



# **LYONS COMMUNITY SURVEY RESULTS SUMMARY**

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# ABOUT THIS SURVEY

## INTRODUCTION

In August 2021, the Town of Lyons began updating the 2010 Comprehensive Plan. The updated plan will communicate the community's shared vision for the future, identify barriers to achieving that vision, and create concrete strategies to overcome those barriers. To help identify the community's vision, a Community Survey was offered throughout the months of October and November. The survey was offered online through the project website and made available in hard copy form. A total of 376 individuals responded to the survey.

The Community Survey asked respondents about their hopes and fears for the future, to identify issues and opportunities, and to assess how they felt Lyons' was performing in key areas. This document summarizes the results of the Lyons Community Survey, which will be used to identify the most critical issues and opportunities facing the community. Thank you for taking the time to support this project!

Results are organized into four parts:

- **Part 1: Issues and Opportunities.** Includes respondents' opinions on issues and opportunities in Lyons regarding housing and affordability, community health, culture and education, sustainability and resilience, parks and recreation, the built environment, transportation, and economic health.
- **Part 2: Our Community.** Reflects respondents' opinions about Lyons today and their visions for the future of Lyons.
- **Part 3: Survey Respondents.** provides a summary of who participated in the survey, their relationship to Lyons, and respondents' demographic information including age, ethnicity, and household income.
- **Part 4: Open-ended Responses.** Includes respondents' answers to open ended questions in the survey. Comments are provided in full and are grouped into relevant topics.

Where a free response option was offered for a particular question, a summary of major themes derived from those free responses is provided. In some instances, references to individuals or details that would reveal the individual were removed to protect the privacy of respondents and those referenced.

## NEXT STEPS

Input received will be used by the project team to establish a draft framework for the Town's Comprehensive Plan that reflects the community's vision and values. This document will also serve as a starting point for diving deeper into issues, opportunities, challenges, or concerns expressed by survey respondents.

# COMMON THEMES

Summaries of common themes are provided for each survey question in Part 2. However, the following themes are reflective of survey responses on the whole.

## TOPIC OF GENERAL AGREEMENT

- **Wildfire mitigation.** Future risks that wildfires pose to the community was a consistent worry among respondents.
- **Cost of living.** Respondents worried that housing, utilities, and local grocery options were very expensive.
- **Doctor and Pharmacy.** Losing the Town's doctor's office and pharmacy were extremely impactful to residents who participated in this survey and attracting these services back to town was a top priority.
- **Bus service.** Respondents were concerned that the loss of RTD bus service hindered Lyons' sustainability goals, increased traffic, and made it difficult for seniors and residents without cars to travel to Longmont and Boulder.
- **Parking.** Respondents felt that Lyons did not have enough parking, especially during tourist season and if more development occurs.
- **Sidewalks.** Extending and repairing sidewalks was a major concern for residents who participated in the survey.
- **Bike lane improvement.** Survey contributors were interested in building safer and more direct bike connections around town, to the eastern corridor, to Longmont, and to Boulder.
- **4th Ave footbridge.** This project was a top priority for many respondents.
- **Road maintenance.** Many respondents felt that the roads in Lyons needed maintenance, especially in Old Town.
- **Traffic.** Survey contributors were concerned about the high speed and number of cars traveling through Lyons.
- **Crowded parks.** Many respondents felt that Lyons parks were too crowded with tourists and that residents were unable to use them.
- **Recreation Center.** The need for a recreation center was a major theme, with respondents looking for more indoor spaces where they could exercise, swim, and gather.
- **Natural Environment.** Many respondents came to Lyons due to its natural beauty and believe that it is important to protect the environmental resources surrounding the town.

## TOPICS WITH DIFFERING OPINIONS

- **Affordable housing.** While most respondents agreed that the cost of housing was a major concern, the community was split on whether Lyons should build more affordable housing, on where it should go, and what it should look like.
- **Growth.** Many respondents felt that continued population growth and the development of the eastern corridor would help keep Lyons' business community thriving, other survey contributors worried that continued growth would alter the small-town character and negatively impact the environment,
- **Renewable Energy.** Making renewable energy a top priority for Lyons was a priority for many participants, but some felt that the town should focus on other things.
- **Tourism.** Many participants felt that tourism was a key component to Lyons' economy and that the town should look for strategies to promote more tourist activities. However, many respondents believed that the tourists caused Lyons to become crowded, which limited residents' ability to enjoy their town.

# PART 1: ISSUES AND OPPORTUNITIES

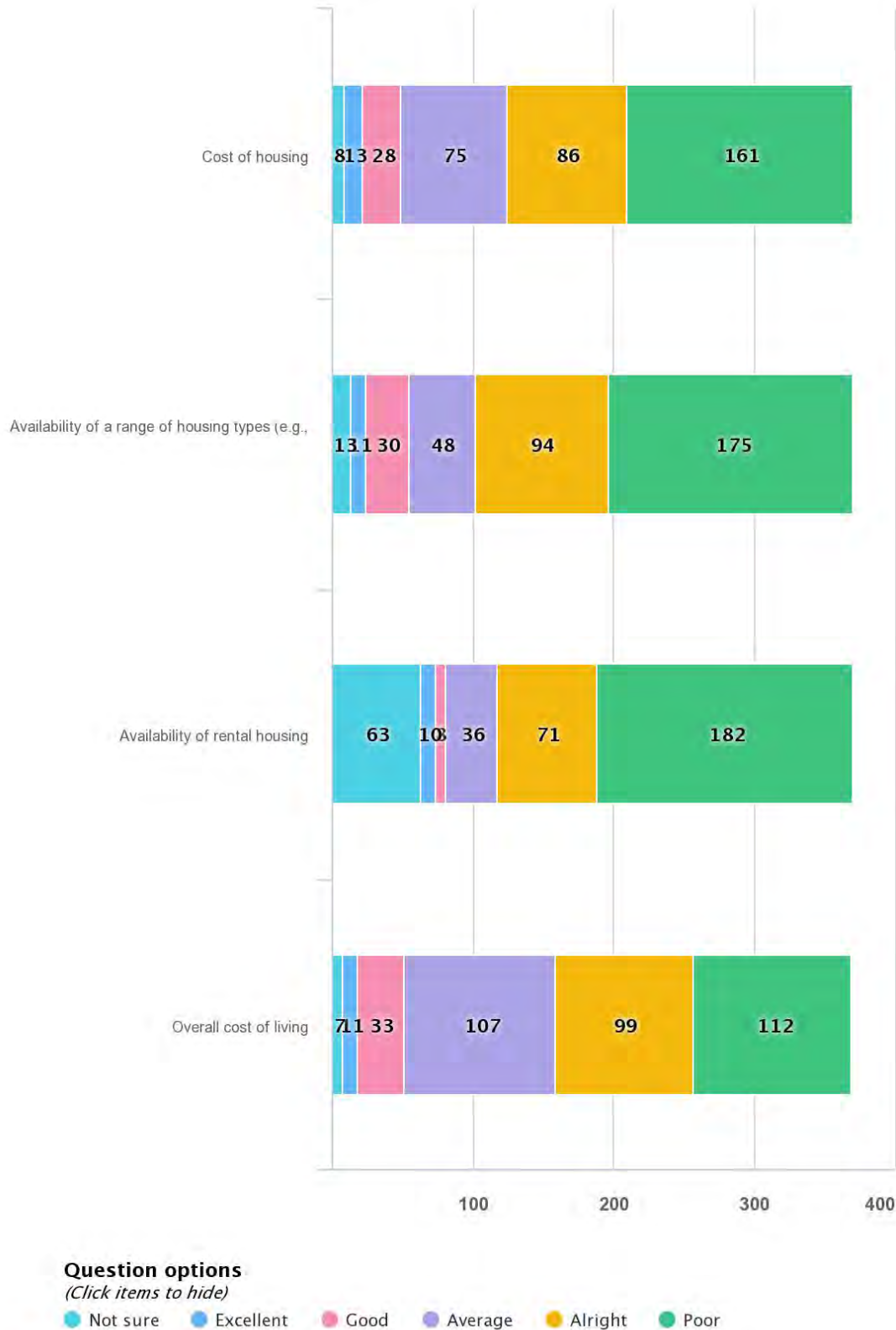
## BACKGROUND

This section of the survey explores the current conditions in the following areas: housing and affordability, community health, culture and education, sustainability and resilience, parks and recreation, the built environment, transportation, and economic health. Input received will help us determine what is working well in Lyons today, and what could be improved. Responses are presented as:

- **Ratings for each Topic Area.** For each of the topics listed above, survey respondents were asked to rate the different elements on a scale of 1 to 5. 1 meaning *poor*, 2 meaning *alright*, 3 meaning *fair/average*, 4 meaning *good*, and 5 meaning *excellent*; and an *N/A* or *Not Sure* choice.
- **Other Issues and Opportunities.** Respondents were also asked to provide feedback on issues and opportunities specific to Lyons as a whole. This feedback is reflected in the free responses provided in Part 4, but major themes are outlined in this section.

The feedback in this section will be used to inform updated policies for the Comprehensive Plan.

**Q 7A: PLEASE RATE THE DIFFERENT ELEMENTS OF HOUSING AND AFFORDABILITY LISTED BELOW ON A SCALE OF 1 TO 5.**



## Q7B: DO YOU HAVE ANY OTHER COMMENTS RELATED TO HOUSING AND AFFORDABILITY OR THOUGHTS ABOUT LOCATIONS WHERE ADDITIONAL HOUSING COULD BE SUPPORTED IN LYONS?

Some of the most frequently cited issues or concerns related to **Housing and Affordability** included:

### AFFORDABILITY

The cost of housing was major concern for survey participants. They worried that the cost of housing in Lyons has risen quickly. Many respondents noted the need for more affordable housing options and there was a desire for creative solutions. Respondents noted a particular need for housing that very low-income residents could afford. Many respondents noted that they were afraid that the high cost of housing would eventually force them to move. However, there were also many respondents that felt Lyons should focus less on affordable housing. These respondents noted that affordability is a state and national crisis, that it is difficult for Lyons to build new housing, that new housing will change the small-town character, and that the Town should focus resources elsewhere.

### RENTAL HOUSING

Respondents noted that it is very difficult to find a rental unit, that they are often expensive, and that they are sometimes in poor condition. There was also worry that the short-term rental market removing long-term rentals from the market.

### DIVERSE HOUSING

Respondents noted that different types of housing could help with create more affordable housing options and tiny homes, manufactured homes, duplexes, townhomes, communal living, and apartments were all mentioned by respondents as options that should be considered.

### ESTABLISH CLEAR METRICS

Some respondents expressed a desire to establish clear goals on the amount of each housing type and the housing costs that Lyons should pursue. These respondents felt that clear metrics would be helpful to ensure that the community is on the same page.

### CONSERVATION AND REDEVELOPMENT

Many respondents worried that building new housing might disrupt the natural beauty and unique habitats around Lyons. Some of these respondents suggested limiting sprawl and focusing on redevelopment Downtown, while other respondents suggested limiting new housing development in Lyons altogether.



**Q 8A: PLEASE RATE THE DIFFERENT ELEMENTS OF COMMUNITY HEALTH LISTED BELOW ON A SCALE OF 1 TO 5.**



## Q8B: DO YOU HAVE OTHER COMMENTS RELATED TO COMMUNITY HEALTH?

Some of the most frequently cited issues or concerns related to **Community Health** included:

### MEDICAL SERVICES

Survey respondents noted that losing the Town’s doctor’s office and pharmacy were extremely impactful. They noted that a car is required to access medical services in Boulder or Longmont, and that the Town lacks mental health services. However, some respondents believed that accessing services from nearby cities was appropriate for such a small town.

### RECREATION CENTER

Many respondents expressed that a recreation center with an indoor swimming pool and gym was a top priority. Respondents noted that while they had great access to outdoor recreation opportunities, there were few places to go in the colder months. They expressed that a recreation center could offer classes and programs for all ages, and that indoor basketball courts would provide a place for kids to hangout in the winter. The need for a recreation center also came up in questions about culture and education and parks and recreation.

### AFFORDABLE FOOD

35 percent of respondents rated access to affordable food, not including restaurants, as poor. Respondents said that, while groceries could be found in town, they were often expensive. To purchase less expensive products, many residents drove to Longmont.

### PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION

Respondents noted that the loss of bus service to Longmont and Boulder compounds the lack medical services and affordable groceries in town. Seniors and residents who do not drive have trouble accessing the services that are not offered within Lyons.

### SIDEWALKS AND SPEED LIMITS

Respondents expressed a desire for sidewalks along Highway 36 and also near the schools. They also noted that speed limits are too fast going through Lyons, which they felt were unsafe. Respondents also expressed a desire for sidewalks on Highway 36.

**Q9A: PLEASE RATE THE DIFFERENT ELEMENTS OF CULTURE AND EDUCATION LISTED BELOW ON A SCALE OF 1 TO 5.**



## Q9B: DO YOU HAVE OTHER COMMENTS RELATED TO CULTURE AND EDUCATION?

Some of the most frequently cited issues or concerns related to **Culture and Education** included:

### COMMUNITY PROGRAMS

Respondents expressed a desire for more programming for all ages. They appreciated the programs currently offered at the library but would like to see them expanded and to incorporate other city facilities. Respondents also mentioned that a recreation center would offer opportunities for programming that Lyons does not currently offer.

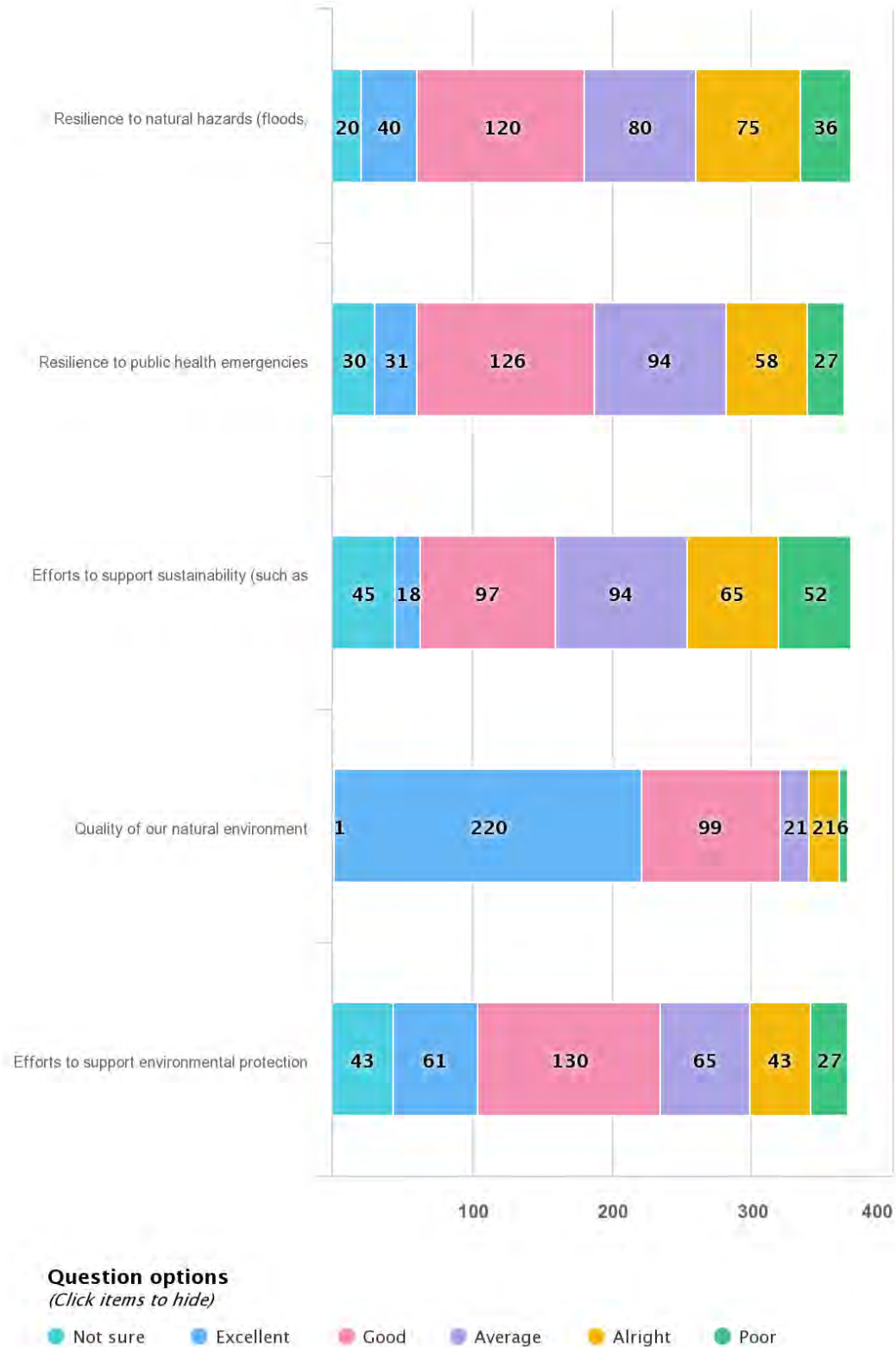
### ART AND MUSIC

Respondents overwhelmingly enjoyed the cultural activities and public art in Lyons, and they would like to see it grow and continued to be supported.

### PUBLIC EDUCATION

While many respondents felt that Lyons' schools were great, some believed that, because the schools were so small, they did not offer as much opportunity as larger schools in Longmont.

**Q10A: PLEASE RATE THE DIFFERENT ELEMENTS OF SUSTAINABILITY AND RESILIENCE LISTED BELOW ON A SCALE OF 1 TO 5.**



## Q10B: DO YOU HAVE OTHER COMMENTS RELATED TO SUSTAINABILITY AND RESILIENCE?

Some of the most frequently cited issues or concerns related to **Sustainability and Resilience** included:

### WILDFIRE

Respondents were very concerned about the risk that future wildfires posed to Lyons. They mentioned increasing community education efforts, investing in mitigation projects, and improve fire response capabilities.

### PARKS MANAGEMENT

Respondents were concerned that Lyons' parks were too crowded with tourists. They worried that the consistent overuse would impact the long-term health of the parks and the St. Vrain, which could damage the surrounding habitats.

### TRANSPORTATION

Many respondents felt that reliance on cars was hindering Lyons' sustainability goals. These respondents requested building sidewalks and bike lanes to better connect the town, and also a reduction in car speeds through town. Respondents were also concerned about the loss of RTD bus service.

### RENEWABLE ENERGY

Decreasing reliance on fossil fuels was also a common theme. Respondents would like Lyons to pursue solar and wind energy, both at the town scale, but also by helping individuals install solar panels on their homes.

**Q11A: PLEASE RATE THE CURRENT CONDITIONS WITH RESPECT TO PARKS AND RECREATION LISTED BELOW ON A SCALE OF 1 TO 5.**



## Q11B: DO YOU HAVE ANY OTHER COMMENTS RELATED TO PARKS AND RECREATION?

Some of the most frequently cited issues or concerns related to **Parks and Recreation** included:

### OVERCROWDING

A major issue was the overcrowding of Lyons' parks in the summer months. Respondents felt like it was impossible for residents to use the parks with so many tourists visiting, which they felt was unfair since residents pay taxes for park maintenance. Many mentioned instituting a reservation system that would reserve space for Lyons' residents.

### RECREATION CENTER

The need for a recreation center was a major theme, with respondents looking for more indoor spaces where they could exercise, swim, and gather.

### MAINTENANCE

Respondents were concerned that many of Lyons' parks are full of weeds, trash, and have been vandalized. The bike park was specifically mentioned as not being well maintained. Respondents worried that there was not enough funding to pay for maintenance and would like to see creative strategies for increasing maintenance funds.



**Q12A: PLEASE RATE THE DIFFERENT ELEMENTS OF THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT LISTED BELOW ON A SCALE OF 1 TO 5.**



**Question options**

(Click items to hide)

● Not sure 
 ● Excellent 
 ● Good 
 ● Average 
 ● Alright 
 ● Poor

## Q12B: DO YOU HAVE OTHER COMMENTS RELATED TO THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT?

Some of the most frequently cited issues or concerns related to the **Built Environment** included:

### ROAD MAINTENANCE

Many respondents felt that the roads in Lyons needed maintenance, especially in Old Town.

### WALKABILITY

The walking bridge connecting the confluence area to the rest of Lyons was a top priority for many respondents, while the need for more pedestrian infrastructure also was also consistent concern.

### LAND USE AND GROWTH

Respondents were worried about continued growth in Lyons. Concerns ranged from losing community character, preserving historic buildings, and new development in inappropriate areas.

### BEAUTIFICATION

Weeds, dead trees, trash, old roads, bad sidewalks, and lack of welcoming wayfinding were all listed as ways that Lyons could improve the community's aesthetics.

**Q13A: PLEASE RATE CURRENT CONDITIONS WITH RESPECT TO TRANSPORTATION LISTED BELOW ON A SCALE OF 1 TO 5.**



**Question options**

(Click items to hide)

● Not sure
 ● Excellent
 ● Good
 ● Average
 ● Alright
 ● Poor

## Q13B: DO YOU HAVE OTHER COMMENTS RELATED TO THE TRANSPORTATION?

Some of the most frequently cited issues or concerns related to **Transportation** included:

### PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION

Regaining RTD bus services in Lyons was a major theme throughout the Community Survey. Respondents were concerned that accessing Boulder or Longmont without a car was extremely expensive. They were especially worried about seniors and residents without a car. They were also concerned about increased traffic and emissions without public transportation options.

### PARKING

Many respondents were concerned that Lyons did not have enough parking, especially during tourist season. Many expressed a desire for a public parking lot and better signage about where tourists should park.

### BIKE LANES

The lack of protected bike lanes connecting the eastern corridor was an often-cited concern. Respondents also would like to see bike lanes to Longmont and Boulder.

### SIDEWALKS

Respondents were very concerned with the lack of sidewalks, especially around the elementary school. They would like to see continuous sidewalk connections throughout old town, which should include pedestrian crossings with lights. Respondents also consistently mentioned the need for a safe connection to the eastern parts of town.

### SAFETY

Many respondents felt that speed limits along Highway 7 and Highway 36 created an unsafe pedestrian environment, which was compounded by the lack of pedestrian infrastructure.

**Q14A: PLEASE RATE THE CURRENT CONDITIONS WITH RESPECT TO ECONOMIC HEALTH LISTED BELOW ON A SCALE OF 1 TO 5.**



## Q14B: DO YOU HAVE ANY OTHER COMMENTS RELATED TO ECONOMIC HEALTH?

Some of the most frequently cited issues or concerns related to **Economic Health** included:

### WORKFORCE HOUSING

Lyons' employers noted that the high cost of housing contributed to difficulties in hiring employees, who often experience long commutes from neighboring areas. Lyons' workers expressed frustration that it is nearly impossible to live in the community where they work.

### SUPPORT FOR SMALL BUSINESSES

Some respondents noted that it was difficult and costly to start and maintain a business in Lyons. Many respondents thought that more support from the town of Lyons and the local community could help small businesses thrive in Lyons.

### LODGING

The lack of a hotel was brought up many times as a limitation on economic development in Lyons. Respondents felt that overnight lodging would keep tourist in town for longer, encourage them to eat at local restaurants, and allow for more weddings and special events.

### GROCERY STORE

Respondents noted that they have to drive to Longmont for many of their grocery needs and hoped that Lyons could attract another grocery store. Other residents, however, really loved that Lyons did not have a national chain store within its borders.

## ISSUES AND OPPORTUNITIES

This section of the survey explores the community's hopes and fears about the future. Respondents were asked to identify the greatest challenges that they foresaw influencing Lyons over the next ten to 20 years. They were then asked to brainstorm three opportunities that could help address those issues. Responses have been categorized by themes, which are listed below. Full responses can be found in Part 3 of this document.

### Q15: WHAT ARE THE BIGGEST ISSUES, CHALLENGES, OR THREATS FACING THE COMMUNITY OVER THE NEXT TEN TO TWENTY YEARS?

The following themes closely relate to the issues and opportunities in Part I of this section. Respondents were concerned about natural hazards and climate change, especially the threat that wildfires pose to their community. The rising cost of housing continued to be a major worry for residents who contributed to the survey, as did the implications surrounding future growth in the community.

#### THEMES

- Threat from wildfires
- Destruction of natural environments
- Threat of climate change
- Rising cost of housing
- Limited rental housing
- Limited opportunities for income and ethnic diversity
- Shortage of senior services and housing
- Maintaining and attracting essential services
- Maintaining parks
- Balancing tourist and resident needs
- Increased traffic
- Population and housing growth
- Funding infrastructure investments
- Economic sustainability
- Sustaining small businesses
- Losing small-town character
- Drought and water shortages

### Q16: WHAT ARE THREE OPPORTUNITIES THAT SHOULD BE EXPLORED AS PART OF THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN THAT COULD HELP ADDRESS THESE ISSUES?

This question asked community members to identify opportunities that could help address the issues that they mentioned in question 15. Answers were sorted into similar categories, which are highlighted below.

#### THEMES

- Fire mitigation programs and initiatives
- Renewable energy
- Build affordable and workforce housing
- Limit short-term rentals

- Build different types of housing
- Expand trail connections
- Creative use of CEMEX property
- Create safe bicycle and pedestrian connections
- Grant funds for small businesses
- Consolidate Lyons' business marketing
- Embrace tourism and events
- Work with RTD to reinstate bus service
- Upgrading Broadway

## **Q17: DO YOU HAVE ANY OTHER COMMENTS REGARDING ISSUES AND OPPORTUNITIES IN LYONS?**

This section provided respondents with another opportunity to express any lingering thoughts related to issues and opportunities in Lyons. Many participants were concerned with traffic safety and the availability of public transportation, as well as maintaining Lyons' small-town character.

### **THEMES**

- Keep small-town charm
- Bus service
- Slow down cars
- Promote arts and music in town



## PART 2: OUR COMMUNITY

### BACKGROUND

Survey participants were asked to describe Lyons to someone who may be unfamiliar with the town, express their hopes and fears for Lyons over the next 20 years, and to describe what “small town character” means to them. Many respondents stated that Lyons was a small, tight-knit community but ran the risk of becoming too expensive and unaffordable for many people. Many participants also expressed fears that Lyons would become too crowded and not a place that is conducive for small businesses to thrive.

### Q18: IN ONE SENTENCE, HOW WOULD YOU DESCRIBE LYONS TO SOMEONE WHO IS UNFAMILIAR WITH THE COMMUNITY?

#### BEDROOM COMMUNITY

Respondents described Lyons as a small bedroom community that was a desirable place to live due to its proximity to larger towns and access to recreational activities.

#### ARTSY

Many community members who contributed stated that Lyons has a vibrant art and music scene, which they believed there were many opportunities to expand on.

#### SMALL, CLOSE-KNIT COMMUNITY

Survey participants expressed that the small-town nature of Lyons made it walkable and neighborly. The downtown area and parks provided space for resident to gather and contributed to a close-knit, family-oriented community.

#### OUTDOOR-RECREATION ORIENTED

Respondents stated that Lyons offers great hiking, biking, and other outdoor activities. The parks, easy mountain access, and scenery surrounding Lyons makes the town desirable to many residents.

### Q19: WHAT DO YOU HOPE LYONS WILL BE LIKE IN 20 YEARS?

#### AFFORDABLE

Some community members who participated stated that they hope there will be more affordable housing in the next 20 years. Respondents expressed fears that Lyons will become too large and unaffordable, making it difficult for businesses to find a local workforce.

