do they want it unless they are entitled and have a lot of money. People are struggling and don't need to incur additional costs that have no benefit for their family. If I want a garden I'll make one in my yard. Bring in business to grow our community. Why is it that hasn't happened with sustainability.

Incentives for rainwater barrels and even legal gray water uses in homes.

Actively monitor and decrease our publishing company space water usage

Need to link bike paths from Erie to Boulder will cut down on automobile usage.

Plant tons of water wise trees and shrubs, prohibit daytime watering for all everywhere

please DONT over develop erie

The intrusion of fracking operations is the most unsustainable aspect of Erie.

Concerned that anyone can comment on this survey, thus driving opinions for a community in which they do not live? This survey should be available to Erie, CO residents only.

We're a town that is, presently, mostly houses. Our greenways have start points, but few destinations. Let's try and improve bike/walk to work possibilities.

Be fiscally responsible. Fix the roads. Sustainability should NOT be pursued by the Town of Erie. It is wasteful and unneeded. It is intrusive and obstructive to the residents of Erie.

Slow down oil and fracking and house building.

Seek alternative sources of tax revenue other than house building permits.

We are new to the area but the growth model for Erie seems to be on housing development. The more approved housing the more challenges to our enviroment. Is this model at cross purposes?

Reduce oil and gas sites in town and surrounding areas.

Focus on the one most important item from the survey. Spend money on tangible improvements versus enablement

No raising taxes

Listen to your residents.

To disband

Please add the most important environmental issue in our town to the next survey - the over-abundance of fracking near our homes

more trees!

Disband this useless committee

Streamline process and decrease permit fees for residential solar

I get concerned anytime there is a 'new committee' in a town, it always seems like it creates new hoops for groups or business. Its the good intention that leads to red tape and problems for the 3-4 man business who realizes he cant set up shop here bcuz he's required to do too many costly measures. Please keep in check.

None. I don't see a need for a sustainable committee.

Hire a new maintenace director. Much of the open space vegetation is mismanaged. This shoukd have been established before all the subdivisions were approved. We aren't Boulder

Protect our open spaces. We are thrilled with the new businesses coming to the area, but they shouldn't be at the expense of our open spaces that make Erie unique.

Addrss the Arapahoe traffic problem

Don't make uneconomic recomendations just to look "greem" and environtmentally friendly. Do Not waste my tax dollars on something that is not economic.

Find a way to stop oil and gas drilling/fracking in Erie. It is the single largest threat to the health and safety of residents via air pollution and noise pollution.

Prohibit fracking in neighborhoods and near schools!

Contact all of the Town's advisory boards as this is where much of the creative thinking takes place amonst the many volunteers.

Driving the Oil and Gas polluters and heavy industrial use out of residential neighborhoods, which are zoned for residential developments and schools.

How about a community garden in Linear park?

This idea is poorly thought out. Erie is NOT Boulder and should NEVER be anything like it.

Spend our tax dollars more wisely. We don't need to be a pioneer. Let's get our house in order first before trying to get too progressive.

Practice sustainability beliefs at your own leisure, don't force the belief on the entire community and make them pay for it!

Get rid of the special metro tax districts. By using these to pay for infrastructure and not making it a hard cost of construction for a builder you artificially affect housing cost by hiding it in a tax most home owners are not aware of until year 2 in their new home.

Right now we have out-of-control development which is not sustainable and is leading Erie toward a sprawling, crowded future. Please sustain our small town feeling and stop the land-grab

The next survey should only be for residents,..... I live out of state and my opinion shouldn't count..... and I've filled out this survey several times

Suggestion I would have, is to explain to us how the committee is making sure that only citizens of Erie, answer the survey.

encourage builders of new homes to have passive vents on north roofing planes to allow for better solar panels should owner decide. sometimes the reason solar does not make sense for a home because the best (south) mounting plane is peppered with vents that could easily be on other parts of the roof.

Come up with a survey that addresses the towns needs, such as adding a business base, not this esoteric crap you have on this survey

Reduce growth ban fracking

Stop building so many darn houses! We need open space!! Thank you!!

Autumn leaf / yard waste recycling. Seems silly not to have it in a "tree city". We appreciate the Christmas tree recycling station!

Create Food Forests using Permaculture Design techniques

Understand the economic impact your decisions have on those of us who are on limited income

More advertising of the great sustainable work the town does.

Have classes on what the community can do to help. If there are classes make the public more aware of them

Please keep in mind that sustainability tends to be something that a small minority want to force on the majority. You also need to be aware of a biased survey. The questions above don't answer the real issue: what percentage of Erie residents are willing to spend money to pursue the items mentioned here. Speaking for myself and several friends, we don't want to become Boulder East!

Reduced cost low water plant options for homeowners.

More fracking please

Disallow public vehicles from idling. I have seen police vehicles idling for an hour in 50-60 degree weather (as well as in the cold or heat). There is no excuse for this. Pure wastefulness.

Reduce Oil & Gas

Please arrange way to let public give opinions about oil and development.

Take a public stand to support financially renewable energy

Definitely push alternative fuel sources. We need to reduce our dependence on fossil fuels. With the amount of fracking in our town it will eventually be a wasteland. Let's do something positive to change that.

Double the current acreage multiplier that developers must devote to open space. it is currently 17 ac. per 1,000 people. Needs to be increased to at least 34 acres per 1000 people.

replacing gas powered vehicles that work just fine with alternative fuel vehicles that will take a very long time to pay for themselves seems like a waste of money

We must fight the O&G drilling adjacent to our homes.

Have a showcase xeriscape area, work with HOAs to allow turf instead of grass (at least in backyards)

Allow evidential wind generators

Ban tracking from our town! Protect our health, home values & quality of life.

Add a wind farm. Help offset costs of going solar.

Keep drugs out of water supply by establishing "any time" drop box at the Erie police department.
Establish a fee for plastic bags at retail stores.

Either stop building or have the builders pay for the schools and roads

Not reducing Common areas but instead make them more water efficient/zeric

Preplanned housing/buildings should have solar panels as a standard package before purchased by the buyer. The buyer should have no option to opt out as there is no choice!!!

None

Picking up compostable material only during summer /fall months to keep trucks off road

Local Tree Branch \ Yard Waste Disposal Location

Keep Erie clean days, more town mowing in open areas during the summer (new party of Erie commons)

Less housing development

Some sort of program to incentivize residents to convert to xeriscaped yards. Our biggest problem is that over 50% of our very expensive water goes to grass...

Erie should be committed to being a 100% renewable energy town. Aspen has done it, Park City, UT is in the midst of it, it would show our commitment to being a responsible community, and a feather in our cap. With so much wind & solar it's actually achievable and looks great for promoting our town. Especially since so many people consider leaving due to cracking. This is a way to combat our fracking black eye.

Making sure all town events use green/compostable plates, cups, utensils, etc.

Keep as much open space as possible!

if possible, provide town owned internet service

Citizen science and community groups to help monitor the environment and carry out education and community programs.

Include text answers from question #5 and "other" responses.