#### MORE PUBLIC PARKS/ BETTER MAINTENANCE OF PUBLIC PARKS

Most respondents stated the importance of open space and parks in Lyons. Some expressed that the town could do a better job managing weeds and maintaining the parks. Some people worried that any increase in tourism will negatively impact the quality of Lyons’ parks.

#### TOURIST DESTINATION

Some respondents expressed their desires for making Lyons a more attractive destination for tourists. By creating a strong identity, tourists may be more likely to visit and stay in Lyons for an extended period of time instead of remaining a “pass-through” town on the way to Estes Park.

## Q 20: WHAT DO YOU FEAR LYONS WILL BE LIKE IN 20 YEARS?

### EXPENSIVE

Many respondents expressed fears that Lyons is becoming too expensive and is pricing out people in the middle-class. Some stated that they will likely need to move somewhere else unless housing becomes more affordable.

### OVERCROWDED/CONGESTED

Many respondents stated that Lyons may become overpopulated, leading to too much traffic and overcrowded parks. They fear that this will cause Lyons to lose its small-town feel and that it will become too expensive for current residents.

### NOT A PLACE FOR A VIABLE BUSINESS

Survey participants expressed fears that Lyons would not be a place that can support businesses. Some stated that they were afraid Lyons would have a ramshackle appearance with boarded up shops and no downtown area.

## Q 21: WHAT DOES “SMALL TOWN CHARACTER” MEAN TO YOU?

### CLOSE-KNIT

Respondents stated that “small town character” meant running into people around town and chatting with them. They also described a place where everyone knew their neighbors and looked out for each other.

### WALKABLE

Many people stated that having a small, walkable downtown area was indicative of “small town character.” Having a walkable town makes it easier for residents to connect with one another and form long-lasting relationships.

### LOCAL BUSINESSES

Many people expressed that having small, local shops in town were important to Lyons’ “small town character.” Some respondents expressed fears that large corporations and chain stores will run smaller shops out of business.

# PART 3: SURVEY RESPONDENTS

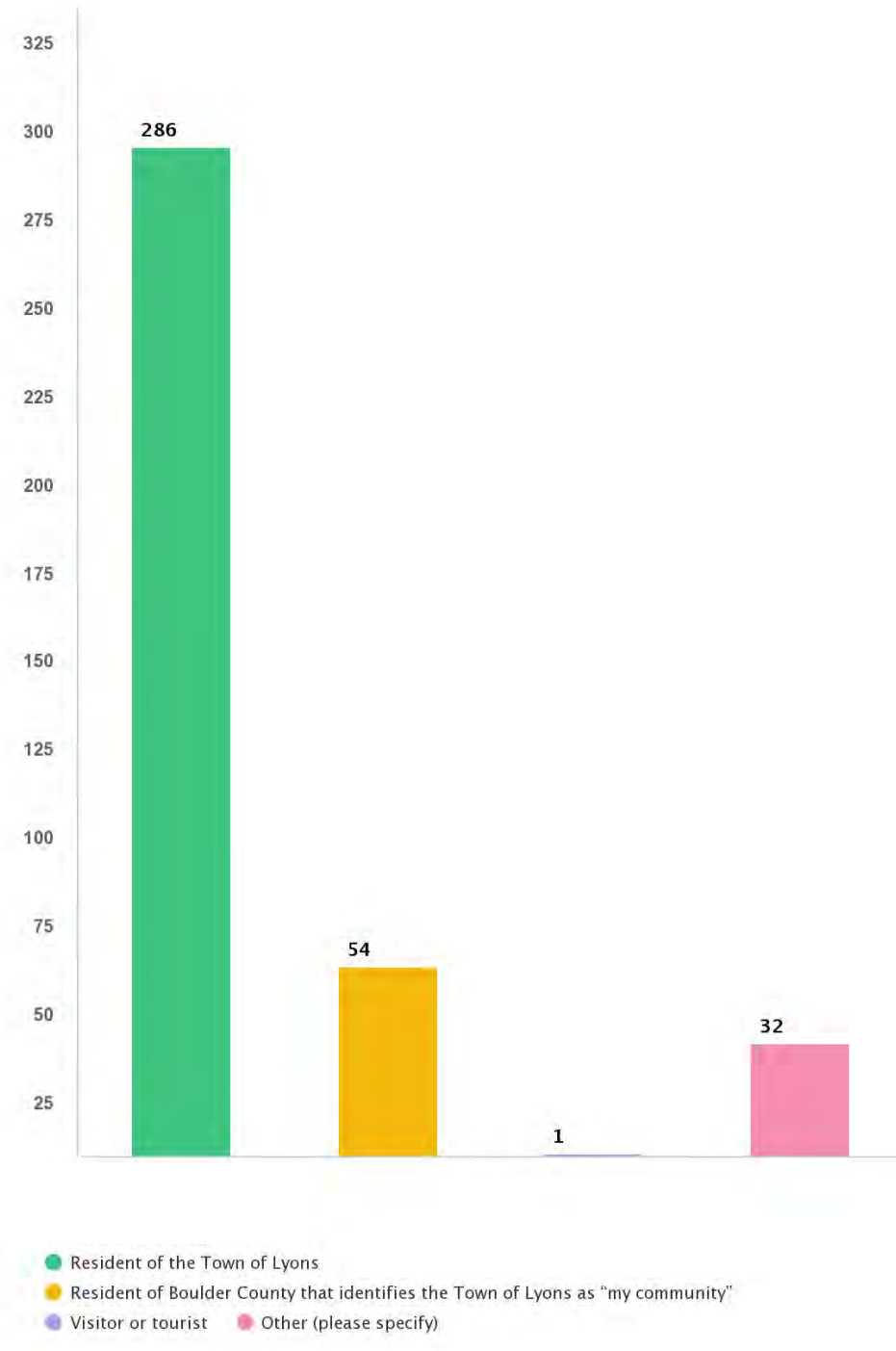
## BACKGROUND

Survey respondents were self-selecting. Of the 376 respondents to the online survey:

- The majority of respondents – over 76 percent – were residents of the Town of Lyons. Another 15 percent of respondents were residents of Boulder County but identified the Town of Lyons as their community. The remaining respondents, around nine percent, lived either on Apple Valley Road, Steamboat Valley Road, Highway 7, or other locations just outside the town limits.
- Many respondents stated they were long-term residents. Almost 30 percent of the responses came from people reporting they have lived in Lyons for 21 years or more, whereas fewer than nine percent of all responses came from people reporting that they have lived in Lyons for 2 years or less.
- Less than 30 percent of respondents were under the age of 44. People between the ages of 45 to 54 had the highest participation rate, which was just over 30 percent.
- The majority of respondents, over 60 percent, reported that their total household income was over \$75,000. Almost eight percent of respondents reported a total household income between \$50,000 and \$75,000. A little over 10 percent of participants reported that their total household income is less than \$50,000. About 20 percent of respondents chose to not disclose this information.
- Most of the respondents, over 90 percent, identify as White. A little less than three percent identify as Hispanic or Latino. About 2.2 percent identify as Native American. Less than one percent identify as Black and a little over one percent identify as Asian. Almost five percent of participants identified as “other.”
- The leading reasons that respondents reported for living in Lyons included: The small-town character, the scenery/ natural beauty, and the recreational amenities.
- Not all participants responded to all questions.

## TELL US ABOUT YOURSELF

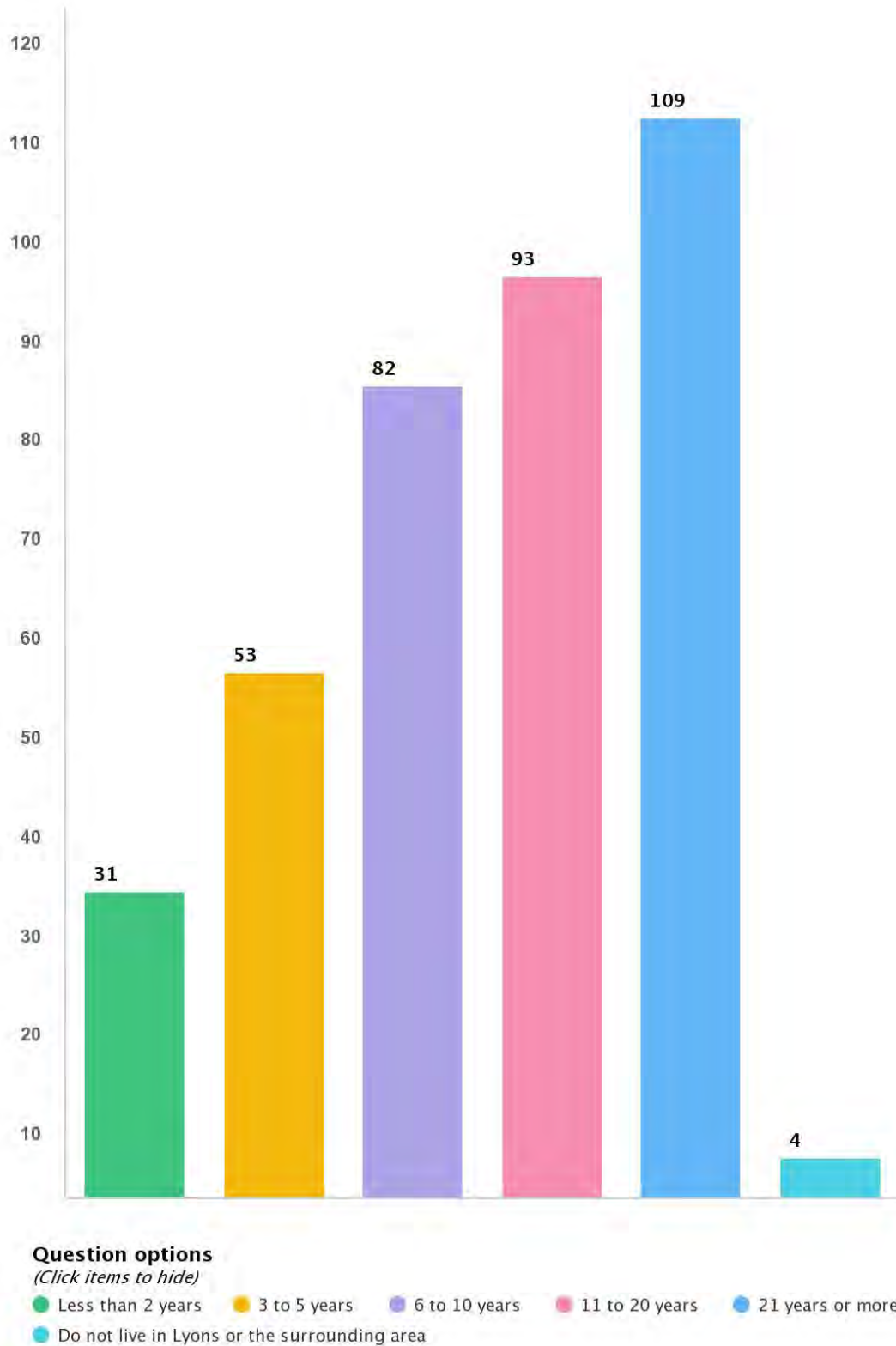
### Q1A: HOW WOULD YOU DESCRIBE YOURSELF AND WHERE YOU LIVE?



**Q1B: (FOR THOSE THAT ANSWERED, “FULL TIME RESIDENT OUTSIDE OF THE TOWN OF LYONS BUT IN BOULDER COUNTY” OR “PART TIME RESIDENT/ SECOND HOMEOWNER OUTSIDE OF THE TOWN OF LYONS BUT IN BOULDER COUNTY,”) WHERE IN BOULDER COUNTY DO YOU LIVE?**

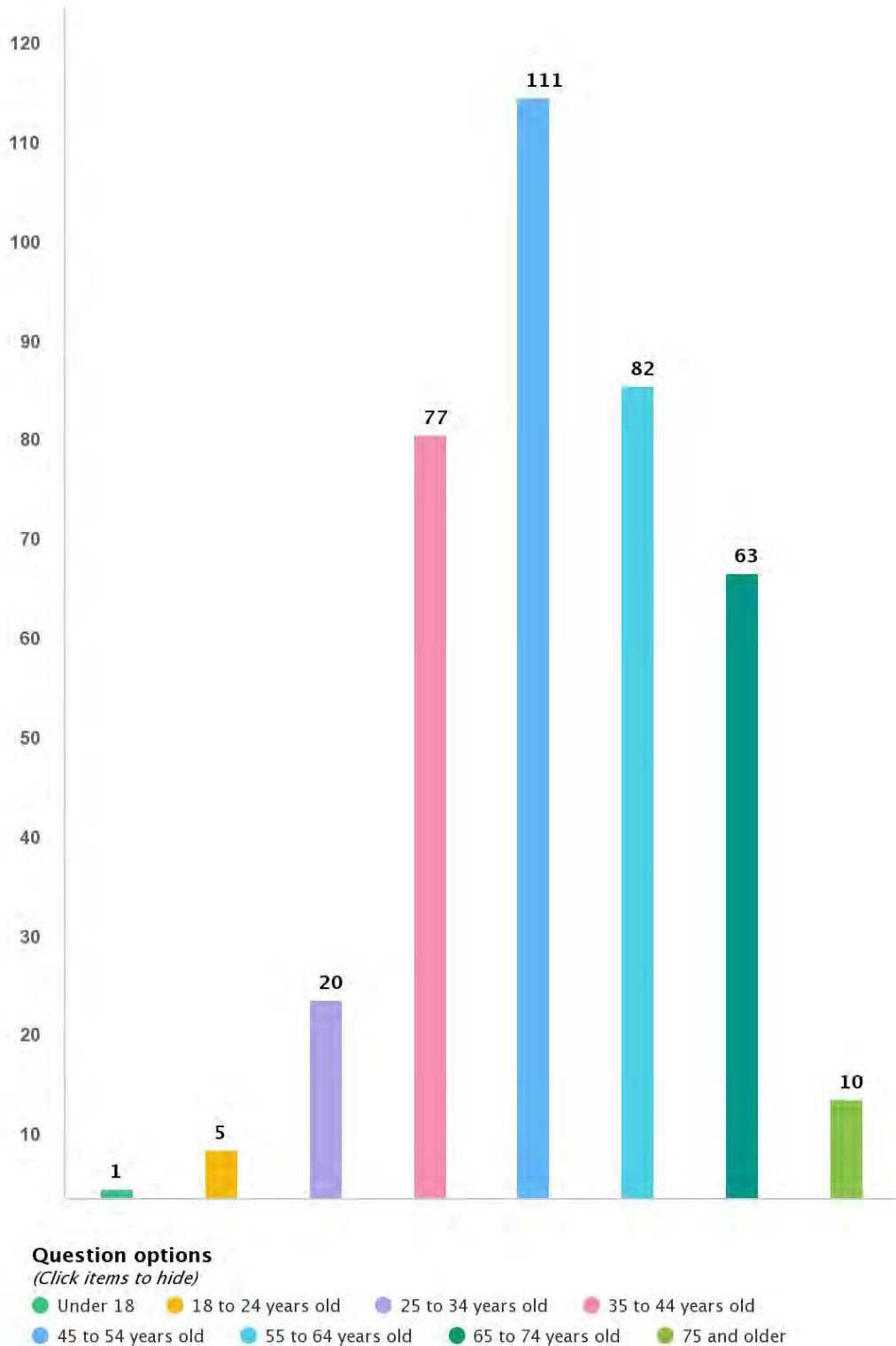
Respondents to this question listed which part of Boulder County they live in. Responses can be seen in Part 4 of this document, which lists all open-ended responses.

## Q2: HOW LONG HAVE YOU LIVED IN LYONS OR THE SURROUNDING AREA?

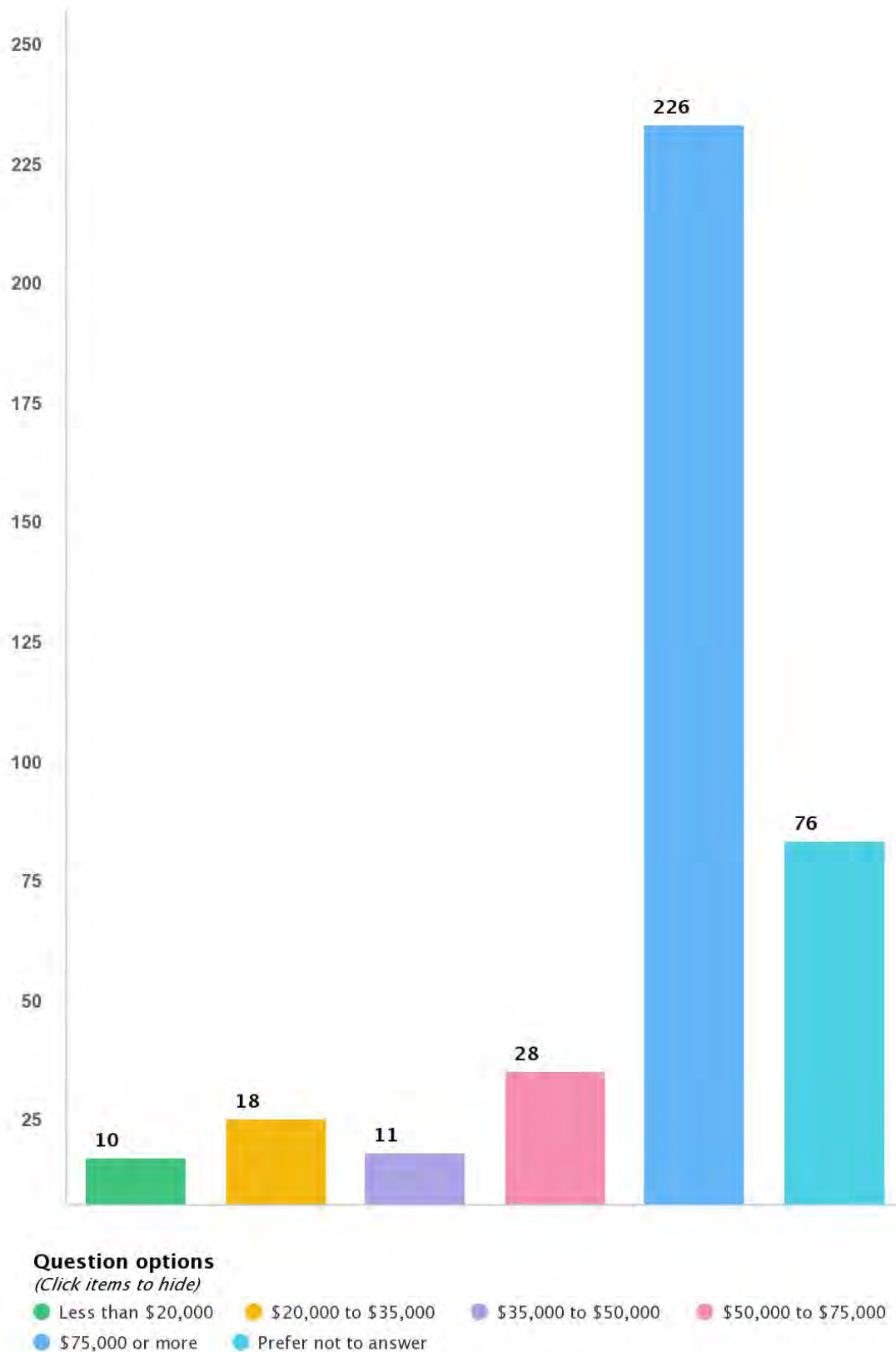


## SURVEY RESPONDENTS' DEMOGRAPHICS

### Q3: WHAT IS YOUR AGE?

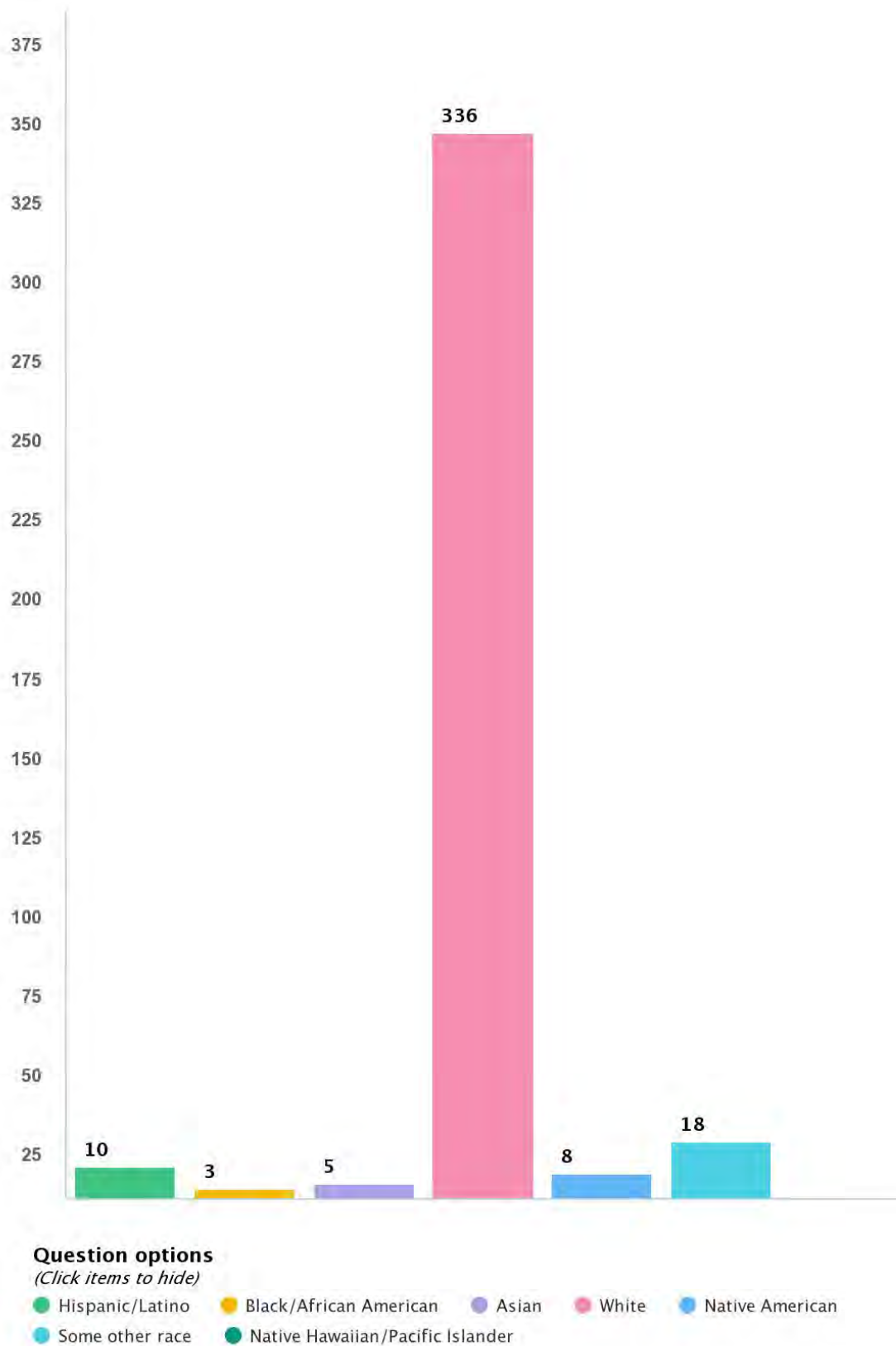


#### Q4: WHAT IS YOUR TOTAL HOUSEHOLD INCOME?



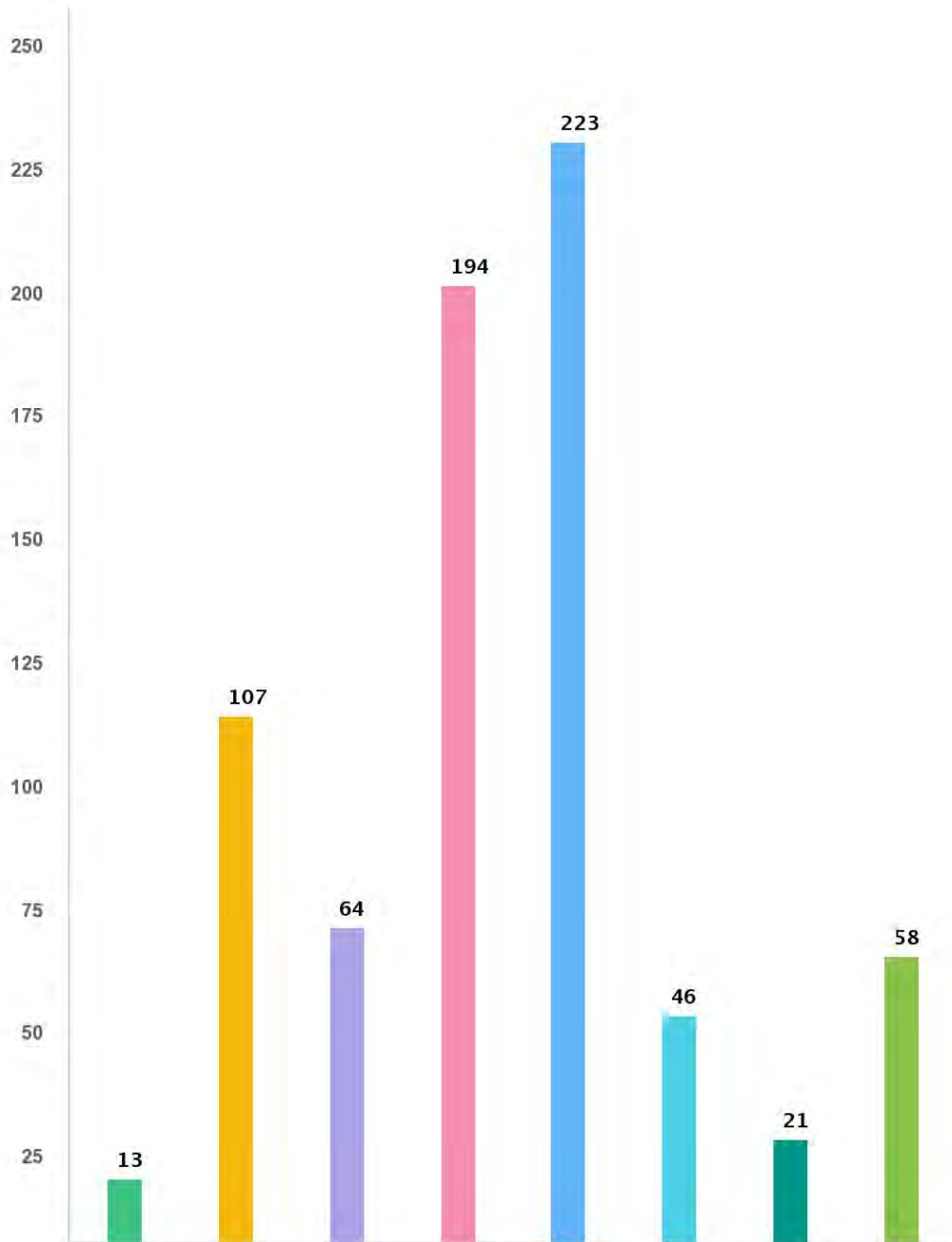


## Q5: WHAT IS YOUR RACE/ETHNICITY?



## CHOOSING LYONS

### Q6: WHAT BROUGHT YOU TO LYONS?



#### Question options

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- I was born here
 ● The recreational amenities
 ● A job/employment
- The scenery/natural beauty
 ● The small town character
 ● To live with/near family
- To retire
 ● Other (please specify)

# PART 4: OPEN-ENDED RESPONSES

## BACKGROUND

This section provides a complete list of open-ended comments from survey respondents. The responses are organized in the following order: Where in Boulder County do you live, if not the Town of Lyons; Housing and Human Services; Community Health; Culture and Education; Sustainability and Resilience; Natural and Built Environment; Transportation; Economic Health; Parks and Recreation; Issues/ Challenges/ Threats; Opportunities; Issues and Opportunities; How Would You Describe Lyons?; Hopes; Fears; and Small Town Character.

### Q1B: (FOR THOSE THAT ANSWERED, “FULL TIME RESIDENT OUTSIDE OF THE TOWN OF LYONS BUT IN BOULDER COUNTY” OR “PART TIME RESIDENT/ SECOND HOMEOWNER OUTSIDE OF THE TOWN OF LYONS BUT IN BOULDER COUNTY,”) WHERE IN BOULDER COUNTY DO YOU LIVE?

- Pinewood Springs
- South St Vrain valley
- Apple valley
- Steamboat Valley Road
- right outside of town limits
- Unincorporated
- NE of Lyons 3 miles
- Lyons park estate s
- Steamboat Valley
- Apple Valley rd.
- up hwy 7
- Up Hwy. 7 in Riverside
- near Hygiene road and US 36
- Jj Kelly Rd., Lyons
- Lyons planning area
- Hwy 7
- Lyons
- Eagle Ridge Rd
- LONGMONT
- unincorporated Longmont/Lyons Annexation area
- Just east of Lyons
- Up hwy 7 off of Old South St Vrain Road in the Lyons Park Estates
- Eagle Canyon Estates in Lyons, Colorado
- Lyons Planning area
- Steamboat Valley Road, Lyons

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**Q 1B: (FOR THOSE THAT ANSWERED, “FULL TIME RESIDENT OUTSIDE OF THE TOWN OF LYONS BUT IN BOULDER COUNTY” OR “PART TIME RESIDENT/ SECOND HOMEOWNER OUTSIDE OF THE TOWN OF LYONS BUT IN BOULDER COUNTY,”) WHERE IN BOULDER COUNTY DO YOU LIVE?**

- Longmont
- Apple Valley
- Apple valley
- Steamboat Valley Road just north of town limits
- Apple Valley Rd
- Between River Church and Stone Mountain Lodge, just across the river.
- Apple Valley Rd, Business within Lyons.
- apple valley road
- Unincorporated
- Apple Valley Road
- Steamboat Valley Road
- I live on Apple Valley Road
- a few miles outside of Lyons
- 0.3 miles outside of town limits
- North St Vrain
- Lyons
- Stone Mountain, 2 miles north of Lyons
- Apple Valley Rd
- Apple Valley Road
- JJ Kelly Rd
- Gunbarrel
- Apple Valley
- Boulder county
- Apple Valley Road
- Lyons Park Estates
- Pinewood Springs
- Nolan Road
- Spring Gulch

## Q7B: DO YOU HAVE ANY OTHER COMMENTS RELATED TO HOUSING AND AFFORDABILITY OR THOUGHTS ABOUT LOCATIONS WHERE ADDITIONAL HOUSING COULD BE SUPPORTED IN LYONS?

### HOUSING AND AFFORDABILITY: HOUSING AND HUMAN SERVICES

- Housing stock is actually quite diverse from rentals (house, apartments, mobile homes, tiny homes, and ADUs) to small and large residential houses to subsidized affordable housing. Town should coalesce around what percent of housing stock it wants in each category so we stop arguing about if we have enough or not.
- First, let's actually build Summit. Then let's look at the Eastern Corridor. And make sure that our remaining mobile home parks remain affordable...and update them so they're more livable. I'd love to see the residents of the MH park on Seward be able to buy it from the current owners.
- There'll never be any low cost housing in Boulder County because Boulder County and Front Range housing is wildly unaffordable and increasingly so. What's created are small, low income petting zoos like those in Boulder. The issue is far-far larger than that which can be solved by the creation of a few rent controlled apartments or condos. It's a reflection of what's happening with income disparity all over the US. You should study the real history of Boulder's growth ... you might learn something about political/social fiction v reality. I moved to Boulder County in 1971 and saw what happened firsthand.
- Over the past two years it has really blown up. We built our house 23 years ago. There is no way we could have done it now. This becoming a problem everywhere, not just Lyons.
- The town does what it can to address citizens concerns
- It seems that the only thing "the town" is concerned with is "affordable housing" which seems to translate to lower income housing. I'm not sure why that is so critical considering the proximity to affordable lower income housing in Longmont. However, it would seem that the east of 36 on 66 would be a good place for a nice rental community to be built up.
- They should put a moratorium on building any more houses in Lyons. You cannot bring in renters and low income people they cannot afford to live here. People that have lived here for years are struggling to survive.
- Longmont.
- Boulder county is expensive. I don't know that you can get around that. I'm all about infill but hate the idea of full affordable housing developments. Also, understand we need to help the people who live and work here but against the idea of bringing folks from other areas here to live and work elsewhere.
- Build to the east.
- I wish I could buy a house in town. My rent is so expensive!!
- The people who defeated affordable housing in Bohn Park after the flood should be ashamed of themselves. I'm so angry and embarrassed that Lyons came so close to doing such a good thing for fellow residents only to be defeated by a few transplanted NIMBYs. Sorry for the rant, but that's a wound that will never heal for me. As far as I'm concerned, we should vote on converting the dog park into affordable housing annually until it passes.
- Should be more, but I have no idea where it could go. Shame on the citizens who voted down the affordable ballot measure. That's small town living for you.
- Housing is crazy everywhere, especially in Boulder County. We need to continue to incent more affordable housing options and approaches. I'm not in favor of town "sponsored" projects like Summit, but think there are ways to incent people to be creative and offer more housing options.
- East corridor
- We seem to need more affordable housing.

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- This isn't really a fault of Lyons...my response would be the same in many other surrounding areas. And trends would indicate that there is really only something municipalities can do to solve the housing crisis or affordability. I think there is a workforce issue and an infrastructure issue happening in Boulder County and beyond and Lyons and other smaller communities are subject to those realities just like the "Boulders" of the world. The only thing I notice in my roles in county policy and other collaborative opportunities is that Lyons is often overlooked or not included/involved in some bigger initiatives and I really wish we had a bigger voice in those conversations.
- I'm pleased with the newer more modern style of homes that are being built today.
- Need more affordable housing for very low income...esp. people who live alone
- Once the Summit development is completed - no more. Lyons has no further need of affordable housing for its local workers and residents. The 40 units Summit is scheduled to build will be largely populated by people who neither live here nor work here. There's just not enough local businesses with employees who can afford the 60% AMI limited rentals Summit will offer. Will a waitress, barista or retail clerk making \$15-\$17/hr. be able to afford the Summit rents? I think not. Why would the Town of Lyons take an active role in attracting more people to town? People, by the way, who will have no stake in the community because they'll be renters. There'll be a constant churn of renters in the Summit development, as those residents' income increases and they need to leave the development. To the other point of this question - there's no more room to build any more AH. We are geologically and open space-limited to where we can grow. Fact of life that we need to get used to.
- Keep on with Accessory dwelling unit permits.
- I'd like to see affordable Housing, but would prefer to do it on land that is already developed versus developing areas that are currently natural.
- We should not be approving any more market rate (i.e. expensive) homes, and focus on permanently affordable housing.
- Short term rental would help folks and keep tourists in town.
- I do not like the rating options for question 11. "Alright" and "Average" are the same to me. Alright needs to be changed to Needs Work. Other comments: Cost of Housing is too high! We have a range of housing styles, but we need townhomes, apartments and affordable rentals. You can find a rental house if you can afford \$2-3K a month.
- Affordable housing opportunities in the Eastern Corridor
- Too many new houses and developments in Lyons. We understand many people want to live here, but we should not ruin the town for the sake of growth.
- I hope the Eastern Corridor is more small single family with a mix of affordable deed restricted townhomes and condos. Offer incentives to people to rent at market rate. I hope that it matches the same feel as downtown (no 3 story buildings). Love the ADU restrictions and guidelines as well as the STR guidelines, keep those in place to help retain rentals.
- The new affordable home project near the school that has not yet started is encouraging but shouldn't put burden on development of retail housing. Affordable housing developments keep lower income folks from reaping the rewards of appreciation.
- Why does it need more housing? It will lose its character and many of the elements that make it great will be ruined if it becomes too crowded.
- For Colorado I think Lyons is about average with regards to housing. We have subsidized housing units. I don't think we need much more if any.
- I am fortunate that we own a home here in town. But I know plenty of people who don't, and I can't imagine trying to buy a place to live in Lyons right now. It's out of control. Which means the people that have kept Lyons cool and charming are being replaced by people who can "afford to live here"
- Eastern corridor would seem to be the only option due to limited vacant land.
- Eastern corridor should be used for more affordable housing. If you look at any community like Lyons in the Rocky Mountain west they all face the discussion of growth and affordability. And in all the cases, it does not matter if you build more houses, the prices will continue to rise and be unaffordable for some

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because of the desirability of the location. Bozeman, Boise, Santa Fe, Jackson Hole.... Once we ruin what makes Lyons special (the environment, the views, the clear skies, etc.) then it will be affordable.

- Could density downtown along Main Street and Broadway and density eastern corridor
- put affordable housing in \_\_\_\_ backyard
- Need to consider not interspersing existing clusters of homes when adding affordable housing. Positioning is critical.
- We lost something irrecoverable from the flood. The cost and lack of availability is regional, not something the town can address directly.
- I think it's a mistake to create affordable housing off of McConnell Drive because the scale of the project is not appropriate. Cars already speed on McConnell and adding potentially hundreds of additional cars per day is not desirable. In addition, the site itself is not economically viable for development without substantial government funding due to geotechnical conditions and other factors. It will also add additional strain to the infrastructure in Town such as police, fire, and the schools without paying its way like traditional developments. These deficits are not sustainable without going to the rest of the citizens of Town to make up for the lost revenue. It's a never-ending cycle and is not sustainable.
- The situation in Lyons is not different to most other places in the country I'd also consider living.
- I wish the town would buy the CDOT property on the other side of planet bluegrass for more housing, the Property next to townhall, and the industrial park on 5th and housing.
- The issue of Affordable Housing is a hot button these days, but like all causes de jour, it will fade. What is unaffordable now will be affordable in the future. I've seen it many times in my life. I find it ludicrous that we bend ourselves into pretzels trying to assure that whoever wants to live in Lyons MUST be able to live here. Sorry - the real world doesn't work like that. I commuted 50 miles roundtrip for more than 20 years because I lived where I could afford to - not in the city I worked in. As for "additional locations in Lyons," there are none. We are built out; ask to see Mark Browning's very cogent analysis (he wrote a paper on this a couple years back). Once the Summit Housing project is finished, that's it.
- Eastern buildout for sure, the Summit project in LVP, and maybe artist residences at 36 & 66. More ADU's built.
- I don't think it's reasonable to think a small town of less than 3k people, surrounded by natural beauty and unbuildable land can do much to add affordable housing at a time when the entire county is unaffordable to many. The affordable housing crisis is nationwide in all desirable urban and suburban areas.
- It's expensive to live in Lyons. Rental housing is expensive and hard to find.
- hope Summit housing project proceeds successfully
- Housing is way too expensive here for people who rent and first time home buyers
- Valley bank area, eastern corridor, Bohn park dog park area, the massive quilt store area, enormous LDS church area, confluence area properties
- Way too expensive
- Sandstone park could be better put to use to expand the Sr living facilities. There's a 7 year wait list for entry. We already have great parks elsewhere in town. Ditto with the little park up Steamboat Rd. I've never seen anyone playing there.
- I would like to see the eastern corridor get developed with some affordable housing.
- We need more affordable housing --for seniors, for families, for single parents, for working families. We need less multi million dollar homes (today's prices).
- Although I struggle with the cost of housing, I do not support increasing supply. The market is crazy everywhere, and Lyons is no exception. More housing won't improve affordability.
- it is quickly getting out of hand, but still in line with the rest of Colorado, so I'm not sure what anyone can truly do about it.
- I would love to see more varied type of housing in Lyons, as mentioned in the previous question. I feel that this brings about different perspectives that help a community to thrive and be kind.
- I despise the large developments ( Eagle Ridge, Stone Canyon, High School area) of expensive, over sized, single family housing, which makes this community so much less diverse and interesting.

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- I think it should be easier for homes in old town to add ADUs or receive discounts on variance applications due to homes being built prior to building codes.
- What can you do? The cost of housing is only going up. Places sell for \$40, 50, 100K over asking in hours. It will only get worse. We have a limited supply of homes, and always will, and a very desirable place to live. If anyone has a solution, the world would love to hear it. As much as I would love to see more affordable housing, I also really like the voter approval necessary for over 5 acre annexations. I also commend town for putting common sense regulations on short term rentals, requiring homeowners to live in the home. However the ADU craze that is all the buzz nationwide right now is only benefiting the wealthy, who are turning them into short term rentals and or flipping a property (now with two homes) for a huge profit. Please limit how many short term rentals town can have if ADU's continue to flourish, and make a place for long term rentals.
- Creative mixed-use housing / retail spaces along eastern corridor w/ safe/scenic expanded bike / golf-cart / walking trail network for connectivity;
- No more room to build except the eastern flatland that are not in Lyons.
- Please replace the overly and unnecessarily large dog park in Bohn Park with affordable housing.
- We need more TRULY Affordable Housing!! More Funding!!
- Home prices are out of control. This causes rents to be above market. This also has an effect on homes that were owned by the residents to become rentals that have annual turnover. Lyons is unfortunately no longer a place for blue collar families and has become a haven for upper middle class with out of character large homes.
- No...no...no more houses
- We live in Boulder county, in one of the only truly accessible small towns that has limited growth because of the foothills. Of course housing prices are going to rise. It would be nice to see more condos and diversity of housing, however.
- We could use a few more affordable housing complexes, but focus them for artists and musicians.
- Allowing and encouraging homes to generate their own renewable energy, or to have access to community solar garden opportunities.
- The Housing Committee (flood committee) looked high and low and didn't find many options for affordable housing. This will always be a challenge.
- Bohn Park would be a great place for low income housing.
- I love affordable housing and infilling lots with mixed use developments so we can increase affordable housing without sprawling.
- Affordable housing should not be the focus of this community!
- The air B & B situation has gotten out of control and made it so much harder for locals to be able to live and work in the town that they love. Some kind of rent control would be very welcomed by many of us who have lived here for so long but he cannot afford to own their own home.
- No more monster houses for \$1M+++
- cost of housing and type of housing and what that means for a little town as Lyons cannot be captured in something as affordability as that is a very personal view. For all practical purposes Lyons is expensive, not as bad as Boulder but still expensive.
- Lyons reflects what is happening in Boulder County and actually across the country in states with healthy economies. There are few places nationally that are not seeing the same trends in housing affected by limited rentals due to VRBOs and higher home values. Affordable is problematic but Lyons is not an employment hub. We do not have a major employer of significant numbers and are not isolated from more affordable housing east of town.
- Better than Boulder but not great
- What do you consider affordable? This is Boulder County! Build on the Eastern corridor but it's not going to be less affordable. You should have had a \$\$ in mind when you asked the question!
- East of 36.



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- Housing affordability is a problem in Lyons as it is everywhere in Boulder County. More rentals would support more diversity in our town.
- I answered above relative to our area. While costs here could generally be labeled high, I think that we fall in line with the general cost of living in Boulder County.
- density! ADUs are good for everyone-- non-displacement and affordable long-term rentals is a win-win
- Questions are hard to answer. The cost of living in Lyons and most of CO is very high compared to other states, but I wouldn't use the word "poor".
- Housing has reached market equity. The prices are set by the market. The days of a 50K or 100K or even 400K or 500K house in Boulder County are long gone.
- East/annexation area (old water treatment plant), Cemex
- It's a mystery. Build some in the buy out areas?
- If the Summit project ever actually happens, that will be great! But it would be good if rules allowed a few single women to rent together, who are not related. I know of several divorced or widowed women who have trouble with rules about "family" rentals.
- Don't need more housing, the size of the town and its population is about right.
- To be grasping at straws and settling for the last resort is no way to provide long-term affordable housing
- Longmont and Boulder offer affordable housing. Why does Lyons have to? There is not enough well paying jobs to support the people who are already here. Why bring more?
- Low income not needed. Bring in high end apartments/shops/restaurants. Don't pollute Lyons with low income characters/buildings. The town has a casual artsy vibe, don't ruin it by going downwards to cater to every single person like downtown cities.
- Very limited and very expensive
- Have owned a business for almost 28 years lost house in flood then lost rental to make into offices now renting and they want to sell house. New adorable housing still not started can't have a community if you can't work and live in town even as a small business owner and really hard to have employees
- Let's face it, only wealthy people can live here now. Yet our parks belong to the city of Longmont.
- We need more AH, but there is no place to put it. Don't break the bank (Town treasury) trying to cram it into places where it's too costly.
- Keep the developments out of the natural beauty that defines this town and only build east of 36. No brainer
- I think if more housing is going to be built it should be away from the main drag, on the way to Estes. Or possibly build another trailer park. The only way my sister and I were able to move here is because of the tony, cheap trailers on Seward St.
- As a rural town, Lyons does not have the infrastructure to support more affordable housing for Boulder County. Lyons has no public transportation, health care, big grocery, day care, etc. necessary to support residents of affordable housing.
- tiny home community?
- My landlords haven't done the bare minimum maintenance in over 4 years, but continue to raise rent on a yearly basis. Where are the renter's protections???
- I hope Lyons passes a similar measure as is on the ballot in Boulder, allowing rentals for each bedroom of a house! I'd love to see Tiny Homes allowed as an additional long-term rental on properties. Pretty much, allow increased density on properties.
- I think overall cost of living is greatly influenced by fact that we are very close to medium sized cities, Boulder and Longmont. But, would be great to continue to prioritize affordable housing here. Seems like additional housing space could be developed downtown by changing zoning to allow multi-story residential buildings on Main, Broadway and Railroad. I think Prospect in Longmont might be a model for this type of housing.
- We have to make it affordable to work and live here. It will require innovative ideas i.e. live work spaces and maybe co-op community living.

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- Price increase is insane, we couldn't afford to buy our current house
- A diversity of housing will encourage a diversity of population
- I don't want too much more housing
- Need more rental & affordable housing options.
- I think the CEMEX property and other areas in the Eastern Corridor could be converted into some really neat multi-use locations where retail and housing could intermingle.
- Eastern corridor, near high school, McCain property, industrial area on North end of 5th Ave
- mixed use downtown with some medium density would bring more people downtown. if you build it, they will come.
- There has been little accomplished to return the displaced or at least rebuild the affordable/workforce housing lost post-flood necessary for a diverse and thriving community.
- I believe the town is aware and working on these issues.
- eastern corridor, upgrade trailer park(s), ADUs if off street parking is available,
- I don't think there should be additional building here or in Colorado. We live in a high desert and water is at a premium. If you don't build it they won't stay!
- Adding more people will not make Lyons better.
- Lyons is very expensive to live here. There are very few affordable housing opportunities in Lyons.
- It's in the town's best interest to have diversified levels of housing to allow folks to both work and live in the community. A top heavy community doesn't help the overall economic health and viability of the town.
- Would like to see the eastern corridor area developed for housing - and have Lyons expanded eastward.
- The people trying to bring back the pre-flood people need to get over it.
- Housing in Lyons is more affordable than Boulder and will always be more expensive than less desirable locations, as should be expected.
- Any affordable option needs to have safe access to the schools
- Eastern corridor development and access.
- Continue to expand ADUs and multi-family units. These add to the fun character of neighborhoods.
- It is expensive to live in Lyons, and there are no businesses that support that. Conversely, if you want to have businesses/services, there are not many places where employees could afford to live.
- I think the community of Lyons needs to continue helping its own folks differently than catering to the tourist aspect.
- If possible, Lyons needs more low-income housing options.
- There is no available land for additional housing. The mayor gave away the last area to Boulder County. The town has fought any new development for years. Thus no place to build anything new
- I don't think there is a good solution. Not enough land. Even scraping some houses to build apartments would make them be too expensive. And subsidizing folks to live in an expensive area seems silly. You could subsidize more, in nicer housing in Longmont.
- I wish there was more affordable housing in Lyons
- I would hate to see Lyons packed full of housing. Definitely would lose the small town feel.
- There are not a lot of opportunities for working folks to buy a home that doesn't cap your ability to gain equity. There are also very few houses (if any) under \$400k which I understand is the average around here but that is unattainable to a lot of people.
- way too expensive
- Not sure, we do need affordable housing so artists and younger peeps whom Don't have a lot of money can live here and keep the eclectic vibe going
- The current residents don't seem interested in affordable housing.

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- Lyons needs more affordable homes to buy and rent. I would love to see duplexes, townhomes, and apartments for people to live. I would like the folks who work in Lyons be able to afford to live in Lyons.
- More ADUs for people to be able to afford Lyons
- We would like to be annexed into Lyons so we can have yurts, tiny homes and camping like WeeCasa Tiny House and Planet Bluegrass does. We would also really like a turning lane.
- Build back the 22 flood lots or sell back to the tax payers
- Eastern corridor
- I think the percentage of affordable housing in Lyons should be modeled off of standard percentages for towns our size, using established metrics.
- It doesn't have enough land to add more residential area. It would have to use the stone companies' property near the Circle K gas station.
- I was devastated when the affordable housing project was voted down after the flood. I was on the committee designing it. The cost of housing & renting in Lyons now is appalling, it's a sin what homes are going for in town & along the Front Range. Perhaps an option is using land along the eastern corridor for affordable housing & connecting trails or any available parcels in town. I think Lyons blew it by valuing parkland over people who called Lyons home for decades. We could have been a different kind of community & built green & sustainable affordable housing to bring our neighbors back who wanted to return after the flood. That was a sad turning point for our town. What happened to the more current project near the high school?
- It's hard to find affordable housing in Lyons due to the small size and the fact that we're surrounded by open space. The best place to think about building affordable housing would be the eastern corridor.
- What affordable housing? NIMBY reigns supreme - especially amongst residents who moved here in the last 20 years.
- Lyons valley park, the scraped lot by the river
- Lyons housing and affordability are a bit higher, but typical of the front range housing and affordability of other more desirable communities.
- housing opportunities should be explored behind the dog park and east of Hwy
- I think that supply and demand will always dictate that Lyons is on the upper end of the Boulder County housing affordability scale, and that the only thing that would alter that and bring our costs lower would be to subdivide more and more land into additional ~0.3 acre lots. I'd prefer not to cannibalize open space to do so.
- I like how so many people have structures behind their homes that they rent out long term (eg, one year leases). It gives them money, gives more people cheaper housing, keeps our town residents diverse, etc. I'm glad the Town keeps tabs on these and makes sure that they are clean, well-built, and such. We don't want a bunch of cheap junky places that degrade the town. I'm glad the Town is constantly talking about, and working toward more Affordable Housing. ==I'm wondering if they could research the land along Old St. Vrain to put up some nice, but inexpensive condos or simple apartment complexes there. There are some big old properties there, and some may have "senior," land owners who might consider putting their land in a trust for the town to get (buy) when they pass away. === I think this type of thing needs to be within walking distance of Lyons, so the renters could work as service people (clerks, waitress, caregivers, etc.) in the area. == That giant parking lot between the recycle bins and Bohn Park also seem like a good spot to build on. After all, the Valley condos are near Bohn Park & parking and are still very popular.
- east annex
- I wish we could find more spaces for affordable housing units, and I'd love to see encouragement of smaller homes, condos, etc. near the center of town especially.
- Maybe a portion of the eastern corridor could be used for a new mobile home park? We need a work force for our local businesses and typically lower income population supports local businesses more than higher income population.

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- We need to have more of it. If the people are willing to put unattractive solar panels in our town they should have been willing to put housing. It's very self centered.
- I am low income and am worried I will be priced out of Lyons soon.
- Lyons needs more private-sector-owned apartment rentals.
- The flood changed everything. The new restrictions on land created issues that may not be resolved. You have a build out issue with surrounding land having conservation easements or park land. The increased current value of any property in Boulder County creates the inability to have affordable housing. Covid only made it worse as people from other states are buying up real estate because they can work from home. My children cannot afford to find housing in the front range, it is a state issue not just a Lyons issue.
- Low income should mean LOW INCOME!
- I don't think the layout of the community/town lends itself to having a variety of housing options. There just isn't space to build new structures and many buildings are single-family owner-occupied. Surrounding communities like Longmont and Boulder, however, have lots of options. The Boulder/Denver/Front Range market collectively is not very affordable - I feel that Lyons is aligned with the Front Range market.
- Housing prices have gone through the roof. Not much in the way of rentals or rooms to rent, etc.
- We need no more housing in Lyons. Please stop selling out our small town by adding more and more housing developments.
- No affordable housing projects
- I am a millennial, and basically have accepted that I may never own a home and will work until I die... it's hard to wrap my head around that changing, especially in this area. We "lucked out" finding our place, but it still isn't exactly easy to pay rent for what we (my partner and I) make as income.
- Not interested in expanding housing options or the town will get too large.
- The current affordable housing project by the high school is biased. No small townhomes for singles. And does not allow single
- There needs to be more diversity .. a plan to help businesses recruit workers to Lyons where they have options to live in the community.
- Allow rvs and tiny homes as housing alternatives.
- Along highway 36
- Lyons needs more affordable housing! Eastern corridor?
- This is a challenging topic at baseline, made worse by the pandemic and already skyrocketing prices along the Colorado front range. We live in a very desirable location. Relative to Boulder and Longmont, our cost of living is average...relative to Anthem or Erie, it's worse.
- This is a tough question. I was disappointed when the Bohn Park affordable housing plan got scrapped. That would've been a great place for it.
- I'll soon be priced out of the community I've grown up in, even with a total household income of over \$100k a year
- More affordable housing would help those with less resources. It's the whole community, not just those with expansive resources and privilege.
- It needs to be cheaper to live here. Keeping the people here that make this town great is a big deal. Most of the core group has moved due to cost of housing
- Housing is expensive all over, we bought a long time ago when reasonable. There aren't affordable houses for starter homes which is a bummer. Need the world to become affordable again, \$ rising to fast...
- We are really high but compared to Boulder we are still affordable and in general in line with the rest of the state.
- Allow tiny house communities and tiny houses anywhere ADU's allowed (back parking spaces)
- Would apartment-based housing in the eastern corridor area be a viable option?

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- Look for micro mixed-use, higher density opportunities east of 2nd avenue west of recycling drop off. It's currently a dirt parking lot. Look for opportunities along Main and Broadway for redevelopment, commercial street level residential above.
- Albeit much more affordable than Boulder, and inexpensive compared to many areas in Colorado, Lyons is still expensive. Although I don't rent, less expensive rentals seem to be hard to find (from what I hear from others). And although not 'in town', I'm still perplexed as to why the east corridor is not further developed. Last night I was enjoying music at one of our local beer gardens and nearly everyone I spoke with was from Longmont, Hygiene, and nearby areas. Folks are willing to drive 10-15 minutes to come here for dinner, drinks, and entertainment vs. going to Longmont or Boulder. Why is this land sitting stagnant?
- Housing that supports local jobs is important to keep the town dynamic strong.
- I think allowing folks to rent out rooms to offset the high cost of living is helpful
- I'd be willing to invest in affordable housing.
- Can use more affordable housing
- There is only so much land - due to a number of factors. But you know this.
- I support broader opportunity for above-board, inspected supplemental housing units for longer term rental but advocate that short-term rentals continue to be very closely monitored in order to make Lyons more affordable for newcomers and young families, especially single parents.
- Additional housing could be along the Eastern Corridor
- Other subdivisions will be built, probably via annexation. The town must demand a certain percentage of affordable housing of the same building types as the subdivision contains. More Habitat homes. More R2 and R3 zoning to expand rental opportunities. More mixed-use building downtown (even if it's market rate, it still helps the rental market). Incentives for landlords to offer rent below market rate.
- Eastern corridor
- Please don't build too much more here in terms of housing!
- Support and incentivize ADU's, support mixed use development allowing combo of residential and business in business district.
- Infill and zoning that will allow higher density in town.
- There is no affordable housing only for has the money
- Stop trying to grow town size and add more affordable housing.
- It's really not the town's fault that the housing market is over-inflated. All of CO is like this because there is an excessive amount of people moving here that is driving up the cost of housing. Just have to consider the working-middle-class folks that live here and not cater to the excessively rich (CA and TX) tech industry, like Boulder town. Also these people are influencing common sense politics and these mandates do not belong in a small town. This is not a heavily populated city, so we need to value our community and not those of the elite because they have all the money and power!
- I was alarmed a couple of years back while meeting with the planning committee that Lyons doesn't appear to realize that Stone Mountain Lodge is part of the Lyons Planning area agreed upon with Boulder County - 47 acres (some not available for development). The committee was evaluating Apple Valley but ignoring the property just across the street that could provide tax support for any annexation related to the area. I'm not a developer but its easy to see the potential of this much land for commercial development or low income housing. Both have their benefits to the community, commercial providing sales tax revenue to support the annexation of the area and low income housing to provide access to those moderate income folks that are the workforce supporting the town economy. Boulder County regulations make it virtually impossible for us to do anything to update and improve this gorgeous property. There is also substantial historic significance to the property. Did you know Lilly Lyons lived in our 100+ year old cabin?
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Q 7B: DO YOU HAVE ANY OTHER COMMENTS RELATED TO HOUSING AND AFFORDABILITY OR THOUGHTS ABOUT LOCATIONS WHERE ADDITIONAL HOUSING COULD BE SUPPORTED IN LYONS?

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- More condos
- I'm hopeful that the Summit project will make a real impact on affordability. It's a reality that we live in a desirable market, so to be sustainable it is going to take collective will to actively work toward equity.
- No more houses
- We need more affordable housing
- I know it's so very hard to find the right spot for affordable housing. I think ADUs are somewhat of a good answer for everyone. It can help people pay their mortgage and also help others find rentals.
- Eastern corridor multi-use (business/residential) structures for low income individuals and families
- Boulder County supports Boulder price gouging. Do you realize 1 in 3 relos are from Texas, Florida or California? No sticker shock there
- How about affordable housing instead of solar panels to save money for rich people?
- Affordable housing should be one of the towns top concerns. Particularly more affordable rental options.
- Allow more tiny houses before building more apartments.
- I am a 26 year old with a steady job and successful career in Lyons. I don't anticipate that I will be able to afford housing in Lyons even considering that my work is here, and that's really upsetting.
- It seems to mimic the front range in the aspect of well we have a home so it doesn't matter to me that you can't find/afford a home here.
- The residences set aside in the Summit project are a great step. To keep those affordable, the Town will have to continue to restrict eligibility based on income and limit appreciation. There are space and fiscal limits to doing other projects like this though - anything built and open to the free market will fetch top dollar . Seek opportunities to influence nearby development of spaces like at 36 & 66 intersection and east of there.
- Only talk, no real action to return our long time residents after the flood. What happened to all the FEMA money.? Built up some nice parks tout don't allow Urban Campers or homeless.
- How about the new development they're talking about on 66 near the honey store? That could be a great mixed use development with affordable housing included (plus a pharmacy!)
- the range of answer is not equally distributed: poor is the only negative response - all the other responses would be considered pretty good. biased?
- Affordability is not a Lyons specific issue, it certainly affect all of Boulder county and the larger front range. We are doing the right thing with an affordable development.
- Seems that affordable housing needs to be included in the giant subdivisions north of town and in Stone Canyon, where the footprint of those homes and their light pollution seems out of sync with the rest of town.



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- Rethink zoning for affordability. Lots of progressive ideas around the nation. Be Bold. Look to Austin, Minneapolis, Portland for "middle housing" concept. Maybe zoning could be reinvestigated for duplexes/triplexes or ADU's for long term rentals only.
- You should count all affordable housing. The trailers and motel-style places at 224 Seward are low-cost but I heard since it's a private owner, they are not counted. Even if you have to make up a second category, they should be counted, e.g. Currently low-cost though not under Boulder County government rules.
- More affordable housing. I know there is a lot of nimby going around I, but I think more low income housing is needed.
- I think the reality is Colorado has gotten expensive. It's the way things are: A lot of people want to be here (demand) and so prices go up. It's not ideal, but then, I used to be able to drive to Vail in 1.5 hours from Loveland. In my estimate it's not ideal to have the state's population go from 1.5 million to 6 million in my lifetime. Rising prices are a reality when Colorado is a very desirable state. I don't think people have a "right" to live places. That said, we should make it possible to help people be here who are great and necessary for the community. That said, we are not a box canyon far from more affordable communities. While I don't want Lyons to feel like an elite community I also don't want to see some sort of utopian plan in place to make sure everything is balanced and "fair."
- I am glad they are going to build the Summit Affordable Housing, We need it. The trouble is we so not have much buildable land out-of-the flood plain.
- Open space needs to be protected. Zoning could be changed to allow for more ADUs, multi-family units, live-work units etc.

HOUSING AND AFFORDABILITY: PARKS AND RECREATION

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HOUSING AND AFFORDABILITY: TRANSPORTATION

- Transportation from Estes Park for commutability.
- I thought we were going to get more built out on the Eastern side of town proper, near the buildout of the Markel homes? Also, what about all that land that was annexed into town out by the Stoplight on 36/66 could housing go out there? Although we would need a SAFE bike path to do that, because Diamond Shamrock is a death trap.

HOUSING AND AFFORDABILITY: LAND USE AND GROWTH

- There isn't much room in Lyons. This is potentially an issue for long term stability of the town since growth is necessary for growth. No growth means no additional tax income to the town.
- Do away with R-1 zoning, allow single family conversions to multifamily, do not build on undeveloped land.
- STOP UNCONTROLLED BUILDING. STOP THIS UNPOPULAR EXPANSION EAST OF LYONS. YOU ARE DESTROYING THE AREA.
- Please don't sprawl to the east!! Maintain small town charm and character. More tiered development that provides for a full spectrum of people and supports a viable workforce.
- I was alarmed a couple of years back while meeting with the planning committee that Lyons doesn't appear to realize that Stone Mountain Lodge is part of the Lyons Planning area agreed upon with Boulder County - 47 acres (some not available for development). The committee was evaluating Apple Valley but ignoring the property just across the street that could provide tax support for any annexation related to the area. I'm not a developer but its easy to see the potential of this much land for commercial development or low income housing. Both have their benefits to the community, commercial providing sales tax revenue to support the annexation of the area and low income housing to provide access to those moderate income folks that are the workforce supporting the town economy. Boulder County regulations make it virtually impossible for us to do anything to update and improve this gorgeous property. There is also substantial historic significance to the property. Did you know Lilly Lyons lived in our 100+ year old cabin? Surrounded by about 500 acres of open space, this property could also provide access to potential hiking and biking trails.

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- Easter corridor

HOUSING AND AFFORDABILITY: ECONOMIC VITALITY

- I'd love to see more condo complexes near downtown so that downtown businesses could be supported even more than before.

HOUSING AND AFFORDABILITY: SUSTAINABILITY

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HOUSING AND AFFORDABILITY: UTILITIES AND ENGINEERING

- Utilities seem extra high hear as well
- the utilities in this town are outrageous and it has caused us to be moving to pinewood for more affordability this winter.

HOUSING AND AFFORDABILITY: OTHER

- No
- I wish I had ideas! I don't think it's unique to Lyons , but all of Colorado. And many other states as well!
- Not sure
- I appreciate that Lyons community and government are concerned about this issue and work to address it.
- My Item 11 average cost opinions are vs. the rest of Colorado.
- It seems pretty in line with what his happening in Boulder County.
- Most of answers in #11 are true everywhere around here. The real problem is overpopulation.



## Q8B: DO YOU HAVE OTHER COMMENTS RELATED TO COMMUNITY HEALTH?

### COMMUNITY HEALTH: HOUSING AND HUMAN SERVICES

- clinic and pharmacy are needed
- Need doctor for aging population, suggestion Matthew Brett
- Many of the long-time residents need to be more polite and accepting of new comers. A program to bring the old and new members of the community together is needed.
- We need a concerted effort to attract: a medical clinic, a pharmacy, a grocery store with non-tourist prices, a laundromat...basic services that a town needs.
- Wish we could have a doctor here even once a week
- Lyons is a small town, do resources are stretched. LEAF and other groups do well to support the needs of the town.
- Definitely could use an urgent care/clinic and pharmacy. Local Gym - Community Center
- How about a health clinic.
- a pharmacy in town would be so helpful... and a rec center or gym
- LEAF has a really big role here and I think they are working diligently to up that game. I really enjoy how open we are but believe that is really driven by our community itself.
- Yes, Lyons has very little local medical/dental/vision care; we have to go to Boulder or Longmont. This is not a hindrance. As to the "openness and acceptance" question, I feel this is a purposefully agitating question. I have never ONCE seen any sign of intolerance in Lyons and to ask this question is ridiculous for this community.
- No local doctors!
- We need a pharmacy and a proper store. A community gym would be awesome.
- Lyons is a small town. Residents go to Boulder or Longmont for health related issues and shopping.
- We lack recreational centers other than parks. And there is no healthcare anymore.
- The help from the fire dept for my mom when she fell was spectacular.
- There is respect for larger public health directives and that needs to be maintained if not improved upon.
- It would be great to have an urgent care in town.
- We have excellent medical facilities in Boulder and Longmont.
- If you can't drive, it's challenging. Would be nice to have a weekly clinic with a doctor or PA in town for low income and non-drivers.
- We are pretty close to Boulder and Longmont so our healthcare and grocery options are quite good. It's not reasonable to expect these types of services right in town when the town is so small but close to cities that have more than 100k people.
- We have great preschool providers but my understanding is that there are not enough in Lyons. We have a senior center with affordable housing in town but no longer a doctor office.
- Sorry to hear some older residents referencing alienation from newer residents whose interests they perceive as different than their own - hope this can be bridged in coming years. The library seems like a good neutral institution that is available to all without access fees, and belongs to everyone.
- It would be great to get UC Health to open a clinic here
- There seems to be an assumption (e.g. Redstone Review articles) that many people are doing poorly mentally. Is the problem real?
- It was nice having medical facilities right in town but I get that our community is not large enough to support that. Longmont and Boulder are not to far away.
- It's too bad that we don't have much in the way of these services in town, rather than having to go to Longmont or Boulder.

- You really need a car to get to many medical facilities. Community feels very safe.
- COVID isolation taught us that many people don't know what is available in the St Vrain Market. It is an excellent market. Some items are too expensive, but cheaper options are no farther than across a big city.
- If we are to truly be caring, then we need to have facilities for varied groups of people, not just 2 income household that are wealthier. I cannot afford to live in town... I would LOVE for my parents to be able to relocate here, but the cost is so high 😞
- Losing bus service in Lyons was a big loss for those who can't or don't drive. Losing a local doctor's office in Lyons was unfortunate.
- Sorely lacking - although the array of creative medical alternatives / supplements / options are fascinating.
- I would love a clinic back in town.
- Need a medical facility
- The loss of the medical clinic was a real bummer.
- So sad when our medical center left and wish that space would be occupied by another medical provider.
- Community health is good and access to alternative health care is really good . This is acceptable for a community located close to larger cities with full medical and mental health services.
- We need Dr. Brett back!
- We miss the clinic SO much. We need it back...desperately.
- We need a pharmacy and a clinic/ doctor
- Miss the medical clinic
- Thanks to LEAF and LCF, there is funding for valuable aid programs, in cooperation with the Town. But we all wish we had a medical clinic/pharmacy again! Miss Doc Rakotz!
- Need a general clinic to avoid Longmont or boulder travel.
- Mandate vaccinations
- I wish the clinic would come back.
- LEAF does a great job.
- Lyons is a small rural town. Healthcare, grocery stores, and other amenities are found in larger neighboring towns like Boulder and Longmont.
- miss the clinic!!!!
- We don't have a local doctor
- Lyons needs to continue to partner with County and State programs that maintain and seek to improve Community Health.
- We need a clinic.
- It would be ideal to have a family doctor and dentist in Lyons
- Need some type of medical facility/clinic in town again/local doctor
- Childcare is pretty impossible here. And my parents won't come move here to help us out because there's no medical facilities. An urgent care would go a long way.
- It would be good to have a doctor working in town a few days a week. I know my doctor in Longmont talked about finding a place to work here once or twice a week. She is excellent!
- It would be nice to have a clinic for emergencies. Most people go to Longmont or Boulder.
- We desperately need a medical clinic/medical care in our community.
- There is excellent access to healthcare within a 30 minute drive
- I go into the surrounding towns for most of my health and recreation.
- Too small of a town to support much.
- Lyons needs a Recreation Center and a pool. The medical office by Oskar Blues needs reopened.
- Lyons needs a healthcare clinic and pharmacy. Both closed in the last 10 years. This is very important for our aging population. It's a minimum 15 minute drive to have your basic medical needs met.
- We don't have a doctor here in town anymore. Also a grocery store with regular prices would be nice

- It would be great if the town had a small clinic. I don't know if Cemex is burning more tires.
- It would be nice to have an affordable clinic in town for emergencies. Although, Boulder & Longmont are not that far away.
- Because Lyons is such a small community it's hard to support a health clinic so I understand our community needing to drive to Boulder, Longmont or Estes Park to receive care. There are some things that we need to accept due to our size.
- Would like to see a medical clinic back in town
- People need to give up on putting medical help in the same building as before, as the renter has blocked that effort. There needs to be a strong leader in bringing back a medical center, as we have an increasing number of retired people who need quicker access. I know some who have left town to be closer to medical help. Plus school kids and sports -- injuries. Vaccines and testing access. Some go monthly for tests. quick x rays. Hey, get some rich guy who paid tuition for his son to be a doctor to build a clinic for him! == skip the swimming pool. that's a waste of money. == the Affordable food (store) thing wont happen... it's silly to expect it in a small town with easy access to large markets ... and Lyons poor people have a great Food Bank.
- Childcare has been a real challenge for us. We would love to have better access to quality childcare, as it would translate to more income for our household.
- I was sad to see the local clinic go and I'd be excited to see something that like back in town.
- I wish a medical facility would open up here again
- I was very disappointed that the medical clinic closed, which was the fault of the hospital which oversaw it. It's too bad that the building sits empty.
- Wish we had a clinic and a pharmacy
- No place to buy affordable food in Lyons, one had to go into Longmont. Lyons would benefit from a store like grocery outlet. There also isn't an emergency 24 hour vet, no real place to get medical care, etc. I live in Pinewood and go to Estes for healthcare and some groceries. There is also no pharmacy that my insurance or goodrx works at. Very difficult for people on a fixed income (the elderly) and those without transportation.
- Lyons is a small rural community. Most residents go to Boulder and/or Longmont for medical care and grocery shopping. We don't have the population to support these types of services.
- Miss the clinic!
- A health clinic and pharmacy with sliding scale very important for community
- need to get clinic open again
- As much as I love Lyons, I do all of my grocery shopping and doctor's visits in Longmont and Boulder. We are on a tight budget and would never be able to do our grocery shopping (for a family of 4) here in town. Also, there is not very much in terms of medical care in town. When my kids were little, we also spent a lot of time at the rec center in Boulder because of the pool and various classes that they offered. As for openness and acceptance, I feel that people here are extremely kind, accepting and caring - until I look at the Lyons Facebook pages. On Facebook, people are rude and judgmental. I would definitely tell anyone who is new to town to stay off of those pages. When I stay off of them, I am able to base my opinions of this town on the interactions I have with others and when I do that, I can't imagine living anywhere else.
- I would welcome efforts not only to make more affordable housing available, but to prioritize access for those who are employed (or become employed) in Lyons in jobs such as teachers, home health care aides, fire or police, or work for the town, so that those who work in the field of community health (broadly conceived) can afford to live her and benefit from their own efforts at making Lyons a strong community.
- Would be nice to have a doctor's office, in addition to Stillwater.
- Miss having a local doctor
- While medical access is poor in the immediate Lyons area, it is accessible in the nearby Denver/Boulder metro areas. I think this is probably typical of a small town such as Lyons. Similarly for food, it is difficult for small towns in general to have the volume of sales to support a typical supermarket and the volumes necessary for low cost food purchases.

- It is unconscionable that we have no med center, pharmacy, public transportation (yeah, RTD, that means YOU!. I still have to pay your tax on every purchase & for what?) Where is my laundromat? That's a basic service!!!!
- A pharmacy would be nice.
- Why is there no medical clinic here? And no pharmacy? That's crazy.
- It would be great if there was a small urgent care in town.
- I feel for the SRO and the Sheriffs, as I hear lately, that they are understaffed and that the range in Boulder County they have to cover is huge. It seems we need to push for resources in the county, to hire additional officers/encourage young people to consider this as a career (I hear also that there is a dearth of people going into the profession). It seems that Lyons needs more help protecting our amazing parks, given recent vandalism. Perhaps a community public safety volunteer group that gets trained in the essentials, because we want to protect our town and maintain it's beauty?
- Let's get a medical center or a visiting medical group coming to town.
- We need an office where the seniors can get emergency help...like blood test, infections, ear ache, cough, etc. We have no doctor, or nurse in town to take care of people, especially seniors.

#### COMMUNITY HEALTH: TRANSPORTATION

- Losing bus service in Lyons was a big loss for those who can't or don't drive. Losing a local doctor's office in Lyons was unfortunate.
- Better—any—enforcement of traffic regulations in residential areas would be nice.
- Within 20 minutes of Lyons there are excellent medical, shopping, restaurant, cultural, and recreational options. It's great when Lyons hosts a new restaurant or shop, but we are not an isolated small town out on the plains; and to grow to provide similar options even closer to home would be a mistake. But we do need much better mass transit to our neighboring metropolises.
- air pollution and smog are bad; we need to support low emission transport between Boulder and Longmont and find ways to reduce traffic in town.
- Medical care is ok if you can get to Boulder or Longmont. We've lost ground on safety and walkability in the last ten years.
- The school zone around Lyons Elementary School needs to be addressed ASAP. There should be a sidewalk from US 36 to High Street along 3rd Ave, why is there not one?! It's crazy how many kids dodge cars every day on 3rd Ave and are walking in the ditch or in the road.
- The speed limit is too high as we come into our little town. Our children cross the street at McConnell/Stone Canyon and highway 36 to go to school and enjoy recreational activities. I am so thankful for the traffic light that was put in there a few years back, now if we can just lower the speed limit to keep our community members safe.
- How about Safe Route to Schools? Let's put in some sidewalks and do some enforcement in school zones
- Lyons is obviously a town built to be a thoroughfare for Estes Park and Allenspark traffic... It is a car-centric town, and crosswalks and bike lanes seem to be an afterthought. I don't feel safe biking to shops on Main St, and I wouldn't want my children walking to the park on their own. There needs to be better enforcement of speeding and blowing past pedestrians trying to cross the road.
- I think it is dangerous walking on route 36 and that sidewalks are needed.
- Great sidewalks, but the crossing lights need some work for kids.
- Human and bicycle transport could be done more safely. Also, public transportation options are poor
- If you live in Lyons Valley Park, there are a lot of community opportunities of acceptance and openness. However, if you live outside of that area, like an Eagle Canyon, it is hard to make connections because we don't even have a simple sidewalk to connect us to town.
- I think some stuff on the north side really needs improvement especially for elementary school. Things like sidewalks
- Zero 'medical' care, and limited healthcare services as a whole. I love having access to a local market and hope that never goes away, and I understand that because of the scale it's simply going to be more expensive than standard grocery. I'd rather drive 10-15 minutes to a standard grocery vs. having a large

grocery in town. Very few towns have the recreational access we do in such a small area (~1 sq mile). Public safety - I feel comfortable walking town at any time at night, and don't feel I'll be attacked, robbed, etc. However, two areas of concern are theft and street crossings. I've now had four instances of theft at my home on 2nd Ave. over the last 3-4 years, and this is ever increasing. Crossing 36/Broadway is treacherous. I also wish the speed limit would be reduced coming into town, 35-40mph, and also turn to 25mph prior to the first crosswalk.

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#### COMMUNITY HEALTH: LAND USE AND GROWTH

- Lots of new not so friendly people trying to change the home fill of the town

#### COMMUNITY HEALTH: SUSTAINABILITY

- air pollution and smog are bad; we need to support low emission transport between Boulder and Longmont and find ways to reduce traffic in town.
- Climate change is putting this community in great danger of long-term droughts and wildfires, especially Lyons surrounding areas in Boulder and Larimer County. But, we have no access to Lyons services in this regard. Because of this, we are not planning on staying in Lyons long-term.
- Concerned about pesticide use around

#### COMMUNITY HEALTH: PARKS AND RECREATION

- Definitely could use an urgent care/clinic and pharmacy. Local Gym - Community Center
- a pharmacy in town would be so helpful... and a rec center or gym
- We need a pharmacy and a proper store. A community gym would be awesome.
- We lack recreational centers other than parks. And there is no healthcare anymore.
- I go into the surrounding towns for most of my health and recreation.
- Lyons needs a Recreation Center and a pool. The medical office by Oskar Blues needs reopened.
- Lyons needs a healthcare clinic and pharmacy. Both closed in the last 10 years. This is very important for our aging population. It's a minimum 15-minute drive to have your basic medical needs met.
- I do not have young children, but when we did, we were on waiting list for 6 months. As for access to recreational facilities, terrible May through October on weekends! I hate it!
- The town received \$3 million from CMEX that they could've built a recreational building and instead they decided to spend it on worthless crap. It should've been put to a vote and not left up to a town board to decide what to do with it.
- Again, I do not think the rating scale matches the questions very well in 13. For the current aging population, I think we do a good job assisting them with our current resources; however, we are way behind in regard to the general population. Public Safety - I feel VERY safe in Lyons. However, we do not even have a full-time person in town and ideally we would for an emergency. Although we have access to outdoor activities, we do not have much for indoor recreational opportunities.
- I think a small community rec center with a pool would be really welcomed in Town and would be a way better investment and more heavily used than the library. It would allow seniors to get exercise and take classes including low-impact water aerobics and would be used by families with small children (think kiddie pools and water play features) and the youth in Town. The library costs most homeowners in Town \$400-\$600 per year for ever because it does not pay its own way--it's an unsustainable cost sink and is an outdated product. The revenue could have been used to purchase every kid in town a laptop with a subscription to read millions of books...let's explore converting the library into a rec center with a pool, weight room, and cardio equipment. Monthly memberships would likely generate enough revenue to pay for itself and perhaps more. It would be great for the whole community instead of just the vocal minority that pushed the library through.
- Would love to build a community pool or pool at the high school for swim team.
- We would Love to Vote/Save for our own Recreational Center/Pool!!!
- We need a rec center.

- Recreation District and Recreation Center are sorely needed here.
- I'm not sure about access for healthcare and access. I seek out healthcare in Boulder and Longmont - I do not expect a small community like this to have its own infrastructure for healthcare, and when moving here, I was committed to keeping my healthcare and other community-based needs in Boulder.
- I would love to see a rec center and indoor pool (potentially outdoor, but that might not work with the wildlife).
- Need public exercise park
- I moved to Lyons content with the notion that supermarkets, department stores, and most health care (including emergency rooms) were all 15+ minutes away, which is not unusual in some large cities (accounting for traffic). For what we have in terms of quiet and access to natural surroundings, I'm tempted to call more of these good than average. It would be great if Lyons had something along the lines of a recreational facility, especially for youth and older populations who can't always independently take advantage of outdoor recreation, as well as place for indoor wintertime activities.
- More attention to at-risk youth. More programs/opportunities for teens.
- I like that there are alternative medicine establishments, like acupuncture, chiropractor, spiritual healing. I wish there were more exercise businesses or groups. There's one Pilates and yoga site on Main St. I would like to see more options and variety in the exercise department.
- I feel for the SRO and the Sheriffs, as I hear lately, that they are understaffed and that the range in Boulder County they have to cover is huge. It seems we need to push for resources in the county, to hire additional officers/encourage young people to consider this as a career (I hear also that there is a dearth of people going into the profession). It seems that Lyons needs more help protecting our amazing parks, given recent vandalism. Perhaps a community public safety volunteer group that gets trained in the essentials, because we want to protect our town and maintain its beauty?
- It would be great to have an outdoor lap/play pool but adding expensive indoor facilities doesn't seem cost effective given all the amazing outdoor recreation we have in this town. I would've given recreational facilities an excellent for the trails, but I know there is limited "facility" for what is typical. I have no interest in being typical with expensive indoor rec centers. Kids and adults need to be outside more in society not less. Lyons is a place for that.
- I wish there was a swimming pool in town.
- While I appreciate the access to recreational opportunities, I do frequently feel that even though I live here I don't really get to experience them given crowds from outside. I suspect nothing can be done about that, but it is frustrating.

#### COMMUNITY HEALTH: ECONOMIC VITALITY

- Lyons is a small town. Residents go to Boulder or Longmont for health-related issues and shopping.
- COVID isolation taught us that many people don't know what is available in the St Vrain Market. It is an excellent market. Some items are too expensive, but cheaper options are no farther than across a big city.
- the access to affordable food is not even a thing. the market has extremely high prices (which I'm fine with... it's more of a general store) .... but now that ralph is gone there's really no access for underserved populations facing soc determinants of health to have access to healthy affordable food for their families.
- starting to see some evidence of driving the lower class out, or longer time residents cashing in on the investment they made long ago, but not staying. some businesses struggling to survive (and at the same time, strong women combining forces and sharing all they have to give it their best shot)
- Town council needs to focus on finances

#### COMMUNITY HEALTH: ECOLOGY

- Concerned about pesticide use around

#### COMMUNITY HEALTH: ARTS AND HUMANITIES

- Lyons needs a healthcare clinic and pharmacy. Both closed in the last 10 years. This is very important for our aging population. It's a minimum 15-minute drive to have your basic medical needs met.



- It was wonderful to have the concerts in the park again this past summer, it truly supports the local community's mental health.

COMMUNITY HEALTH: OTHER

- I feel there is an underlying tone of racism and conservativeness in Lyons that people chose not to see but it is definitely present.
- In terms of openness and acceptance, I think Lyons sees itself as a very open and accepting community and in many ways it is, but we have to ask ourselves why there aren't more people of color in the community and why people of color have left the town - what are the ideologies and behaviors that are perpetuated - and how can we reverse that trend to create a more open and accepting environment and community for people from all different backgrounds to live and thrive.
- There's a lot of loud noise especially in the evenings that carries into neighborhoods. Noise from leaf blowers and home and park construction is much too frequent this causes a lot of fatigue and stress. I think we should have an ordinance for leaf blowers windows are unable to block their noise.
- OPENESS AND ACCEPTANCE? THATS A JOKE. LOOK WHAT LYONS DID TO FIRE CHIEF HOFFMAN
- Open "mindedness" in Lyons is a joke. If you're not in lockstep with the Lin's in town, you're in the out group
- No. Don't know enough about our CH or issues
- Having less or no access to alcohol and marijuana would benefit the community.
- openness and acceptance seem to come out in an "us vs. them" mentality against newcomers and specific social-political groups.
- Only open and accepting of liberal thoughts and ideas as evidence from everyday talk on the FB page.
- We have issues with acceptance in this community that are concerning, and pervasive in some of our school faculty too
- Go read the town FB pages and tell me it's open and accepting, give me a break.
- We had an incident where our black nanny was singled out by a park host and told she could not sit in the park with our children when several other white women watching children nearby were allowed to do so. The city "investigated" and just dropped it with no action. Very disappointing and egregious support of bigotry in Lyons
- I have no idea what you mean by openness and acceptance. I do think that the community is generally welcoming and friendly.
- i didn't know that was in Lyons
- Town has numerous opportunities for seniors
- There is a bit of racism and LGBTQAI+ prejudice in Lyons still. It seems over the last 6yrs, the problem has become worse.
- No comment.
- No
- Don't need a big expensive library
- Funny to hear the original families talk about new people, wonder when we are accepted if not born here... a division for sure....
- We need inspired leadership. We need people who care about more than themselves in position to make decisions for the town.
- We are probably too small to support a grocery store, and we have tried having a medical clinic. We might just have to live with these shortcomings if we want a small town. Fortunately, Boulder and Longmont are relatively close.

## Q9B: DO YOU HAVE OTHER COMMENTS RELATED TO CULTURE AND EDUCATION?

### CULTURE AND EDUCATION: HOUSING AND HUMAN SERVICES

- It would be great to have more outreach programs for low-income families

### CULTURE AND EDUCATION: PARKS AND RECREATION

- There are likely opportunities in but aware of. In general, Lyons seems to strive to offer a variety of activities and opportunities for a wide range of people.
- Not sure of youth activities today, but I don't believe much has changed and we drove to Longmont or Boulder for most activities.
- More programs at the library, a GYM would be awesome - where kids are welcome - youth community center
- Build a pool (but a nice pool that will attract out of town visitors who will spend money in town)
- Terrific library!!
- The parks and rec department does a poor job of classes offered and maintenance of fields
- I think we could have more in town opportunities for young kids. Story time at the library is awesome ... what could we do in parks, etc., like that?
- I think we need another tennis court. More recreational opportunities for adults including seniors.
- A rec center would be GREAT.
- Youth and Adult activities would be enhanced if we had a community/rec center. Something small (maybe next to Sr housing on the Sandstone plot?) that housed some meeting rooms and a weight/work out room would be great. I don't think the town could support a full-size rec center.
- Through the library, we are trying to offer more programs for Lyons' youth.
- What about an indoor swimming pool? This would be great for school kids, swim teams, knowledge of HOW to swim, elderly people and be a wonderful exercise opportunity year-round!
- Our parks are magnificent. Our hiking and biking opportunities are wonderful. Our music and art events are fantastic. Our library is terrific. Everything we can do to continue to support those aspects in our community will go a long way to keeping this town great!
- I love seeing the library offerings!
- Cultural and Art Recreation Center!!
- We need a Rec center in town. We need places for the youth of town to gather. We need more events and activities for town youth.
- Would love to have a venue for Theater and performing arts....more acting classes, how to paint classes, adult dance classes through the town...AFFORDABLE
- Be nice to have a rec center (public or private) with equipment and 4 -season pool.
- Please never change or remove The Labyrinth
- love the festivals and other music venues that are popping up
- Music is an obvious strength. Keep building on it. We're known for great music and great biking. Lyons is an obvious shoulder-season destination for cyclists. Keep building on these strengths.
- As I said above a swimming pool and rec center would give young and old something to do. Of course, there are trails and the river but winter is long
- We need a community center for educational classes for all age groups.
- Community rec center would be awesome
- I love the public art all over town. I'd like to see this supported and grow.
- Great parks, library and outdoor space.
- More after school rec like gymnastics, etc. would be fun - so would a community pool!!
- I wish more of the hiking trails allowed dogs.



- When we moved here there was \$500k fr Cemex, we had just moved here and suggested a community center, and everyone was up in arms. Still seems like a good idea to me.
- It would be great to have a rec center
- Lights for the baseball fields!! Opportunity to Host tournaments
- Wish there were more activities outside for youth to take advantage of nearby stuff- problem is they just want to be on their electronic devices anyways so wouldn't work due to low turnout.
- We were able to get a library with a Library Tax District. It would be awesome to have a Recreational Facility Tax District with the western Longmont area and Hygiene to afford an indoor Recreational Facility.
- Please never change or remove The Labyrinth
- Our parks are absolutely amazing. Best ever.
- The new library is a tremendous asset.
- The Town is short on funds for activities-we hire a Recreation Director for one-or two times a week for Seniors and everyone; There is no funds to revive our Lyons as Good Old Day, which we held in June the past 43 years...the last two cancelled due to COVID. Now they have not given any funds to revive it. We some funds allocated to the Lyons Good Old Day and need a steady person for these things. Of course someone to lead crafts; The Seniors are offered a meal twice a week, which is nice, and probably after COVID will start their Senior gatherings. We have had some good trips to dinner theatres, Christmas lights, etc.;
- Youth activities outside of school have been a significant reason we chose to raise our family here. They have gotten to know kids and other families quite well and feel supported by other adults in their life. Seeing the positive benefits of this community inspires other parents/adults to get involved to keep good, quality activities available in town.

#### CULTURE AND EDUCATION: TRANSPORTATION

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#### CULTURE AND EDUCATION: ECONOMIC VITALITY

- My impression of Lyons schools is that they are outstanding, although that is also a reflection of the socioeconomic status of many residents. The schools do seem to involve the community and we've been positively impressed with the high school students that have worked at Stone Mountain Lodge. With three young grandkids, we're excited as they begin school here in Lyons.
- Please allow businesses to have music late night. I think this town is known for its arts and music interests. So, it's very disturbing that on the weekends, the Main Stage, Prickly Pear, Pizza Bar 66, and others are denied music. People like to be out and enjoy the food and music. When the bands stop, guess what? Businesses suffer profits because no one wants to be out and won't continue spending money.
- Businesses in town do an amazing job and we need to support them!

#### CULTURE AND EDUCATION: SUSTAINABILITY

- The Lyons community and the Town could benefit from hosting educational events (movie showings, lectures, workshops, etc.) about sustainable, regenerative ways of living for individuals to be able to do on their own and opportunities to work with the Town on sustainability projects to build community and resilience.

#### CULTURE AND EDUCATION: ARTS AND HUMANITIES

- I prefer art, sculpture and painting by local artists. Support local artists first. There is a sculpture at the corner of 3rd and Main Street that blocks the view of approaching cars on 3rd
- More children's public art
- Our parks are magnificent. Our hiking and biking opportunities are wonderful. Our music and art events are fantastic. Our library is terrific. Everything we can do to continue to support those aspects in our community will go a long way to keeping this town great!
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- Music is an obvious strength. Keep building on it. We're known for great music and great biking. Lyons is an obvious shoulder-season destination for cyclists. Keep building on these strengths.
- I love the public art all over town. I'd like to see this supported and grow.
- Too many ugly public art works.
- Public art's a nice idea, but rarely meets expectations. Art is hard.
- Too much money goes to the arts. They do not make a community. It's not a uniting feature
- Lyons is a wonderful community for the arts - both for entertainment and for instruction.
- Great public art for a community our size. Need more local activities for youth and adults.
- Music is one of the key services that Lyons has to bring in visitors. Need to make sure our policies allow us to maximize this benefit (I understand current limitations on Planet Bluegrass limit the amount of large events that can be held).
- An art space to gather artists would be wonderful
- Address the noise ordinance that impacts businesses like the Prickly Pear and MainStage that host live music outside. Let's encourage live music and not cowtail to a few cranky folks that chose to live next to a commercial zone.
- Town does a great job with community events and we all should support planet bluegrass.
- Lyons has the highest percentage of public art per capita in the state and the amazing Clarifier Project which could be the centerpieces of a wonderful self-guided walking tour!!!
- Lyons has excellent public schools, but because they are small, they cannot offer the variety of classes that larger schools offer. Planet Bluegrass provides two annual major music festivals and their associated academies, but we struggle to afford a weekly bluegrass jam for residents. We have great artists, but I would like to see more interactive art in public places. We have youth activities with wonderful parents, but we must go to Longmont or Boulder to get the full variety.
- Love the active arts and music scene - key to the unique character of Lyons.
- I'm old-fashioned. Much of the so-called art sculptures around town are trash, IMHO.
- Different types of music would be welcome. Classical/strings series with symphony type music instead of all jam band bluegrass ... don't get me wrong. I love a good banjo song...but I love mozart and beethoven and more too! More diversity in music!
- Film festivals, art walks, cultural speakers at library are all awesome. More of that!
- Would love to see the current & soon-to-be vacated Lyons Depot structure & surrounding property therein to be expanded into a vibrant & creative community arts center - nucleus of the town's possible Creative District designation - with diverse day/evening offerings for all ages & stages of artists of all genres, lifelong learners w/ varied interests, collaborators, performers, inventors, etc. Perhaps a grant for bringing in a rotating "Artist in Residence" could be secured - for bringing in a person who could help orchestrate said offerings in a fresh diversity-minded way - for a revolving two-year stint; I happen to know of a walkable ADU housing unit that could help support this residency... j'ess saying.
- I sure wish we took more advantage of Planet Bluegrass - we have a world-class music venue here that brings in lots of money into town. Why are we limiting concerts there to 10 a year? The recent Phil Lesh show was a great example of how low impact a show can be while bringing thousands of people into town who build our tax income. I have never understood why we don't have more shows there.
- I wish our elementary school taught Spanish as part of its curriculum, and our middle/senior high had a soccer team.
- This would be my choice for how Lyons should build its future, create a destination for festivals centered on art, music and event venues. Create a charming little town that offers artist retail and quaint breakfast and lunch cafes that draw in day trippers. Offer services to guests in town for weddings and other events,
- My daughter goes to high school in Longmont for more opportunities.
- For the size Lyons has an excellent music art culture!!

- Lyons is a very outdoor activity focused town, and bluegrass music. I would love to see more variety of culture.
- Online education is readily available to anyone. Cultural activities and public art is on a good trajectory in Lyons but average when you see the same trends in other small towns.
- I find the art displays around town a bit odd.
- We are an arts and music town!
- The Young Folks need to learn more about the First Nations people who used to live in this area
- Stop wasting money on public art and statues.
- Pulled out child out of Lyons school and they finished the year at Niwot due to a teacher requiring student to do things that went against their morals. Other child graduated from Lyons but said lots of friend showed up stoned often. Not a great educational opportunity in our experience.
- I think there have been some successful efforts to support small local arts projects including musical events via the LCF, but the private for-profit music venue(s) prevail as the main "cultural" event. The library offers many opportunities for workshops and speakers, but might benefit from series curation or targeted outreach.
- The library has a great culture and educational program.
- The Lyons community and the Town could benefit from hosting educational events (movie showings, lectures, workshops, etc.) about sustainable, regenerative ways of living for individuals to be able to do on their own and opportunities to work with the Town on sustainability projects to build community and resilience.
- Do not care about public art or music. The festivals are annoying
- Love the culture and historical aspect of education.
- Sometimes it seems to dominate the town. Though it brings in lots of needed money, so understandable.
- The elementary is great. We shall see about the high school
- Due to COVID, I haven't attended many cultural events. I would love to see continued talks/lectures & art openings at the library & other locations....subjects to include the local landscape, astronomy, geology, nature, wildlife, environment, indigenous who inhabited these lands. Perhaps use the buyout properties for community gardens & teaching about growing food; public art, pop-up art or music events, etc.
- I think the Lyons Art and Humanities Commission has done a great job bringing quality art displays to Main Street. We have lots of summer music that is accessible to everyone in Lyons. Lyons library has many wonderful monthly programs that cater to all ages.
- Town has let many successful festivals and events go (e.g Good Ol Days, River Run 5K, etc.) Kurt Carlson worked so hard to take these events to the next level and now the Town has turned their back on these events.WHY?? Laziness?
- Our local schools appear to be very good. Access to higher education is outstanding.
- Many Lyons students feel compelled to leave Lyons HS to venture to schools with greater opportunities. Lyons should investigate assisting non-school based programs to help our students thrive
- We have access to a great library, and museum, which we have had for many decades, and are packed to the rafters with important and fun things specifically for our town. == The community activities, like at the library, and annual festivals, are a good way for people to get out and mingle, and share good news about their town. As well as be educated. The library has recently stepped up to expand what it offers. The Town offerings seem to be "light." == I think the public art is far too modern! (most are almost nondescript). We pride ourselves as being an old-fashion small town. Where are the classic statutes, like a quarry worker, or honoring families/ love/ companionship/ community etc. == It seems most kid activities are sports-related; which has always been big in Lyons. But I know of some kids who go to schools outside of Lyons to get better access to arts and culture, drama, etc. == I love the art fair, but miss the "walk around town sculpture (art) walks" we had for a couple of years. It helped get people and tourists to "see the whole town." == Maybe we need fresh people to bring different ideas to town concerning art projects and art activities, as much of it has gotten boxed in and predictable in recent years. Maybe even hiring someone to stir things up and expand to ideas that address the greater community. It could add to the town's character and excitement and pride and increase the economy.

- We kickass on culture for such a small town.
- I love how accessible the music scene is here and really appreciate what the town does to support that. Thank you!
- Protect your k-12. Don't lose it.
- I don't have kids so have no comment on youth education and activities. I see there are some adult educational opportunities, but it seems to be very few; consider more awareness and/or expansion. The Public Art program continues to grow, and I love it. I put as excellent because I see it's growing, and please don't stop growing it!
- Always worth encouraging because it attracts customers for our businesses and provided common ground opportunities for community activities -- witness the great turnout of all ages at the summer concerts. This helps bridge superficial divides and keeps new ideas coming into the community through new residents as well as visitors.
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- Most of the public art is ugly
- I'd like to see more of both!!
- We can do more.
- Having the Planet Bluegrass festival grounds in town is wonderful. The inspiration it has brought to the community is harmonious and precipitates so much creativity and joy for the town.
- Public art is much better than most towns this size but could be a thing we are really known for and we're not there. Youth stuff I'm just not aware of nor what they need or want. I will say the intellectual component of Lyons is not there. The library could be a hub for intellectual/educational pursuit but frankly the inside of the building is not inviting with bright lights and no soft light welcoming spaces. Seems we could do much better with the small library that has a beautiful exterior.
- I continue to be blown away by the commitment to public art!

#### CULTURE AND EDUCATION: RESILIENCE

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#### CULTURE AND EDUCATION: OTHER

- Lyons does a great job in this area. A great mix of school, private and town supported activities.
- Lyons excels in these areas.
- The high school is insular and cliquish. Our daughter had to transfer to Silver Creek. The homemade culture scene is wonderful. But you have to be into bluegrass music.
- We are lucky to have the staff that we do.
- I worry about the high school's educational excellence. I've heard mixed reviews and the amount of kids traveling to Longmont for High School is alarming. These seem to be slight outsiders so I worry about acceptance.
- I think the opportunities are really open, especially if you consider what a small town it is!
- No
- Nope
- It would be nice to have more options but it is a small community

- adults need to get more involved in all aspects of the community
- Sure, this town and the school system destroyed our kids last year of school in the interest of "public" safety... great job!
- The community seems pretty dedicated to creating/supporting in town and you can always go outside of Lyons for more depth
- No
- Our principles are excellent and making things better every day.
- No
- See #14.

## Q10B: DO YOU HAVE OTHER COMMENTS RELATED TO SUSTAINABILITY AND RESILIENCE?

### SUSTAINABILITY AND RESILIENCE: PARKS AND RECREATION

- We have enough electric car charging stations in town. A solar garden is not needed and I do not support taking park space to build one.
- I believe that the first thing the Comp Plan needs to do is define what makes Lyons Special and then everything should be planned around that to ensure the soul of the town is vibrant. Survey after survey has shown that the Quality of our natural environment is what makes Lyons special, it is why people live here and why people come to Lyons and spend their money. Without a high Quality of our natural environment, there would be no weddings, no bikers/hikers/bird watchers/fishermen, etc.
- Continue catch and release and artificial flies and lures only for fishing in Town and continue to partner with the schools on environmental education.
- If we don't have a reservation system or close the parks and parts of the river our parks will be over run each summer.
- there should be NO chemicals sprayed on our parks!!!!!! Unbelievable it has to be a conversation, let alone an action that is still happening. SO disappointing and negligent to community health.
- How sustainable is it to fully overcrowd parks that are integrated with our natural habitat?
- Learn how to properly mulch disturbed soil and flood areas to control invasive/ noxious weeds
- The Parks Department needs to cease all herbicide spraying. And the town should ban residents from using it on their lawns. Maybe banning lawns, too.
- Parks and natural areas have a lot of weeds. Would be great if there was more “weed Posse” to keep them in check.
- This town needs to be wary of increased development and needs to better manage its parks. We can barely afford the staff to maintain our parks and clean up after visitors in the summer. We should add and enforce residential parking zones in residential neighborhoods and raise pricing to park in the parks. We may need more parking downtown.
- I'd love to see more efforts made to maintain our parks - they get overrun in the summer, and are frequently vandalized
- The lack of composting and tree limb diversion drop-offs just doesn't make sense. If enforcement is an issue make it available 10 am - 2 pm on Saturdays with part time staff.
- Creating & adhering to the new weed management plan has been difficult to say the least. Environmental & Ecological health & sustainability and s NOT at the forefront of certain Town staff or Parks & Rec's “agenda”.

### SUSTAINABILITY AND RESILIENCE: TRANSPORTATION

- Road infrastructure doesn't feel sustainable.
- You keep letting people build all over town just bringing in more people more emissions, as if we don't have enough of that with all the tourists driving through town to Estes. It used to be such a pretty area now it's just a bunch of big huge houses plastered all over the mountains lit up in the night like Las Vegas
- We are too dependent on private automobiles.
- Our sidewalks are abysmal, impossible to push a stroller on or ADA. Please apply for the CDOT grant money to fix them.
- We need to make much more effort to make Lyons residents less reliant on vehicle travel for every need. Bike paths, lanes, slower highway traffic, more ped-friendly. This can be done. You can't talk about sustainability and enviro-protection without talking about the fact that everyone drives everywhere.
- promote EVs, efforts to make the Town walkable and bike-friendly are appreciated. promote more people not driving to do short errands such as to the post office. promote walking to school.
- Quality of our natural environment is directly connected to the quality of the controls we put on humans. We have cars and trucks that drive way too fast and far beyond the speed limit. Our river was polluted

and fish were killed last Spring as a result of one truck that was driving reckless and overturned spilling petroleum into the St. Vrain. Too many animals are hit by high speed traffic. Fortunately I don't know of any deaths of humans but we need to deal with traffic before a death happens. Zero Vision seems not to be on the radar of Lyons.

#### SUSTAINABILITY AND RESILIENCE: ECONOMIC VITALITY

- Whatever new programs are considered, the cost/benefit needs to be thorough and transparent. The town has a tendency to think they know what the residents want but may be wrong, such as the single hauler trash debacle (lot of time and effort, any money, spent on something the residents did not want).

#### SUSTAINABILITY AND RESILIENCE: SUSTAINABILITY

- Don't approve of the 5G
- The wildfire risk is immense. We need to advocate for greater wildfire resiliency and response. We need the forest service to implement sustainable and healthy forest fuels reduction and burns in the forest service lands surrounding town.
- I think the town must be very cautious with regards to planning and development given climate change and our risk for flood and fire. I don't think it's wise for us to continue development. More people will be put at risk. Because of the towns location there is really only one way out of most neighborhoods. What happens if we all need to leave quickly because of fire or flood. There could be traffic jams and panic especially in LV P.
- We hope the improvements made after the 2013 flood will withstand another flood like that. More concerned with wildfires and how to mitigate.
- Mixed messaging here. Do we want Solar? Encourage it? Or do we not want solar? We haven't embraced a warming client as much as some of our other neighbors. Bear in mind, Denver and our region had some of the worst air quality in the world this past summer. Flood resiliency is strengthening from all the effort done. But fire is worrisome. And mother earth is always in charge.
- Lyons has recovered beautifully from the flood, however, we are way under prepared for a natural fire disaster. We must create a Wildland Urban Interface policy and evacuation plan. Lyons needs to adopt policies that support more conservation with water, electricity, waste, etc. Invest now in this infrastructure.
- Need more education for the surrounding communities about wildfires, mitigation, responsible forestry, etc.
- I'd like Lyons to put more efforts toward fishing conservation and stocking. From what I've been told, fish continued to struggle post-flood. With more and more anglers visiting and living in Lyons, we need to support the growth of fish populations. I like that we installed smart meters for energy data purposes. Water here is insane - the cost is astronomical. Continued issues with water treatment and sewer, and water quality in some areas.
- So long as population continues to grow, sustainability will never be able to keep up with population impact. Boulder County and its parks and open space are recreation resources serving and being a part of a highly managed urban terrarium.
- Please add composting to the recycling facility. Many thanks to all the work the SFC does. I love the annual "clean up/recycling" day program -- please continue to offer it.
- I am not as educated on all of these things as I would like to be. But I do sit on boards that protect our watershed and through that, I am aware of certain efforts. That said, I am generally impressed with our Town's efforts here. I am sure there is more on all of this that could lend to the towns efforts but it's not really catching my attention.
- There's a lot of talk about sustainability but not much real impactful action. We're a small town that often can't afford to experiment with new unproven ideas. I think it was a mistake to move away from straight net metering which promoted more solar installations, even though it meant the other straight electric users were subsidizing it - that's the point!
- Be reasonable and don't shove the climate agenda down Lyons throat
- We need more recycling opportunities.



- Really upset that the new solar refs created have and have nots in our community. We should incentivize solar for all homes
- Would like to see improved storm water quality efforts. More volunteer programs for regular clean up around town. Would like visitors to respect our sustainability culture as much as locals.
- Flood, fire, and drought (water supply) continue to threaten this town and we have a long ways to go to become more sustainable. Energy prices will continue to rise. Floodplain insurance rates will continue to rise. We need abundant rooftop solar, planning for fire protection, sharp reduction in natural gas-dependent new construction, reductions of herbicide use in public areas, and upstream efforts (South and North St Vrain canyons) to retard flood water. The town's stormwater master plan should be implemented and the hazard zones it identified regulated just as the FEMA floodplain maps are.
- We have enough electric car charging stations in town. A solar garden is not needed and I do not support taking park space to build one.
- Even doing alright, good, or even excellent, in 2021, isn't enough. We need to be seeing much harsher regulation (Colorado should be harvesting alternative energies instead of oil/fracking) and stronger protections. The weather events of the next thirty years will be like nothing we have previously experienced
- I believe that the first thing the Comp Plan needs to do is define what makes Lyons Special and then everything should be planned around that to ensure the soul of the town is vibrant. Survey after survey has shown that the Quality of our natural environment is what makes Lyons special, it is why people live here and why people come to Lyons and spend their money. Without a high Quality of our natural environment, there would be no weddings, no bikers/hikers/bird watchers/fishermen, etc.
- It would be great if there was a way for the community to compost our yard waste.
- Continue catch and release and artificial flies and lures only for fishing in Town and continue to partner with the schools on environmental education.
- Road infrastructure doesn't feel sustainable.
- We must improve in these areas.
- Happy to see proposals relating to solar energy. Wish the single stream waste solution had been successful.
- Too much effort on the part of the SFC to attempt regulation to achieve their goals rather than educating Lyons on important issues.
- I liked that the town had a Sustainability Coordinator. I think it's very important for the future to be doing all we can to prevent the worst effects of global warming.
- Continue to encourage solar power.
- I think there's a lot of "lip service" to having being a forward thinking town, concerned about the environmental impact of our choices. However, our town is unnecessarily vastly "over-lit" in terms of a "dark skies" awareness, we continue to see herbicides in liberal use in our public and private spaces, we lost our bus service, so there's no option but a car to get to Boulder/Longmont, and so I think that we can do much better action than we do at this time.
- So much sunshine - so many hillsides, so many rooftops - sadly so little solar capture. So much interest here in sustainability - more authentic walking-the-talk needed; achieved through modeling, public education, etc. All awaiting opportunities.
- Please support more solar power and composting.
- More Solar... Wind Power!
- The town needs to get out of MEAN as this coop has no interest in energy conservation or sustainability. The town should be encouraging clean solar at residences but has now made it unviable due to poor negotiation with MEAN. We have 300 days of sunshine and a river that could give more than enough power to Lyons, yet we are contracted to MEAN who pollutes with coal and gas burning.
- Definitely could up our game here...
- Recognize that we're indeed in a climate crisis and commit to taking action now. Lyons needs to take responsibility and not rely on the county, state, feds, or Jesus to make things better.



- The utility is out of touch and needs to bring outside experts in to develop a sustainable plan to transition to electrification and EV's. We are not resilient right now. Nor sustainable.
- We need restaurants that do not have plastic to-go containers!!!
- There is always more that can be done to support environmental protection and sustainability. I would love to see Lyons emerge as a beacon in these areas and an example for other communities to follow.
- I was very disappointed to see Lyons drop its solar buyback policy.... even if it's not economically advantageous, it is a decision that reflects on our collective community values.
- Same as affordable housing. Don't break the bank trying to cram expensive sustainability projects down people's throats. Don't even think of banning gas stoves.
- Keep Lyons naturally beautiful.
- More the merrier. Protect!
- The climate crisis is a crisis... We need radical action and soon for me to feel that any measures for "sustainability" and "resilience" to matter at all. Solar powered town, community gardens, BRING BACK THE LYONS BUS ROUTE
- I would like to see more efforts put toward sustainability and protecting the environment
- Town Code is applied haphazardly. Protects some in some cases, and others get a free pass
- We've got to understand what the contractual options are for more than 5-10% renewable energy. Many municipalities are breaking their contracts with utilities that continue to be coal-fired; we should look at that options. We should also examine CEMEX and its CO2 output. It dwarfs the annual production of the entire town of Lyons and is the single largest contributor to CO2 emissions in Boulder County.
- Need compost and more recycling bins around town
- I question the ability of a volunteer town board(s) to handle the tremendous responsibility of environmental sustainability and integrity. I applaud many that have volunteered, but have witness economic opportunism on the part of others. I'd like to see progress and attention on public transportation to Boulder/Longmont/DIA, a recycling/composting facility, enforcement of existing water and air regulations for business and private residence among other things.
- If we don't have a reservation system or close the parks and parts of the river our parks will be over run each summer.
- Greater access to sustainable energy sources would be preferred. The potential solar farm in town is promising.
- there should be NO chemicals sprayed on our parks!!!!!!! Unbelievable it has to be a conversation, let alone an action that is still happening. SO disappointing and negligent to community health.
- More educational opportunities could be provided to the community to learn about what individuals can do on their own and as a community to build food sustainability. One movie idea to share with the community is Kiss the Ground. Workshops could include learning about the edible "weeds" that already grow so profusely and abundantly in our yards. Sustainable land management classes could help residents learn how to grow and maintain an abundant, sustainable garden without the use of pesticides. Demonstration sustainable, regenerative food areas could be used as a learning opportunity for the community while replacing areas that are currently not being used, such as the grass triangle plot before the 2 street directions split, the mainly grass area around the police station, the strips of land between the road and the pathway that currently have grass heading out of town towards the gas station, etc. The Town could help support and enforce all residents and businesses to use bear-proof trash cans to protect the local wildlife and the residents.
- How sustainable is it to fully overcrowd parks that are integrated with our natural habitat?
- Battery/solar (either owned by the town or by property owners) scattered around town with the ability to 'island' neighborhoods would be nice. System should be designed to lower other's bill instead of subsidizing the property owner's systems though.
- Lyons should not put solar in Bohn Park.
- no keep saving the fish
- I appreciate the recycle center

- Lyons Volunteers have done an excellent job
- There is a lot of talk about ideas to support the local ecology but very little evidence of action. There are a couple recent examples of this; The effort to stop using pesticides in the parks has been an uphill battle driven by passionate individuals with very little town support. The 5G ordinance meeting demonstrated how very little our town leaders care about protecting the wildlife and health of the ecosystem and residents.
- I wish the town would exhibit more progressive action and backbone when it comes to setting up long-term sustainability goals.
- Implement dark sky practices
- Some of these things may be going on "behind the scenes," but they are not publicized or promoted or encouraged strongly. If the Town is doing this, let us know, keep us informed more, be specific. Do you have a person in charge of this? If so, have him make consist reports on what is happening. Do surveys about it, and show us what action came out of it, and your future goals, specifically. Have open forums for people to talk about it, and encourage them to join in, volunteer, help make things happen. These are all VERY IMPORTANT!!! We are part of the world which is suffering from Climate Change, and need to make strong efforts to participate in saving the world, and Lyons.
- Cemex is an issue. Cancer rates are higher surrounding the plant and its pits. It has environmental issues and it has been fined numerous times. It is time for this company to move on and out.
- Learn how to properly mulch disturbed soil and flood areas to control invasive/ noxious weeds
- Lots of electric co-ops and municipalities in Colorado are breaking ties with Tri-State over their resistance to an affordable clean energy transition. The solar installation in Bohn is a great first step, but I'd love to see more ambition from town to push MEAN for more or better (or to explore other options when the time comes). We miss out on a lot of incentives by not being Xcel electricity customers. Resilience starts with using less (water, energy).
- The Parks Department needs to cease all herbicide spraying. And the town should ban residents from using it on their lawns. Maybe banning lawns, too.
- More compost and recycling opportunities recycling at the post office!
- There are lots of lights during the Holiday season and I hope they are LED. We need to move off of non-renewable energy and do more to support solar and wind power access. We need to do more to protect our river and our mountains.
- Single-hauler pay-as-you-throw trash/recycling. More stringent fire codes and mitigation/outreach. Electrical rates that encourage solar/battery systems and LED lighting, water rates that encourage conservation. More town-wide disaster planning for the things that haven't happened yet, such as an electrical grid failure, water system shutdown or cyberattack. These happened during the flood and we had to evacuate. What if it happened to the entire country and we were forced to shelter in town and only count on ourselves? Could we be self-sustainable for a year or more? More incentives to decrease light pollution by residents. Lower light pollution and LED lighting on all town-owned lighting.
- More community solar.
- Lots of irrigated grass in public places. Maybe consider limiting what areas truly get used and are not just for visual green. Consider adding compost facility at recycle center that residents could use? Look at rooftop solar on public works buildings. Work with homeowners who want solar to tie back into the grid.
- Town Board has for many years only gives lip service to supporting sustainability/resiliently but has not committed to real action. Case in point not supporting the modest cost of a sustainability coordinator. The truth about the inevitability of the impacts of climate change MUST be a cornerstone of the new Comprehensive Plan.
- I don't think Lyons is in any worse position than other mountain/foothill towns related to these issues. They seem to be part and parcel with living in this type of an area.
- promote EVs, efforts to make the Town walkable and bike-friendly are appreciated. promote more people not driving to do short errands such as to the post office. promote walking to school.

- I don't understand why the town got rid of the credit for solar. Having only 5% come from a solar farm isn't enough.
- We do not have the resources to support environmental protection as well as we should. **MOVE THE WASTEWATER PLANT.** It does not use best practices and will not be sustainable to run at future growth capacity levels. It will continue to need band aids. This is a big call politically, but is the best for future sustainable growth. Consolidation is best. Can we contract with a different utility that is more progressive with renewable energy. **MEAN** is terrible. What is the percentage of other small communities to contract with **MEAN** wanting more progressive policies from them? Can we form a coalition to move them in the right direction?
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- Recently, the BOT needed be begged to adopt a Climate Emergency resolution; disappointing given the lip service to environmental causes. Additionally, we **MUST** better negotiate our **MEAN** contract as we're being hamstrung on sustainable energy.

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- More can be done to protect the eagles, bears and cougars through education and enforcement of existing laws/ ordinance.
- I'm concerned about the effects of %G and pesticides
- Quality of our natural environment is directly connected to the quality of the controls we put on humans. We have cars and trucks that drive way too fast and far beyond the speed limit. Our river was polluted and fish were killed last Spring as a result of one truck that was driving reckless and overturned spilling petroleum into the St. Vrain. Too many animals are hit by high speed traffic. Fortunately I don't know of any deaths of humans but we need to deal with traffic before a death happens. Zero Vision seems not to be on the radar of Lyons.

#### SUSTAINABILITY AND RESILIENCE: LAND USE AND GROWTH

- You keep letting people build all over town just bringing in more people more emissions, as if we don't have enough of that with all the tourists driving through town to Estes. It used to be such a pretty area now it's just a bunch of big huge houses plastered all over the mountains lit up in the night like Las Vegas
- I wish we were not developing large pieces of land that are currently natural
- We should not build or approve any more market rate housing or annex commercial development focused on use of cars (like chain stores).
- Don't screw up a good thing with sprawl and cookie cutter development! We are a gritty resilient sustainability based town.

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- It seems that power outages are a problem. People should not be without heat in the winter.
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#### SUSTAINABILITY AND RESILIENCE: RESILIENCE

- We are a tinderbox. A tragedy waiting to happen. We were lucky this year (so far) but need to up the ante on fire mitigation in town.
- I'd like the town to work on wildfire protection. I'm sure there is a lot happening, but it's always in the back of my head that we are susceptible to wildfires.
- Should we be more concerned about, and take measures to mitigate, wildfire risk?
- Resilience to climate intensified natural disasters are going to become increasingly important - as we saw in the wildfires last year, historic 2013 flood, and flash flood warnings in nearby burn areas. We also need to be thinking beyond resilience and toward regeneration. The UN IPCC report showed that no matter what action is taken at a global level at this point, natural disasters will be more frequent and more intense with Colorado set to face more intense drought, flooding, wildfires, heat waves, etc. This plan seems to be an opening point to think about the role and way that we create today for what will be needed tomorrow. In terms of environmental protection, we are all lucky to live in a beautiful ecologically diverse region surrounded by protected open space and national forest. However, I was underwhelmed by the town's response to and lack of concern over the gas spill that killed thousands of fish and other species. And I'm surprised that the town has not taken a stand on a proposed 880 acre open pit gravel mine on the outskirts of town that would destroy open space land and riparian ecosystems that fish, turtles, frogs, otters depend upon,. I'm pleased that the town took a strong stand for the mask mandate and provided a free testing site and vaccine site to increase accessibility to residents.
- We have done a good job making the river(s) resilient after the 2013 flood. The next challenge is addressing the threat of wildfires. As for the Town's efforts in environmental protection, we fall woefully short in treating our stormwater. Many culverts - even those rebuilt after 2013 - sheet stormwater from the streets directly into the river. The only decent treatment is at the new Lyons River Park where the McConnell Drive stormwater runs through a long treatment swale before reaching the river.
- The wildfire risk is immense. We need to advocate for greater wildfire resiliency and response. We need the forest service to implement sustainable and healthy forest fuels reduction and burns in the forest service lands surrounding town.
- I think the town must be very cautious with regards to planning and development given climate change and our risk for flood and fire. I don't think it's wise for us to continue development. More people will be put at risk. Because of the towns location there is really only one way out of most neighborhoods. What happens if we all need to leave quickly because of fire or flood. There could be traffic jams and panic especially in LV P.

- We hope the improvements made after the 2013 flood will withstand another flood like that. More concerned with wildfires and how to mitigate.
- Lyons is in serious danger of being destroyed by a wildfire. More needs to be done to prevent or limit this possibility.
- Mixed messaging here. Do we want Solar? Encourage it? Or do we not want solar? We haven't embraced a warming client as much as some of our other neighbors. Bear in mind, Denver and our region had some of the worst air quality in the world this past summer. Flood resiliency is strengthening from all the effort done. But fire is worrisome. And mother earth is always in charge. Mixed messaging here. Do we want Solar? Encourage it? Or do we not want solar? We haven't embraced a warming client as much as some of our other neighbors. Bear in mind, Denver and our region had some of the worst air quality in the world this past summer. Flood resiliency is strengthening from all the effort done. But fire is worrisome. And mother earth is always in charge.
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- Appreciate the resilience built into post-flood projects. Still worried about another 500-1000 yr. flood/rainfall. Ditch above high school still not repaired, which caused flooding along Bohn Park, etc. As a community and Town (government), I don't believe that residents and Town officials are taking "personal" responsibility for the climate emergency. I do not see the vision, leadership, or commitment for the changes and sacrifices that will be necessary to avoid the most catastrophic temperature changes that we are on track to reach. Very depressing.
- Because of the vulnerable environment the way this question is phrased is missing some critical issues. Floods are a necessary part of any natural river system for example. So are fires for forest environments. Do I interpret this from an environmental point of view or someone who just has bought a house in the flood plain?
- Pretty much no place in the US, including Lyons is doing enough to prepare for what the West will be like in 20+ years.
- The 2013 floods were an anomaly. Generally speaking the town and the areas around the town handle natural events well.
- Wildfire prevention should be a priority
- Lyons has recovered beautifully from the flood, however, we are way under prepared for a natural fire disaster. We must create a Wildland Urban Interface policy and evacuation plan.
- Lyons needs to adopt policies that support more conservation with water, electricity, waste, etc. Invest now in this infrastructure.
- We've learned so much post flood and I think the town has done a good job managing all of the post flood projects. I like the fact that the town sends out a newsletter every month and emails us with important information.
- The 2013 flood showed us just how resilient we are. Recovery from that flood has shown us how sustainable we have become with a couple of exceptions such as the under designed sewer plant/system. How did that happen? I fear this kind of poor leadership resolve.
- Need more education for the surrounding communities about wildfires, mitigation, responsible forestry, etc.
- I'd like Lyons to put more efforts toward fishing conservation and stocking. From what I've been told, fish continued to struggle post-flood. With more and more anglers visiting and living in Lyons, we need to support the growth of fish populations. I like that we installed smart meters for energy data purposes. Water here is insane - the cost is astronomical. Continued issues with water treatment and sewer, and water quality in some areas.
- Lyons has come a long way since the flood but we will continue to be open to disaster from circumstances beyond our control such as rapidly-moving fires. Perhaps another flood would be somewhat less devastating, but no two natural disasters present in the same way.

- Many improvements since the 2013 flood and a new awareness in town after the close call with the 2020 fires, but we have a way to go to make Lyons more resilient and responsive to our changing climate, especially in how we do our part to reach the state's climate goals.
- Lived here for 41 years. I've seen fire and I've seen rain.....
- More emphasis needs to be placed on making the town core more fire-resistant. Old town especially is at risk of a catastrophic event similar to what happened in Paradise CA.
- Lyons can and should be a leader on sustainability and resiliency issues. We have dedicated professionals on hand to volunteer their time and expertise on our boards and commissions, we have phenomenal outdoor resources. Environmental protection should be a top priority in the Comp Plan - both as a sustainability and resiliency tool, and also as an economic driver.

#### SUSTAINABILITY AND RESILIENCE: OTHER

- Not at this time
- It's overrated and bloated in the attention it gets
- No
- Nope
- Are you KIDDING ME? during the pandemic \_\_\_\_ always came to the door or Town Hall with no mask. Get real and get with the health program!
- I'm not sure what 'Efforts to support environmental protection' means
- No
- Boulder county health department should not have influences on the Town of Lyon's decisions. The mask and vaccine mandates are illogical, not common sense, and not based upon scientific facts and data. Refer back to my other comments earlier about water and solar resources.



## Q11B: DO YOU HAVE OTHER COMMENTS RELATED TO THE NATURAL AND BUILT ENVIRONMENT?

### NATURAL AND BUILT ENVIRONMENT: HOUSING AND HUMAN SERVICES

- I think we need to do a better job with flowers coming into Lyons and along Main Street. Things are looking better than in the past but we need to do a better job. Regarding further building I think something more modern looking would be nice and making sure that all new buildings don't look the same like Rock Creek in Lafayette. I do like the fact that affordable housing was created near the Planet Bluegrass building. It was not an easy lot to build on and it was nice to create some space in an already built out small town.
- It's important to keep the community affordable
- Don't care for the huge new homes. Need average sized dwellings.
- More affordable housing
- Much of the new housing stock is cheaply built with little character (cookie cutter housing).

### NATURAL AND BUILT ENVIRONMENT: PARKS AND RECREATION

- Parks were very well kept this Summer. All 3 looked beautiful.
- I live in the Confluence. We know that after the flood there was a rumor that the area between the St. Vrain that was damaged the most by the flood would all be turned in to an extension of Bohn Park. Without asking those of us that own/Live in the area
- Lyons' beauty could be enhanced with a few beautification projects. The side street and some properties are rather run down, but the public space are mostly well cared for. The bring on HWY 7 could use a paint job and the barriers along the highway coming into town could be replaced with large boulders. There have been so many fantastic improvements since the flood. Let's keep up the good work!!
- The building of homes are definitely selling, but they are all over \$750,000. Since the town is short staffed and funding, there a lot of public works items that keep being put on the back burner. Parks and rec now have these huge parks to maintain and I can tell that some items get neglected. It is also hard to see the parks get trashed every weekend from May and October and it is out of town folks who are doing it. And the speeding of cars is at an all time high!!
- Force owners to deal with eyesore buildings like the Ferg inn. Incentives rather than punish businesses like main stage and spirit hound.
- The entrance in town shows that it is not well taken care . The plaza is out dated. We don't have large signs telling visitors about our business.
- I don't feel like the town parks/rec/maintenance has the funding it needs to take care of the older neighborhoods in town that need it
- God bless the Garden Club for their beautification efforts, as well as The Lyons Community Foundation, for supporting these, and other, improvement projects. The Town will probably never have the money to do big projects and I feel they do what they can to support these efforts. Perhaps more mutuality-twice annual meetings with representatives from all the Town Commissions, LCF and interested, invested townsfolk to invigorate and cross-pollinate ideas.
- See above answers as to how to use the space at Sandstone and Steamboat Park better.
- I love our town trees, but see lots of standing dead trees. I love our Main Street and am happy to see it made attractive with nice storefronts, plantings, holiday decor, etc.
- It truly feels for so many of us who have lived in Lyons Colorado for so long that all the improvements in places such as LaVerne M Johnson Park were rebuilt post flood more for tourism dollars then for the locals. Places like Black Bear Hole are now congested due to out of towners all summer long leaving little to no space for the locals to enjoy the serenity that we used to have before tourism became a priority for this town. I understand there is a need to bring money into town from tourism but when I see all the real estate businesses and the escalated beyond belief prices for housing it is very discouraging and hard to believe that this town cares enough about the local working population.

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- Like to see less people at the parks on weekends. We can't even go due to crowds. So much garbage is main issue. Wish people would take better care of properties and parks
- Lots of weeds around public paths.
- Parks do NOT need any more amenities. We do not need mor population pressure on our infrastructure in the summer, we can't enforce regulations as it is. Any more housing must be affordable.
- Some structures and areas are eyesores, others are nice. Don't need to be heavy handed but some cleanup would be appreciated.
- I would like to see that empty businesses with obsolete signage and unattended yards cleaned up.
- The flood money has been well spent on parks and trails.
- I hate the ugly trash (commercial) lot across from the library.
- Town is not taking care of weeds, paths, pot holes
- Community garden
- A pool in Bohn park :)
- Our public parks are Beautiful!
- We have beautiful parks, and more park land than the average town, which are full of tourists in the summer; we have a campground, and need another; there is land, but it is in the flood plain, which is used for business, etc., that is grandfathered in.
- I appreciate the efforts of the Parks Dept to manage so much open space and park land with as few synthetic chemicals as possible.

NATURAL AND BUILT ENVIRONMENT: TRANSPORTATION

- Old town roads are in desperate need of repair. Old town overhead electric utility is unsightly and looks to be poorly designed - need complete overhaul and ideally put underground - good to do along with road resurfacing.
- Roads need paving, sidewalk areas are poor. Weeds everywhere. Embarrassing for a town of this caliber.
- More sidewalks. Lyons has been great at building up access to town and surrounding areas without the use of vehicles. However, more sidewalks or trails connecting the town would be great. Also, the stone canyon/McConnell intersection on 36/66 really needs a review. I've seen to many drivers run red lights. I feel that's a serious hazard and a fatality waiting to happen.
- Nice to see the flood projects completed bridges etc. could have better pedestrian areas
- The streets suck and there are no street signs anywhere people just drive around looking for an avenue or street and there's no signs to tell them what they're on
- Way too many cops and speed traps. Over priced water.
- We have a few buildings on Main St that are in disrepair and/or seemingly closed forever (Festivarie, the Native American art store). They have become an eyesore and it detracts from the appeal of the town. I would love to see sidewalks throughout the old town area.
- I appreciate efforts made toward pedestrian safety.
- I can't repeat this enough - fix the roads! Spend less \$\$ on parks and recreation and fix the roads in town.
- The streets and sidewalks are an embarrassment. Small town character doesn't have to mean paving that is literally falling apart and allowing people to store extra vehicles, trailers, campers, and all manner of junk in the on-street parking.
- Confluence needs the walking bridge back ASAP. Parking is an issue for businesses on Main street
- More support for walking and biking in town. Bike path should extend at least to the intersection of 36/66 instead of ending after McConnell.
- The pedestrian commuting ways are very poor in both design, flow, and quality. Hwy 7 from Meily into town is absurdly dangerous (speed and no sidewalks). The crosswalks are dangerous. Need more properly designed sidewalks.
- Sidewalks are not present in many areas of town. Streetscape is generally nice directly downtown for businesses, but intermixed homes landscapes are often not maintained. Entrance into town on HW 66 from intersection of HW 36 is not accessible by foot at all. Landscapes on all highway entrances into



town are generally not well maintained with distinct problem areas; most are private properties. Ideally would like to see consistent weed control and fire mitigation for removal of dead and downed tree limbs and debris for all town entrances. I feel strongly that if the entrances into town were cleaned up and maintained, it will get more people to stop. I believe the town can work with Boulder county to address nuisance properties in the unincorporated areas of town that are eyesores to or pose a fire risk.

- Placement of sidewalks is inconsistent.
- Extending the sidewalks to East Main was excellent. The streetscaping and parking on High St is terrible. Traffic on Main and Broadway is generally too fast and uncontrolled. The bike lanes are too narrow for the traffic speed.
- the infrastructure is not pedestrian friendly.
- Sidewalks are abysmal- please apply to CDOT Main Street grant to fix.
- DOLA can grants for facade improvements as well, that could be used to get rid of peach painted buildings
- Appreciate the planned safe routes to school project - lack of sidewalks a concern with so many young children. Sad to see rezoning to allow maintenance of an industrial site in the middle of town. Seems like this business would be better on the outskirts, preserving this central block for local business or residential development. Even if decision is to support current use of property, would have been better to handle through grandfathering rather a change in zoning, which will allow and encouraging ongoing inappropriate use.
- Sidewalks throughout town and mailboxes for homes
- Safer street crossing at 3rd Ave and US 36 and 3rd Ave and Broadway.
- Sidewalks and crosswalks around the neighborhood that surrounds Lyons Elementary School.
- Love the use of local sandstone in any downtown or municipal building. The new library looks great. Sidewalks in town - not so good.
- Not sure if this applies - parking remains an issue; another opportunity for education; so many business owners park where potential tourism traffic could... Would have liked to have seen parking - for the big picture - below the new library (hoping another opportunity for this is not missed); can't wait for the reunited connectivity of the new incarnation of the 4th Avenue bridge; wondering about aligning summer-use of the Elementary School parking area for a designated downtown retailers' parking area; observed so many seemingly entitled cyclists usurping parking on High Street, Railroad Ave (by Sandstone), & in Library lot for their personal use - with bike rack extensions on the back of their vehicles extending into roadways - with cyclists changing clothes, stretching, tending to / testing their bikes in the thoroughfares. We can proactively plan better than this, right? The merge issue from Fifth to High Street is treacherous. The converging of eastbound traffic from Estes / 36 onto Broadway is also hugely problematic for the converging traffic from Hwy 7; solid lines are ignored. Turning left into east Main Street businesses from southbound 36 is not inviting, easily traversed, or safe. The public parking stretch parallel to 36 - by Ferg's offices / Habitat for Humanity housing - is under promoted.
- The south side of town has fresh side walks and paths linking the neighborhoods, yet the historic north side of town doesn't even have side walks or safe routes to the elementary school. The previous board have created a real cultural divide in the town with the wealthy on the south side in their new homes and the blue collars on the north side who live in old homes with poor streets and no sidewalks or paths on town owned property.
- Town streets are pretty rough - but I know this takes a lot of money.
- We need to accept that we're on the edge of the rural and urban environment interface and that not all our streets and side walks will be perfect and conforming.
- I would love to see our sidewalks around Main Street and Broadway improved.
- Love to have the old flagstone sidewalks return!! Natural and beautiful!!
- It's pretty scary walking through town with cars careening past you at 40+ mile per hour.
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- Miss that walking bridge
- Need walking bridge connect the confluence area back to town
- The town has made some improvements but the older parts of town still suffer for lack of amenities such as sidewalks curb and gutter, parking enforcement
- Fix the damn streets and sidewalks. Those have been ignored way too long. Prioritize them over art, "sustainability", special events, etc.
- I like the emphasis on safe, walkable streets, sidewalks and parks, etc. 5th Ave. Bridge is a real pedestrian hazard and needs to be addressed before someone gets killed or injured walking along the side of the road.
- Need more sidewalks. More safe pathways to schools for kids.
- Sidewalks are very bad/difficult for strollers or people with disabilities, newly constructed sidewalks and curbs and gutters are a disappointment
- Sidewalks are somewhat lacking.
- Bohn Park is an example an overbuilt, poorly designed and conceived "built" environment. Citizen survey results overwhelmingly asked for a natural non-built environment, but these sentiments are not reflected in the final results. Some elements in themselves are great (i.e. skate park, mountain bike park). Conversely, LV Park was largely enhanced by its redesigned "built" environment. Efforts to create walkways and sidewalks should continue. The reconnection of the 4th Ave pedestrian bridge should be a priority as it is long overdue. Renaming parks and bridges after politicians and consultants of questionable reputation is a poor choice. I hope displaced family names might be considered in the future. I'd like to see medians, buy-out lots and other town owned and managed spaces infilled with fruiting trees and shrubs.
- We need a new town hall and improve connectivity of town.
- Sidewalks are extremely unsafe, difficult to get onto due to massive step ups or nonexistent along major roads so walking especially in the summer is dangerous and frightening especially with children or with a stroller or both
- public sidewalks could be improved and public parking is needed downtown
- Continue to make the streets safe for pedestrians and bicyclists.
- The roads and infrastructure in Lyons are in dire need of help. It is expensive to repair roads, but Lyons needs help maintaining them.
- Sidewalks need fixed and uneven curbs are dangerous.
- The flood created opportunity for pockets of neighborhoods to have improved streets, sidewalks, medians. There are a number of areas that still need a significant amount of rehabilitation and street improvements. This includes North of town and the Eastern Corridor.
- Pedestrian bridge should be replaced
- Sidewalks still need improvement.
- I think we need to do a better job with flowers coming into Lyons and along Main Street. Things are looking better than in the past but we need to do a better job. Regarding further building I think something more modern looking would be nice and making sure that all new buildings don't look the same like Rock Creek in Lafayette. I do like the fact that affordable housing was created near the Planet Bluegrass building. It was not an easy lot to build on and it was nice to create some space in an already built out small town.
- Build environment is super important. Sidewalks and connectivity w/in older parts of town are a mush mash and a mess. Roads ROWs need more consistent maintenance Connectivity and safety are key issues.
- Need a public parking destination close to and walkable to downtown.
- Better signage for activities, amenities, parking, etc.
- I would love to see a sidewalk /trail connecting Eagle Canyon and the Apple Valley area to town.

Q 11B: DO YOU HAVE OTHER COMMENTS RELATED TO THE NATURAL AND BUILT ENVIRONMENT?

- We need more bike racks in downtown.
- More public parking!
- I would appreciate better sidewalks throughout town, especially the north side. I'd love more street art and more festivals in the parks.
- Ty for new streets, sidewalks that have been needed and a safe bridge, hoping for the last bridge to connect us on 4th once again if possible. Flood changes are great, we still smell the sewage plant but its gotten better over the 20 years. Progress has been good, keep talking to the town, I appreciate those in office but hope we still get to vote on issues, we gave you our voice but want to help make decisions.
- North side needs improvements
- I love the street and sidewalk improvements being made. The rebuilding of gravel paths and ponds is excellent. The way the town was planned for rebuild post-flood was on-point; I couldn't imagine our parks and water features better.
- Main Street is very nice. It has improved a lot in the 20+ years I've lived here. But the streets and sidewalks are not good. It is difficult to walk with your dog or with young children because sidewalks are not continual or safe unless you are in the subdivisions. The 4th Avenue Bridge project seems like it is never going to come to fruition and 8 years of walking along Hwy 7 is not enjoyable or safe for anyone.
- Better walking accessibility . Sidewalks.
- Older neighborhoods, especially around the elementary school, Old North and Old South, have horrible sidewalks. Broadway has zero sidewalks/streetscape to slow traffic and increase visual appeal. No sidewalks or streetscape on Hwy 7 near Laverne Johnson Park.
- More sidewalks. More road maintenance needed.
- Lack of drainage in neighborhoods to east of Main. No curb and gutter, lots of pooling water. No sidewalks up here either.
- Main street always seems to be in state of clutter, dirty and not being kept up. Businesses don't clean their own store fronts, block accessibility of sidewalks with clutter and patrons.
- Lyons needs much more streetscape to make the town safely navigable by pedestrians, bikes, and cars. The speeds of traffic are far too high most everywhere. 50 miles per hour on the way out of town (east Lyons headed to Longmont) used to be OK, it's not anymore. Why? Because the amount of traffic driving 50 mph has exponentially grown. It is downright dangerous pulling into or out of Circle K (or Spirit Hound or the hardware store) a little less so for Julia's Thai and Lyons Dairy area, but still dangerous. Lot of traffic, speeds too high. Same for 36 on the way out of town to Estes and in town from Estes. Riding one's bike to Antelope trailhead is like sharing the road with I-25 many days and times of the week. Highway 7 sees traffic inbound and outbound just plain ignoring the 25 mph signs. We can't have signs alone, they will be ignored. The Boulder County Sheriff rarely enforces the speed limits. It's a rare day I see anyone pulled over. One officer told me he won't pull someone over for less than 20 mph over the limit. We need to put safety measures in place to slow traffic down meaningfully, not just wishful thinking. We need to re-route traffic in some cases. Lyons is one big traffic mess.
- Sidewalks in old town are typically poor/unsafe with traffic increasing every year. More effort needs to be made to preserve historic homes in old town before they're scrapped and replaced

NATURAL AND BUILT ENVIRONMENT: ECONOMIC VITALITY

- More density in the core commercial area. Mix of work-living/upstairs/downstairs. Would like to see underneath some of the 60's/70's facades of some buildings on Main St and see if we can restore/show/highlight them in their original intent. The 60's are kind of an architectural mess in America IMO. And Lyons is not exempt from it.
- I would like to see that empty businesses with obsolete signage and unattended yards cleaned up.
- Encourage and welcome new development, encourage updating buildings on Main Street.
- We need an effort to upgrade Main Street between 3rd and 5th.
- Commercial rents are too high for most businesses to be sustainable
- Would like to see more financially sustainable businesses here

- By "building stock" do you mean - structures? - store fronts? - homes? - types of businesses? /// I think we have a good variety of stores/businesses and the buildings are all in good shape. I think the key is that they are mostly/all? locally owned, I believe it brings out the pride, and things are done properly. (Having talked with) The new restaurant owners this year have done a great job in cleaning and updating the buildings before opening for business, ...and most of the old owners have updated their presentation and building too, on a regular basis. /// The downtown business streets are beautiful, historic looking but not run-down. It's VERY important to keep the flowers and landscaping beautiful, as that is a big draw to bring people downtown. And the ice build up in the winter needs much better attention, as it can cause injuries, plus keep people away (from dangerous parking spots). /// Even the streets near downtown have mostly wonderful homes that are often unique, quality, and nicely kept up.
- Lots of money being spent for a small town, hope it's maintainable.
- The town government should leave small businesses alone.
- Make things easier and smoother for people and businesses. Crazy that it took also 9 months to get a Lyons building permit for a pole barn to be built on a farm! (Lyons Farmette) That was just the time getting the permit to be able to even start building.
- I do not like the idea of this giant new hotel. That seems to serve only tourists and the wedding industry, and not the community. I would much rather see businesses that people in the community would use in that space (like Moxie!!)

#### NATURAL AND BUILT ENVIRONMENT: SUSTAINABILITY

- Cement Still Pollutes Our Air... We can smell the plant when wind comes from the North East.... Same goes for the sewer/water treatment plant!!
- There are plenty of drought-resistant tree and shrub species; the old parts of town are greener than the new (this reduces heat island effects); some of town's streets move away from hardscape/gravel on fabric landscaping into green vegetation.
- I like that the town is curbing its use of pesticides and I would like to see them stop the use all together and use safe weed management practices in town, parks and all public areas.
- Educating the community by involving them in learning about and building natural materials buildings could be an amazing gift to the community, the Town and the Earth. Making Rocket Stove heated seating areas instead of gas fire pits to teach the community about the incredibly efficient heating technology of rocket stoves versus the very inefficient (although beautiful) gas fire places in Laverne Johnson Park. Making the strip mall with the Dairy Bar more appealing, either with red sandstone and/or natural building techniques - it's stinky and ugly but I love Julie's Thai and the Dairy Bar!
- I think Dark Sky designation would help to focus efforts on improving the built environment in ways that would supplement tourist revenue and benefit residents while not focusing solely on subjective measures of attractiveness.

#### NATURAL AND BUILT ENVIRONMENT: ARTS AND HUMANITIES

- Public signage Maps of public art
- The bridge along Hwy 7 in town has needed painting for years- it looks bad. . . I love the flagstone around town and the library too.
- I love our library!
- Would like to see more Lyons history. The museum does a good job but it should not be limited to the museum & its activities.
- Would be cool to see more about the history of the town out and about in the town, as opposed to mainly in the museum.
- Art, Art wherever possible!

#### NATURAL AND BUILT ENVIRONMENT: LAND USE AND GROWTH

- The town's recent HP ordinance needs to be more widely communicated. And we need to let property owners know what's in it for them when they designate their property.
- The corner of 66 and 36 ... great place for development and improvement ... keep hearing about ... have seen nothing. Expand downtown ... library is awesome ... need more of that.

Q 11B: DO YOU HAVE OTHER COMMENTS RELATED TO THE NATURAL AND BUILT ENVIRONMENT?

- We don't need any in-fill in the older neighborhoods. The streets and lack of driveways in some homes mitigate against cramming more people into older homes.
- We should limit future development and focus on improving the current environment.
- Concerned about new development occurring in inappropriate areas, such as hillsides. We need to maintain our historic preservation and we need to recognize that our public realm is part of our charm; Lyons does not need to look like Longmont or become Boulder.
- eastern corridor as you come into town looks like crap. Get rid of the jersey barriers by the black bear hole
- See previous comments on the over-development of Lavern Johnson Park.
- No in-fill. Silly idea, that we can cram more and more people into existing residential space.
- STOP UNBRIDLED BUILDING THIS IS NOT BOULDER
- Encourage and welcome new development, encourage updating buildings on Main Street.
- Lots of improvements can be made. New construction is great as long as it is done in line with the image Lyons wants to convey. The library is great....(in my view)... the buildings of Oscar Blues etc. are not.
- Many improvements to the infrastructure have happened since the flood with grant money. Those projects have improved the quality of the public realm significantly.
- The eastern corridor looks shabby with some private (and perhaps town) properties looking like they should be condemned for not being compliant with TOL codes?
- I am not in favor of development. Maintaining quality of existing environment and changing to keep up with the times are priorities.
- Stop building. Stop the "beep, beep, beep" before we all go insane. The last eight years have been brutal. Finish the 4th street pedestrian bridge, and then stop.
- it's okay if the built environment is less than perfect if it's safe for the majority
- There can be no future development. We're land locked by Boulder County
- Quit trying to build in places you shouldn't
- Working with the town to build business structures is challenging.
- Lyons has transitioned from a quiet, small town serving locals to a tourist destination with overbuilt parks with too-large parking lots, attracting way too many people. Build it & they will come, and indeed, they now come.....I realize there's always been a challenge to attract tourists or getting them to stop in town on the way to RMNP, to sustain the local businesses, particularly over the winter. Planting grasses that don't need as much maintenance & watering, like buffalo grass, etc. Thinking more in terms of water conservation & sustainability. Using local sandstone for new buildings or designs/architecture that fit into our landscape & environment are preferable. Low-rise or low scale designs that don't overpower. THOUGHTFUL & MINDFUL DEVELOPMENT. Are we a community or a playground for the affluent? Was sad to lose our local drugstore, medical clinic & general store which served locals & which detracts from what I think of as community.
- The negative aspects related to this issue are mostly a function of the age and physical layout of the town. It appears to me that to the extent possible, the town addresses these as they become available. The buildings constructed with Lyons sandstone are phenomenal and we seem to be doing a good job of protecting them. Incorporating similar construction into the library was outstanding. I am concerned about the old log cabin that looks to be lost with the construction of our new hotel. We would be interested in trying to preserve it to our property if possible and other options haven't already been developed.
- In downtown, limit the height of buildings. Anything above 2 stories, should be very scrutinize on aesthetics and shape or it will overwhelm the street experience and neighboring buildings.

NATURAL AND BUILT ENVIRONMENT: UTILITIES AND ENGINEERING

- Way too many cops and speed traps. Over priced water.
- Please don't set up a solar farm in Lyons.
- Cement Still Pollutes Our Air... We can smell the plant when wind comes from the North East.... Same goes for the sewer/water treatment plant!!

- Move the water treatment plant east of town

NATURAL AND BUILT ENVIRONMENT: RESILIENCE

- the maintenance of ditches SUCKS I call and call and nothing ever gets done.....just terrible!! Need to be kept clear for flood mitigation.....debris build up creates clogs in the flow due to small culverts.....a LONG standing problem that never gets addressed!!!!!!

NATURAL AND BUILT ENVIRONMENT: HISTORIC PRESERVATION

- Please consider restoring buildings properly by the historic preservation code. For walkers on motor cars
- Some structures and areas are eyesores, others are nice. Don't need to be heavy handed but some cleanup would be appreciated.
- We have a few buildings on Main St that are in disrepair and/or seemingly closed forever (Festivarie, the Native American art store). They have become an eyesore and it detracts from the appeal of the town. I would love to see sidewalks throughout the old town area.
- Love the use of local sandstone in any downtown or municipal building. The new library looks great. Sidewalks in town - not so good.
- The south side of town has fresh side walks and paths linking the neighborhoods, yet the historic north side of towns doesn't even have side walks or safe routes to the the elementary school. The previous board have created a real cultural divide in the town with the wealthy on the south side in their new homes and the blue collars on the north side who live in old homes with poor streets and no sidewalks or paths on town owned property.
- Old town is ignored
- Our most visible street (Main Street) need significant repairs. Would like to see continued adaptive reuse instead of new build. Town should adopt a street fund for allocated funds. Want to preserve historic buildings.
- Older homes and businesses were not inspected and monitored adequately. Some of those will need to be addressed. Keep the theme of 2 story buildings with the same character type in the east. Please do not make the Eastern area look like the NEW area and the OLD downtown.
- More density in the core commercial area. Mix of work-living/upstairs/downstairs. Would like to see underneath some of the 60's/70's facades of some buildings on Main St and see if we can restore/show/highlight them in their original intent. The 60's are kind of an architectural mess in America IMO. And Lyons is not exempt from it.
- More emphasis on historic elements, plaques or something indicating why they are special. The elementary school could use some maintenance. The new library is awesome! I would support new/rehab projects to keep with a small town character, not try to emulate other towns' architecture.
- We need to designate properties as historic landmarks-- without that mechanism in place any developer has rights to demolish without the Town consent. I see this as a HUGE priority that aligns with Town vision/values. Additionally, the Eastern corridor needs to be studied by a 3rd party consultant, not a bottom-line driven developer. The future front door of our Town is too important to leave to chance. There are cultural, architectural, social and political opportunities for Lyons to showcase itself with a new Town Boundary threshold from 36/66.... how many Towns get an opportunity to do that!?
- Definitely don't want to see apartment buildings, hotels, businesses that "modernize" the old charm of existing architecture in our historic town. We don't want to be like every other tourist town! Would love to see more focus on our unique story.
- Development on Main Street needs to be done with historic preservation in mind
- Some of the buildings, especially when entering town, are so run down and bad looking it is unwelcoming
- The loss of the Fergs inn historical building on Main Street is a disgrace upon the Town Administration for doing nothing to protect the building before it had to be condemned. The loss of the history of the building cannot be replaced.

NATURAL AND BUILT ENVIRONMENT: OTHER

- Lots of variability from place to place around town, so overall ratings are averages.
- Looking forward to the planned improvements

- Progress is being made!
- no I prefer multiple choice questions
- "Build Environment" are two interesting words. How about "infrastructure" which, in my opinion, more people would relate to.
- Rural vs Urban. Depends what you want.
- I live in the Confluence. We know that after the flood there was a rumor that the area between the St. Vrain that was damaged the most by the flood would all be turned in.to an extension of Bohn Park. Without asking those of us that own/Live in the area
- Get a person with heart and community sense In The building permit department!
- And get rid of the exuberant fee to apply for variance!
- Too many restrictions... should be more "love and let live"
- Having Main Street lit up with lights longer than just Christmas time.
- Adaptive reuse reference in the above question---where is this happening in town? If it is, I am unaware.
- More community involvement in regard to green spaces & environmental protection
- Where is my laundromat??? Really?
- I'm always impressed that the town just keeps getting better and better.
- Yay, finally curb and gutter throughout more of Town!



## Q12B: DO YOU HAVE OTHER COMMENTS RELATED TO THE TRANSPORTATION?

### TRANSPORTATION: PARKS AND RECREATION

- LaVern M John is excellent
- Though maybe a county issue, I would love to see the town advocate for more trails, specifically bike trails in the area. Lyons has the topographical makeup to be a world-class mountain biking destination. And people who have the disposable income to spend \$5K+ on bicycles have the additional income to stay and play in town as well. Looking forward to the new walking/biking bridge!
- Again, a trail or sidewalk connecting Eagle Canyon and the Apple Valley area to downtown.
- We need a bike path east out of town. It is particularly dangerous near the gas station
- Trails are excellent. The rest of town is a mess.
- I think that in town to travel by bike or foot is really easy. But just outside it gets harder. If we want to use any of the land out by 36/66 junction for town activities or interests then we need safe path ways out to there. Have you ever tried to go to Spirit Hounds Distillery to listen to music? try to come home after dark, its pretty dark, no path only private property.
- More walking/bike paths
- Bike path connecting what will soon be east Lyons with the center of Town.
- The paths are great where they are but they are not safely accessed by much of town. Lyons is bisected by two layers of highway that splits the town north/south and one layer east west.

### TRANSPORTATION: TRANSPORTATION

- Just drive out to Longmont or down to Boulder at rush hour - more appropriately they are rush hours and see the conditions for yourself. The road system through Lyons sits in a topographic funnel - actually two of them as there are 2 canyons into which ever increasing traffic must flow. It is and will be a daunting management challenge . One improvement that would at the least superficially help is to prosecute the hell out of the bikers who roar through town and up the canyons. They add nothing but an oppressive atmosphere to town.
- Looking forward to rec path completion west of 36/66 T into town
- I commented on this above... More sidewalks, reduced speed limits, etc. As the connection between everything east of Estes & RMNP, a lot of traffic speeds through town. Not an easy thing to address drive those folks also sometimes stop at our shops.
- Week days great, weekends from May to October is god awful!! Slow the speed down too!!
- Any chance we can have permanent signs on Hwy 66 east and west that day Watch for Bikes? Especially In/out of town where there is no bike lane from the intersection of 36/66 to Clark's (east and west). Not sure where they could placed? That section is pretty dangerous & with the increased traffic to/from Estes, out of town drivers really don't pay attention. (Please note that as a cyclist, I do see a lot of bad cycling behavior too, but more drivers not familiar with cyclists or just not paying attention).
- So dangerous to walk along highway 7 with no walking paths or shoulders.
- We should have more regular bus service or should not be made to pay RTD fees.
- More connected trails. E.g. connect Bohr Park to Laverne Johnson Park via path
- Bring the Z bus back.
- Please work with RTD to add as much bus service as possible.
- I love the walking and biking paths along the river and admire the town for protecting these common spaces and the thoughtful, natural ways that they've been created.
- With a seasonal increase in traffic and particularly during the pandemic when folks all along the front range are staying closer to home and traveling through Lyons to head to the mountains, it seems like there should be a main street bypass for locals starting around the U Pump It
- Need transportation to and from Lyons - boulder and Longmont



- I am sure that this will come up a lot but where is RTD?!
- See my comments above. Fix the darn streets as priority number 1.
- Again, old town is ignored. You cannot traverse on continuous sidewalks around the elementary school!
- Bus service is non-existent. Safer biking heading east out of town
- Please don't spend money on bike lanes. Spend money on things that will benefit Lyons residents like parking
- Great network of trails for walking. Biking can be a challenge, especially getting out of town on Rte. 66; very dangerous from McConnell to 36/66 intersection. Traffic can be bad on summer weekends and downtown parking is difficult.
- The signs above the traffic signal downtown need to be switched. People don't know which lane to be in for 36 because the sign is above the wrong lane
- We need more public parking near Main Street or the tourists won't stop. Why can't we use some of the FEMA bought out properties to park cars on?
- You need bike lanes in and out of town and at the interchange of main/36/7
- I think the difference of a crusher-fine trail and concrete trail could change our community character. We have always been rustic and I think concrete could change the expectation of what our small community can afford and provide. We need another means of transportation between Lyons and Longmont/Boulder.
- Between Bohn Park, and all the other parking added to Lyons in the last eight years, we should not add any more car parking. Too many cars. Too much traffic.
- Need mass transit into Longmont, Estes Park, and Boulder!
- Continue the sidewalk on the North side of 36 all the way to the Eastern Corridor when built. For safety reasons extend to the light as Stone Canyon now.
- The pedestrian commuting ways are very poor. Hwy 7 from Meily into town is absurdly dangerous (speed and no sidewalks). The crosswalks are dangerous. Need more properly designed sidewalks.
- We need bus service or shuttle to Boulder and Longmont. Discounts for seniors.
- Parking needs to be improved to get more people to stop in town with clearly marked signage for parking areas. One of the most obvious choices would be to take some of the land from sandstone park to provide additional parking. Additional parking spaces could be available on 2nd Ave near HW 36 with diagonal parking put into place. This would require fixing the road and drainage. The car wash behind the St Vrain market could be bought and turned into a parking area. Need to slow down the traffic coming into town to 40 mph from the intersection of HW 36 and 66. Need to improve left hand turn options into all business located on HW 66 from HW 36/66 intersection to McConnell drive. For vehicles coming from HW 36 west into town, which turn left to continue on highway 36 (next to the St. Vrain market), the signage needs to be improved before the turn to indicate it is a two lane left turn area; traffic backs up at this point because they don't know it is a two lane turn.
- Would be nice if RTD could service the town again.
- moving around town by foot or bike is only good because Lyons is a tiny town. Otherwise, our pedestrian infrastructure sucks.
- For the amount of in-town traffic, there needs to be more sidewalk. Crossing Main and Broadway where there are no stoplights is harrowing and dangerous. The speed limits on East Main are too high but apparently unenforceable.
- Speeds are too high east of town. Motorists do not yield to pedestrians or drive within the speed limit.
- really not walking friendly in many of the old neighborhoods- which is fine by me!
- Sidewalks are abysmal, CDOT will give you money to fix. None of our sidewalks are ADA compliant, new curbs are built not ADA compliant, how is this even legal?
- Downtown parking is biggest obstacle to sustaining Main St. businesses.
- More sidewalks and pedestrian crossings with lights.
- We could use more sidewalks in the center of town so that people don't need to walk in the road. We also need protected bike lanes from town to the east. Especially from the Black Bear Hole through the

intersection of 36/66. Ideally the speed limit should be lowered to 35mph from Black Bear Hole to 36/66.

- Public Roads get cleared quickly of snow, but sidewalks don't, so kids can't walk/ride to school. A side walk from stone canyon to retail in north side of 66 would be great, or at least a safety barrier. More trails for hiking and mtb! We have potential to be a destination. For weekends vs day trips. Look. At Salida
- Create the connection along the St Vrain River between Lyons and Longmont.
- Parking seems adequate for residents, but not readily visible to visitors traveling through town, and this limits patronage of local businesses. Signs to available parking areas might help. We have beautiful nearby hiking and biking options, but I would like to see more safe biking routes connecting Lyons to bicycle trails / rural roads, rather than forcing bikes onto busy highways. Broadway feels fast, and not safe to cross near Sandstone Park. Flashing lights for pedestrians near Western Stars very helpful.
- I don't bike to work in Longmont very often due to the non-pathed section between 36 and Diamond Shamrock. This is a scary patch with some fast drivers. Surprised more accidents don't happen. Perhaps there is another path I'm not aware of.
- Safety must be prioritized with sidewalks throughout town, speed limits lowered to 15-20 max on two main street blocks heading to curve onto 7/36 -- and enforced, and stoplight at Clark's hardware store / gas station / distillery area in particular.
- Proposed 50+ room hotel. Where will people park?
- WE need the bus back!
- Some parking areas for all the cyclists would be good rather than them jamming High St.
- I ride a lot. The section between McConnell and U Pump It is down right frightening on a bike. Worse headed east bound due to all the businesses (near the Diamond Shamrock)...but west bound is sketchy for a little bit. I would like a wider shoulder or better a path like the other section by Black Bear Hole.
- Getting that 4th St bridge done will make all the difference for the south side of town residents in terms of walking, biking off of a highway.
- The loss of the RTD bus service to Boulder and Longmont is greatly missed. A taxi service voucher was substituted but many residents have found them unreliable. Which makes getting to an appointment or the airport problematic.
- I support the low speed zones through our town. I think we still need the pedestrian bridge from the end of 4th. street to the confluence area! I think we need more crossing signals (especially at Laverne Johnson Park!!! (or we can just wait until someone is killed there?))
- Would love to see the bike paths to Hygiene/Longmont, or to Boulder via the Feeder Canal become a reality in my lifetime. Plenty of mtn. biking options, very little in the way of commuter bike trail options. Having RMNP require reservations has dramatically helped alleviate the traffic congestion in town the last few years. I do hope they keep that system in place.
- The once-purple now rusting 5th Avenue Bridge is rotting away as we speak. Auxiliary alleys need attention. The crosswalk from Meilly to the Bohn Park access trail / Labyrinth is deadly. There is a serious huge need of traffic-light mounted ticket-issuing traffic light cameras; it's imperative both as a money-earner for the town's coffers - as well as assuring the citizens of town that the town is venturing to keep residents safe from those choosing to use excessive speed through town & ignoring signage & pedestrian crosswalks. RMNP / CDOT / Estes Park need to take a look at the current COVID-implemented park-entry reservation system; it is provoking a RUSH through our town (as in unstoppable) for those who have made timed-reservations & evoking anger for those who get up there & sadly realize that they unknowingly needed reservations & angrily but not bother to stop on their way back through.
- Electric Cars and Golf Carts Not gas powered!
- No bike lanes anywhere in town. No sidewalks to the elementary school. No RTD but we still pay the tax. No safe walking path or bike path to leave town to the east, south, or north. Parking in downtown business corridor is overwhelmed by out of towners coming to town to ride Hall Ranch. Parking should be paid as a source of revenue for the town and to limit congestion.
- I wish the Y bus route would resume!

- Need a footbridge over the NSV to replace the one lost in the flood for connectivity
- We need WAYYY better bikes lanes into and out of town - it would make it safer for everyone to have better bike access.
- I wish we had a bike trail to Longmont and I hope our bus to Boulder resumes.
- Getting around easily is part of the small town charm. Parking for out of town guests needs to be part of a long term plan.
- I wish there was more availability of bus service for the town of Lyons to go to Boulder or to Long Mont etc.
- Much better hiking and biking system is needed. In town it is okay... just outside it is not.
- Gotta slow people down on Lyons main thoroughfare, especially since it is a pass through, people are rushing from Denver, Boulder, Estes, etc. Road bumps, more lights, some modern artistic techniques for encouraging cars to slow down. Makes me not want to walk on the main drag.
- Lyons needs a big parking lot for the bikers, hikers and squatters who take up business parking on Main and High. Business owners should not take up these spaces either but that is just common sense which appears to elude some.
- Excited for more sidewalks close to the intersection of 36/66. The highway remains unsafe to cross.
- Sidewalks and roads could be improved, especially in the old part of town.
- The confluence is cut off from the rest of the Town and the connections to the South of Town amenities are weak... specifically Bitterbrush, Picture Rock, and Old St Vrain
- Where is the bus in town to help residents transport to Lyons and Boulder? This is a major issue for low-income, youth and those who want to lessen their environmental footprint.
- Bike lane to Longmont and Boulder
- Now that we are getting the Safe Routes to School grant work coming, including our beloved ped bridge in the Confluence, we are looking good. Sidewalks in some areas do need to be maintained or created.
- I dislike paid parking for both residents and visitors. People are taxed enough.
- Need more parking.
- Get the buses back going to Boulder more
- Well done on recognizing that visitors need free parking by the post office, on High St etc. and that overcrowding of parks need to be addressed
- Park paths are nice. Street/sidewalk condition is awful.
- The traffic towards Estes can be terrible
- In the 21 years we've lived in Lyons, we've never had an issue parking downtown. Even so, the town keeps adding more parking. Business failures are NOT from lack of parking.
- I wouldn't know what it's like to park in downtown Lyons, because out of towners show up at 6am to cycle, and stay upwards of 8+ hours, monopolizing all those spots.
- I CANNOT believe that RTD cut the Lyons/Longmont and Lyons/Boulder routes. That is essential!!! It also is so obvious that the town's infrastructure was built to move cars and traffic through town rather than get people around town once they're here.
- Would be great to develop bike paths to Longmont and Boulder. Hwy 66 and 36 are really hazardous for bikes. 5th Ave. bridge also hazardous.
- Add bike lines to Hwy 36 and 66
- We need to make the town much more pedestrian friendly. More sidewalks, etc.
- Sidewalks/bridges, walkways need major overhaul/improvements. Golf cart paths are needed.
- The paths that exist are great and well maintained. We MUST find a way to get bikes and peds out to 36/66 without riding on the highway past the gas station. It is incredibly dangerous. I'm a road cyclist and it's probably the most dangerous thing I do. Can we get a path to Rabbit Mountain? Or out via the river corridor? We have access to some of the best gravel biking around, but in order to get there you have to take your life in your hands.
- Need safe route to schools

- Home owners are paying into RTD yet we bus service to Boulder and Longmont has been discontinued. This must be resolved and should be a high priority of the town. It's impossible to present the town as forward looking in terms of environmental sustainability without public transportation.
- Need to manage summer weekend traffic at intersections so locals can get in and out of town. Could use more trails connecting within the town and to other areas; not necessarily supportive of the "subdivision" sidewalk and lighting look all over town.
- Travel by car is difficult during festivals and summer. The traffic back ups need to be addressed on weekends especially. If RMNP keeps the reservation system signs should be at Broadway and 36 & I 25 and 66 stating entry by reservation only.
- We need buses
- It would be nice to have a way for my children to be able to walk from the north side of town where we live to say Bohn park. Even with the flashing lights at 2nd Ave cars often don't stop. I would never let my children cross the highway alone.
- The eastern Hwy 66 corridor needs to have the speed reduced to 35 or 40mph. The busy Circle K gas station and heavy traffic combined with people crossing Hwy 66 is many accidents waiting to happen.
- More parking would make it easier for people to stop and shop or eat
- It would be great for the bridge that was destroyed by the flood to be rebuilt.
- No safe biking and walking trails from the East of town
- A push for non motorized access to eastern corridor and beyond.
- unless you are on a direct downtown sidewalk the intense level of traffic flying through yield and stop signs just plain sucks and makes a person angry especially when you feel a giant SUV or truck can take you out at any time and the city is doing nothing ever to improve the situation for pedestrians. speed limits through major crosswalks are actually 40mph and people are generally going at least 10 over that without any police presence, crossing lights, flashing lights showing your speed and tiny 10 inch high pedestrian signs at best. big fail for the town
- I would like to see dedicated community bus that would take seniors to and from the local cities for their errands.
- It's stressful when cyclists ride down main street because there isn't a bike lane or sufficient shoulder. I don't ride my bike in Lyons because I think it's too dangerous without a bike lane or shoulder. I also get nervous when the shoulder disappears near the intersection of 36 and 66. So I drive outside of Lyons to ride my bike.
- No sidewalks except downtown. People have to walk in the streets
- Travelling during events is difficult. Not sure anything can/should be done.
- I wish there were more public transportation options, though I realize that if the demand is low that need can't be met better than it already is.
- Stop catering to cyclists.
- I don't like having to pay for parking at the parks, and obtaining a permit seems like a hassle
- I know it is CDOT property, but we need to get the bike lane extended on both sides of the street on 36 to the red light at 66. Very unsafe. Someone is eventually going to get killed there.
- I think we have wonderful trails for walking and biking with the exception of places that connect one part of the town to another. For example the Martin Parcel would safely allow low impact opportunities for cyclist and pedestrians to reach Old South St. Vrain. In addition the Corona Trail would reduce the number of mountain bikers on Hwy 7 going to Hall Ranch. Finally, we must have a way for cyclist and pedestrians connect to the Eastern Corridor.
- A pedestrian crossing walk at Apple Valley Road would be good.
- No public parking lots
- The intersection of 36 to Railroad Ave, Evans St., and Second Ave. is dangerous.
- In the summer with the additional car traffic through residential neighborhoods, it can be challenging & dangerous, particularly accessing 5th Ave by the confluence. Perhaps the side streets could be blocked off.

Accessing 5th (Hwy 7) @ Meily or Prospect is a challenge. I don't need excellent, good/adequate is sufficient for me.

- I do think Lyons has done a fantastic job with our paths around our parks and ponds but it would be helpful to have a designated path that leads to and from town so we don't have to ride bikes on the highway.
- 2nd Ave bridge!
- We most certainly have access to community ingress and egress with US-36 running right through the community.
- The worse sidewalks are going to be fixed this year with the "school walks" money; thank goodness! The town is easy to get around, and there is usually parking available, but we need some parking restrictions in the summer, with tourists around. (especially for long-term bikers who park and go off on trails for miles). You need to keep an eye on the berms downtown, as it can be dangerous getting out of your car to walk to the stores. They need to be kept clean/clear.
- Though maybe a county issue, I would love to see the town advocate for more trails, specifically bike trails in the area. Lyons has the topographical makeup to be a world-class mountain biking destination. And people who have the disposable income to spend \$5K+ on bicycles have the additional income to stay and play in town as well. Looking forward to the new walking/biking bridge!
- I was really disappointed at the cancellation of the RTD Y bus from Lyons to Boulder and reached out to RTD about it. I got a very shortly worded response which is think is unfortunate that we have lost that transportation option.
- If you are going to post parking time limits they should be enforced. Need better signage or communication telling visitors where they can park
- It would be nice to have more kid friendly bike paths
- I think some of the intersections in Lyons are very strange and unsafe. An example would be the corner of 5th and Seward St
- I have never found any issues with parking downtown. If businesses required their employees to park away from the building to allow for customer parking, there would no issues. However, a new hotel must accommodate the parking it generates or it will easily suck up any available parking for other businesses.
- Lyons is split by a major road. Walking can be dangerous when crossing the major road. Otherwise side road are wonderful. Parking is difficult and one of the reasons why locals avoid Lyons in the summer.
- The RTD schedule.
- After the 4th Street Bridge project is complete, we hope the town continues to put non-vehicular transportation first (walking, biking, etc.). The voucher program used to replace RTD is useless. The commuter bus was great while it lasted.
- Again, a trail or sidewalk connecting Eagle Canyon and the Apple Valley area to downtown.
- I think I heard a pedestrian bridge is being added to connect north and south Lyons. This is an excellent idea!
- Roads are getting better, keep up the progress.
- If there are no sidewalks, make speed limits low and monitor
- Golf carts on pedestrian trails at night is not safe. Do we have any municipal codes regarding that use? Any enforcement?
- Sidewalk infrastructure is improving in terms of having sidewalks as well as condition, which is great. Lots of areas still need sidewalks - second avenue and the northern neighborhood area, some of the north/south streets close to downtown, etc. Terrible bike access - suicide lane (zero bike lane) to get to Longmont, bike lanes with debris in them on the east side, and dangerous bike/shared area on the east side as you get close to Ute. Crossing north 35 to get from the gravel path to Apple Valley to mountain bike up Antelope Trail is dangerous - need a crossing at this particular area. Crossing at existing crosswalks on Broadway east of 2nd St. is dangerous - we need slower speed limits earlier and more pronounced crossing areas (like Boulder has on 28th). Parking is limited and will need expansion if we want to attract tourism.
- Safer highway crossing

- High school expansion eliminated parking so now there are impacts everyday use versus formerly events only.
- We are all paying into RTD and need to advocate for a return of bus service. More electric charging stations would help attract overnight visitors as well as daytime lunch or dinner stopovers.
- Tourism traffic is dangerous in some neighborhoods, such as the McConnell/2nd Ave/Old South cut-through. Needs traffic calming features to improve safety and decrease the appeal of Waze. Broadway is very dangerous for multi-modal transportation and it's too easy to speed, with no buffer between it and Sandstone Park. Hwy 7 around Lavern Johnson Park out to the SW town limits is dangerous. Multi-modal transportation east of McConnell and Stone Canyon is very dangerous, in both directions. The north side of 66 between Black Bear and Stone Canyon is dangerous. The intersections at the west end of Main and Broadway are dangerous (needs traffic circles).
- More golf cart roads!
- Intersection at west of main to Estes is dangerous for cars and pedestrians. Look at traffic patterns and alternatives for travel. Maybe that should be a 4 way stop? Roundabout? Light? Make Broadway 2-way and take through traffic that way instead?
- We need a bike path east out of town. It is particularly dangerous near the gas station
- I like having wide biking lanes for safety. Not a biker myself, it is obvious a number of areas along 36 are not safe for bicyclists. Being pragmatic, we need to understand the millions of tourists driving through our town do not all share the respect or awareness for bikers most Coloradans have. Bike lanes should be wider and clearly marked. We're fortunate to not have had the terrible incidents seen in Boulder over the past couple of years.
- Fix the sidewalks. Replace the 4th Ave pedestrian bridge. Develop trails to Longmont and Boulder. Make it easier for folks to get around without their cars.
- If we have no bus service we should not pay RTD taxes.
- Buses would be nice again to see.
- We still need the 4th street pedestrian connector bridge, and safer bike access to get into or out of town (complete the bike lanes on US 36 just west of 66, or complete the Longmont Greenway).
- More walking/bike paths
- Reinstating a regular/reliable transportation avenue for folks who need it... To/from Boulder, Longmont, Denver, etc...
- No public transportation RTD= Reason To Drive. How does that help our carbon footprint?
- We need to fight for the RTD bus line to resume service!!
- The traffic volume of going through town is very concerning. The two one way major roads in and out of town is dangerous for pedestrians.
- Please bring back the bus! Some parts of town are incredibly inaccessible to walkers and bikers.
- Ease of travel is very dependent on where you are and where you're going. Some areas are pretty isolated except by car. Improve bike access into town from the east. Promote bus service from Longmont and Boulder to allow visitors without increasing parking needed.
- Parking would be a nightmare if that giant hotel goes in.
- concern is cars not stopping for peds a crosswalks. especially at 3rd and Main, and 3rd and Broadway.
- I'm concerned that the addition of an 80 room hotel is going to make parking impossible to find in the downtown area. It does not seem to be well thought out.
- I know there could be more parking downtown but outside of that it's all good.
- 66 is scary. Need to deter traffic speed somehow. Know it's no easy!
- Bike path connecting what will soon be east Lyons with the center of Town.
- RTD needs to come back to town.
- I36 through town has always had a speeding problem. It would be nice if there were more speed reduction things like chicanes. Also crossing i36 at stone canyon is a bit harrowing. Can we ask the state



to reduce the speed limit there? Also, can they build out a shoulder to the 66 36 intersection so it is more bikeable?

- Newer sections of town have better sidewalks than old town.
- The Town charges a fee for parking in the parks, which is good and helps our finances; we are short on buses in and out of town, and have been cut off, due to not having of a lot of riders; however, they are needed.
- Can't wait for the confluence neighborhood pedestrian bridge to be back!!

#### TRANSPORTATION: ECONOMIC VITALITY

- In the 21 years we've lived in Lyons, we've never had an issue parking downtown. Even so, the town keeps adding more parking. Business failures are NOT from lack of parking.

#### TRANSPORTATION: SUSTAINABILITY

- Electric Cars and Golf Carts Not gas powered!
- We are all paying into RTD and need to advocate for a return of bus service. More electric charging stations would help attract overnight visitors as well as daytime lunch or dinner stopovers.
- Need high speed car chargers
- Stone Sidewalks!!

#### TRANSPORTATION: LAND USE AND GROWTH

- Limit any new growth and focus on existing infrastructure.

#### TRANSPORTATION: HISTORIC PRESERVATION

- Stone Sidewalks!!

#### TRANSPORTATION: OTHER

- Golf carts forever.

## Q13B: DO YOU HAVE ANY OTHER COMMENTS RELATED TO ECONOMIC HEALTH?

### ECONOMIC HEALTH: HOUSING AND HUMAN SERVICES

- We need housing for workers.
- Rents seem too high for the amount of income the businesses generate.
- Again adorable housing so people can work and live here
- Lack of worker housing is a major concern.
- I can't afford to live here anymore
- Affordable housing is a major hurdle to attracting a consistent workforce

### ECONOMIC HEALTH: PARKS AND RECREATION

- We do need some hotel space and a rec center would likely help as well.
- There is much untapped potential for outdoors-oriented tourism.
- A lot has changed economically since the last comp plan. The wedding industry has boom as has recreational uses around Lyons. We need to define what drives our economy and plan around it. I believe our focus should be on an ecological/recreational-based economy vs. growth or industrial. To that end, our planning should focus on protecting and enhancing the natural environment and promoting our location. We should have a federal lands visitor center in Lyons (maybe as part of our visitor center) so people can stop in town and get the information they need before migrating uphill. Also, we need to be better at working with businesses and helping them grow, otherwise, they will relocate to other communities (aka Oskar Blues brewery).
- We need to develop a stronger sales tax base to support the community. Welcoming tourists with recreational and performing arts opportunities like the mountain communities of Vail, Breckenridge, Telluride and otherwise could help.

### ECONOMIC HEALTH: TRANSPORTATION

- I wish there was a way to create better parking along Main Street but with a US highway going through the center of town (and limited space) I don't know how to create what we need especially when traffic backs up in the summer. We all have to remember that living in a small town things are limited. Thank goodness we have 2 coffee shops, a nice grocery store with wonderful selections (especially baked goods), some restaurant selections and now Moxie. I think it would be hard to start a business in Lyons because of the small population.
- If we want downtown to thrive we need to provide lodging and livable/walkable environment. Having lodging will allow Lyons to be more than a pass through. Having lodging will mean that Lyons will need to deal even more so with traffic and where to put it and how to integrate it safely into the goings on of town.

### ECONOMIC HEALTH: ECONOMIC VITALITY

- Number on priority needs to be economic sustainability. Without that, everything else fails.
- Anything we can do to help create a thriving main street
- When it comes to commerce, I've seen the town favor the noise and impacts of commerce over the peace and well being of residential neighborhoods. Every business doesn't have to have an outdoor restaurant/bar with live music.
- For residents here, practical businesses supplying everyday needs are most welcome.
- Too expensive to have a business here, and it must be supported by locals. Tourism means driving through town to Estes Park or many bike races that only clog up an already busy summer weekend. As for employees, they can not afford to live here, so why drive here.
- Town policies and staff have truly destroyed town businesses.
- Make it easier for business to operate. E.g. I hear permitting process is difficult
- What Lyons needs it can't support. So, you get in your car and drive...



- I rarely buy Lyons even though I'm right in town. The market is ridiculously priced, the restaurants are meh with only a few affordable choices. The stores and businesses basically caters to the rich and indifferent, which is the majority of Lyons
- Focus on supporting locally owned businesses by precluding chain stores .
- Lyons is not business friendly
- We need housing for entry-level employees so restaurants, town can find employees. Need more basic shopping services - groceries, laundromat, medical services, clothing and shoes too. I would rather buy local than on line.
- More support and ease of starting a business. Better support for existing businesses. Higher sales tax does not always produce more money.
- The cost of starting a business in Boulder county is incredibly expensive for most small independent businesses to really thrive.
- We lack a hotel in town. It would attract more people for the business specially with weddings and events going on in Lyons.
- many of the shops in town are great, and there's been a great addition for business lately.
- We need to embrace economic development and support our small businesses.
- Got to be more united store marketing out of the area. Together we thrive!!!
- No big grocery store or chains. WHICH I LOVE. One of the few shall towns left in the front range like this
- Would like to see more locals support local business all year and not just weekends in summer.
- We are not at all happy with the new "glass shop" on a prominent corner in town. It is discouraging enough that the welcome to town is a gauntlet of weed shops. It is hard to run a business here. Hours are not such that commuters can get shopping time in if they have been away all day. Quality of services rating is more about availability of services. Shipping or office type services, in addition to health care, are the main reasons to have to travel to Longmont or shop Amazon.
- We need a small store to get affordable staple-type groceries...
- One of the more difficult issues facing Lyons is the ability to retain multiple businesses with enough traffic, enough workers, low enough overhead and taxes to make them viable. It has gotten better over the last 15 years, but always seems like two steps forward and one step back when another business closes down. I think we have enough establishments offering alcohol, music, and beer gardens, dispensaries, and not enough good food.
- Main Street / VIBE program perhaps should be a full-time gig in of to itself... better defined / assigned? Encouraged to more fully dovetail efforts w/ LACC to support / engage / promote local businesses & collegiality thereof... Reach-out to neighboring Estes / Longmont / North Boulder / Boulder / Loveland / Fprrt Collins to more deliberately facilitate a draw to our "String of Pearls" corridor - foster more compelling reasons to Linger Longer in Lyons... "on the way to / on the way from / a destination in its own right" kind of message...
- Would be wonderful to have a bigger/better grocery store (like a Lucky's) nearby, like in the eastern corridor property.
- Town makes it so ridiculously hard to have a thriving business in Lyons.
- Lyons seems a pretty tough place to run a retail business. I hope the vacancies downtown don't persist.
- It would be wonderful to have another option for grocery shopping.
- It's great to see so much new investment and energy moving into town. Not sure what the long term viability will be. It is often that a great company starts and if they are successful, they will outgrow the town and leave.
- These are hard question to answer when most businesses in Lyons have done poorly during the pandemic. Lyons has been very supportive and helpful in offering financial help. This type of aid should continue to be part of Lyons long term planning.
- The shipping/restaurant situation is improving greatly! Very exciting!

- Given the size of the town shopping is okay as I am not sure how more would be sustainable for a business owner
- Lyons has 3 bakeries, 3 places that sell pizza, 3 (maybe 4?) breweries, and a whole slew of American food i.e. burgers, chicken wings, bbq. I don't consider this a diverse or very healthy place to shop, eat, play. Rather dull and typical.
- Quality of businesses has been improving lately.
- The more robust the downtown areas becomes, the more opportunities exist more businesses, employees, and tourism.
- I need a store for my daily needs...miss the natural food store/ pharmacy.
- Starting a business anywhere is tough. The Town needs to make sure it isn't a roadblock, but supports new endeavors. We have a bad reputation for being difficult to work with, hopefully this is not always true.
- Need dose of reality for new businesses, especially seems too many restaurants can't be supported in Town. Maybe a plan is needed to decide "right" mix and match of retail businesses that can be supported. Need to encourage and attract small manufacturing, office based businesses (software design, customer service and fulfillment call centers, marketing, advertising, engineering, architect, design firms, non-profits like political think tanks, foundations, activists, etc.) Make Lyons more attractive than Boulder or Longmont for locating these types of businesses.
- We need a small, boutique grocery store.
- Need more diversity of businesses/incentives/no more shuttered stores on Main St, no more realtors on Main St, entice tourists to stop
- Business owners may need to realize that their earning potential may be limited by the town's location, parking, and infrastructure. Town may need to revisit certain rules, regs, taxes, fees, etc. and balance these with the overall contribution of various businesses to the town's attractiveness and stability.
- The ban on formula businesses prevents well capitalized stable businesses from coming here
- To me, this is where our community could use support, much like Longmont developed Main Street.
- If stores would remove the mask signs they'd get more business
- I know this is a big struggle for Lyons. We want to make businesses desire to come and support them to survive during the winter months.
- Need a wider base than tourism.
- Property taxes are sky high making leases for businesses too expensive.
- Businesses get very little support from the town... and there is very little communication between the town and businesses
- I would like a business center
- We need affordable housing to retain employees. Need to get local residents to support local businesses especially in the winter. We need tourists to have lodging and stay for more than a day.
- We have yet to see any efforts by the town or chamber to effectively support the local businesses. The commercial property tax increased create a significant barrier to success and the town has been no help in changing this.
- Our ecological and economic health are closely tied and I feel like more progressive, concrete strategies and efforts need to be in place to protect and manage our ecological health in ways that benefit us long-term.
- I've never been a business owner or employee in town so I don't feel it appropriate to answer these questions. As I already mentioned, it would be nice to have more businesses that serve locals so we can reduce our carbon footprint by not driving to Boulder/Longmont for basic needs. So grateful for St. Vrain Market & Clark's Hardware. I'd like to see more businesses catering to local needs at affordable prices, than to tourists. However, again, how do the local businesses succeed year-round? How do we maintain an eclectic, funky vibe instead of a high-end boutique type town, where we're now headed?
- What happened to the visitor center? Not staffed regularly What they did to the restrooms has created a mess! Need to embrace Ecological/ Economic engine! What happened to economic development

committee? Seems like they never meet or get much traction. Who's at the wheel? Why did the town and chamber of commerce kill good ol days? No affordable places for workforce to live... Town let Keith Bell off the hook when they allowed church to be built instead of affordable housing. Stop selling out to developers for crying out loud! Build a recreation center!

- As a bedroom community of Boulder and Longmont, and given my own business experiences, business opportunities are over-the-top in almost all respects.
- I hear the businesses in town are booming, and making more money than the year before the pandemic. Maybe because people stayed close to home for year, and also because so many wanted to support local stores, the economy has changed dramatically in town. I hope it keeps up. I think more people discovered downtown Lyons this past year! Again -- I think having locally owned stores is the key. /// I've heard many store owners have problems getting permits or licenses and it delays there opening for a long time. I don't know the details, but they make it sound like they did everything right, and are frustrated. // The only migrants that I know of are those who work in the Quarries, and the owners say that the federal government made it hard for them to get enough workers in the past few years (due to the presidential administration). This is an important, stable industry for Lyons, and I hope things improve. /// Since the businesses are locally-owned that often means that the owners are the "register/clerks" so that limits the number of jobs available. The restaurants however complain about not getting enough help, but that is a sign of our times. /// I don't see much happening to promote tourism for the past 2 years, prob. due to the pandemic.
- Too focused on tourism. Folks in town need to support local business more
- Primary issues: Lyons building owners are usually not the business owners. Too often, new business owners jump in without a solid plan or enough capital. Just because someone lives in Lyons doesn't mean they should start a business in Lyons, happily living here and creating a successful thriving business here are two separate endeavors. Two-bit business ideas are never successful long-term.
- It appears that Lyons is very much like other tourists towns that have to lure workers from other places to come work and can't retain them. I do like how the local shops hire high schoolers.
- It seems like the town is only geared toward their sacred tourists. Too many reality offices, overpriced subpar food and business from elsewhere trying to turn main street into a really white expensive square shopping strip. The pandemic of course didn't help anyone but I've been enjoying seeing the influx of communal gatherings with free live music, friends opening art spaces, etc.
- Lyons is not, nor should it be, a tourist destination. It is a small residential town where folks MAY stop on their way to Estes, or come for a festival. We would like to see it remain the small residential town that it is.
- Having some affordable housing in town, that is actually affordable, would help to provide employees for service industry jobs local to our town.
- I look forward to learning how folks support or don't support tourism. I think it's great for our town, but I know many people don't like the tourists.
- Incentives to bring in people to businesses in the winter
- We've been lacking in accommodations but a hotel in town is great depending on how they do it. Keep retail if possible.
- For a town our size, shopping is pretty good. Our population and level of tourism can't support some types of shops (i.e. boutiques), and the shops we have provide for both locals and tourists (ex: art/gift shops). I can't strongly speak to economic health but I feel like many businesses struggle; not sure if it's lack of traffic, lack of folks who live in town spending in town vs going out of town, cost to operate is too high, taxes are too high, etc. I hear it's hard to find affordable space for small businesses because property values and taxes continue to increase so the price to rent is simply increasing. Many businesses need more staff too, but finding staff for blue-collar jobs is hard because it's too expensive to live in Lyons (so folks who live in Longmont will simply work in Longmont, etc.). We have some great restaurants and shops, but I hate seeing main street fill up with office-centric businesses.....do we need FIVE realtors here? (PS - shout out to Laura Levy who has also created two shops on main street, one which uses part of her real estate office.). I hate seeing low-value businesses like a glass pipe shop open up - low value to limited populations and takes up prime real estate. Limited parking not in sight makes Lyons less friendly toward tourism. Limited signage for shops as to what we have in Lyons as they pass through makes it less likely

they will stop. I love seeing beer gardens pop up as it makes main street a friendly, welcoming place, encouraging a 'let's stop and have a drink or see what's going on' mentality.

- We do need some hotel space and a rec center would likely help as well.
- Shortage of labor
- Whatever development occurs in the eastern corridor will have a big effect, so decisions about what to support there should keep local employment and the ability to attract a diversity of employment in mind - retail as well as light industry.
- The Town of Lyons is NOT supportive of the local businesses. The Town should focus less on bringing tourists in and more on supporting the residents. Sometimes the town is overrun with tourists.
- Hotels to keep people in town for weddings, simpler and more transparent building codes and process. Enforcement so that all businesses are playing by the same rules.
- I would love to see small companies on the eastern corridor, or something that would draw people from boulder or Longmont year around. An example would be something like the butterfly pavilion in Broomfield, where people from neighboring towns go there all year and then support shops and restaurants
- A statement of the obvious - we need to diversify away from tourism without forgetting that it will always be a critical part of our economy. I wish I had constructive ideas for how to do so and understand it is a challenge that we may not be able to overcome. A business owner currently outside the city limits, I can assure you the challenges to a business here are daunting.
- Needs clearer leadership at the City level to attract business and entrepreneurs to expand the downtown business district and attract people from Boulder and away from Estes Park.
- Many business owners who tried to open in Lyons seem to blame the Town but many failures occur on account of the owner lacking the true knowledge of what it takes to open and build a business, especially in a tourist town with a limited tourist season.
- Town has GOT to figure out a way to create a sustainable revenue stream (beyond sales tax)
- We have always been a bedroom community Do not expect business growth. Tourism is only a few months in a business year
- Would be nice if there were more businesses not related to tourists
- services. retail and food services are important for sales taxes but services are what keep people here. there seems to be little to no support for services. do town staff and board support local services?
- The Town is doing good as to Sales; it is up over last year; The Sales Tax has to cover all-activities, and events for the town staff , to operate them. More funds for that line would be helpful, thus I am promoting a Art\Culture Tax.
- We could do more to attract tourists. Make Lyons a destination instead of a stop.
- A hotel project (but good grief NOT 80 rooms!) will help support the wedding industry which will help support tourism. Also, additional easy parking would help those traveling through stop and actually spend money and not just blast through. I know there have been grumblings about building codes and starting a business, but that's not unique to Lyons.

#### ECONOMIC HEALTH: SUSTAINABILITY

- Creating educational opportunities around sustainable, regenerative ways of living could help the community develop more tools that they could offer back to the community and beyond, while in turn helping the Town.
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#### ECONOMIC HEALTH: ARTS AND HUMANITIES

- Keep Funding Arts and Humanities... Help Businesses Advertise/Market themselves

- Besides seasonal music festival and recreation events, we are missing the opportunity to capture the tourism flow that makes its way to and from Estes Park. There must be thought leadership and change implemented on creating for destination appeal for Lyons to bolster the local economy.
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#### ECONOMIC HEALTH: LAND USE AND GROWTH

- Whatever development occurs in the eastern corridor will have a big effect, so decisions about what to support there should keep local employment and the ability to attract a diversity of employment in mind - retail as well as light industry.
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#### ECONOMIC HEALTH: OTHER

- Why are you asking about migrant workforce, irrelevant to residents
- Why would you ask about the Town's "support for migrant workforce?" This is - again - a question that has no part in this survey. Lyons does not have any industries or agriculture to support a large workforce, "migrant" or otherwise. It smacks of an agenda-setting that has no place in either this survey or the Comp Plan.
- I am not clear on the "migrant workforce" question. We don't have an appreciable migrant workforce here in town. Seems like a politically-driven question.
- Support for tourism: As I've said before, enough already. Send 'em elsewhere.
- I do not want to live in a tourist town
- YOU ARE RUINING LYONS
- Why is migrant workforce listed, unemployment is high enough without adding migrants.
- Support for migrant workforce is not very clear. The quarry owner that was exploiting them was caught, fined, and closed. That was quite a few years ago. I could be wrong, but Lyons does not have industries that depend on a migrant workforce.
- I think more residents would like to know how to better support the migrant workforce.
- Migrant workforce applies to quarry workers (God bless you!!)
- The Town has adopted a cater to tourists attitude at the sacrifice of local resident enjoyment of living here.
- I think Alodge expansion will be a massive boon for downtown.

## Q14B: DO YOU HAVE ANY OTHER COMMENTS RELATED TO PARKS AND RECREATION?

### PARKS AND RECREATION: PARKS AND RECREATION

- Need to ensure we have financial sustainability to maintain parks.
- We can't have a separate basketball court in Bohn park that's not also a tennis court?!? Ridiculous.
- The Bohn park bike park needs attention.
- I feel sorry for them. They do their best to maintain the post flood parks. Dog park does need to be mowed much more often.
- I propose that Heil and Hall Ranch follow the run/bike schedule similar to Betasso. Certain days of the week are only for mountain bikers. Certain days of the week are for runners/walkers/hikers. This could help everyone have a more enjoyable experience on Heil.
- Parks should be open until sundown ... and sometimes after. Stop kicking local people using the park responsibly out. Why create recreational attractions in the park and then tell kids they can not use them with a parent if under 18. What middle/high school kid brings their parent with them to the park? Have more programs in the park - Yoga, Tai Chi ... Softball was awesome addition this summer. Maybe a soccer field... basketball courts separate from tennis court.
- It sucks I can't use my parks because they are over run by tourists
- La Vern park has really poor management and also should be available at ALL times of year. No chemical sprays.
- The number of hiking and biking trails is unimpressive given how many people are using them and how much land there is. Please look to other towns who have really embraced trails as they develop: Park City, Utah is one example. Also, having a rec center in town would be amazing.
- The number of off leash dogs in Bohn Park is unacceptable. If residents insist on treating all of Bohn Park as an off-leash dog park, please convert the official dog park into affordable housing. I run through the parks early on weekday mornings and consistently see offenders (especially near the cohousing village adjacent to Bohn Park). Please start ticketing offenders, even if it means consistently patrolling Bohn Park in the early morning hours. Dog owners should follow the rules and allow those of us without dogs to also enjoy the parks we pay for.
- The parks are primarily used by people from outside of Lyons. this is a good and bad thing. Most locals don't even try to use the parks in the summer.
- Not sure why we wasted so much of our resources on wooden fences.
- Over-developed parks
- Lyons parks should not be closed to residents at any time.
- Great parks system - almost TOO great. Residents can't use Bohn and LaVern Johnson Parks due to crush of out-of-towners. Would suggest a d system of reservation passes for non-residents (50%) and residents (50%). Residents pay the taxes to upkeep these parks yet can't use them on the best 10 weekends of the summer.
- Wow. They could really do a better job all around
- Do not change park and open lands for other uses, and expand open space, not development.
- Don't even mess with the dog park
- Amazing amount of parks and quality of parks for a town our size. Concern about how to maintain cost of park features with our current tax structure.
- Lyons has a lovely park system. We lean toward a more natural approach to parks, so weren't thrilled with the rebuilds of Bohn and LJP. The "theme park" type approach does draw folks from out-of-town in the summer especially. That causes problems for people who live in town until the weather turns.
- Lyons public parks and open space lands are very heavily used, and must be protected and expanded where possible. They are an asset not only to the Town and its ecosystems, but for the region surrounding it. Lyons is already experiencing negative effects from regional growth, including increased



traffic and overcrowding of its parks and open space. How will the town ensure that its parks and open spaces remain available for local residents?

- Extend the hours for park use. Kicking our kids out at 8pm is not a good use of them. If they want to play volleyball or hang out at the fire pit at 11pm in the summer this should be supported!
- I think The parks should have large areas of natural landscape. I oppose use of night lighting for sport fields as they disrupt sleep and wildlife patterns. I don't think we should overbuild facilities. I would like to see rec programs offered for tennis and pickle ball.
- We don't have recreational facilities (unless you count ball fields?)
- Like music and natural environment, our recreational amenities drive our economy and need to be planned as such.
- Parks seem weedy. Lots of dandelions and thistles.
- Access to Hall Ranch via Corona Hill is a MUST
- I would love more programing. Art & Crafts.
- I love how family friendly they all are.
- We need a swimming pool. Year-round would be nice but unaffordable. An outdoor pool like Longmont's Sunset would be a sustainable asset.
- Heil closes too often, I know this is Boulder county but they could be leaned on to fix some issues.
- addition of softball was very fun for the town to experience
- Parks are amazing
- Please, please, please put in. a system of reservations for LaVern Johnson Park and Bohn. Park in the peak summer months!! It is beyond ridiculous that residents who pay for these parks are excluded on summer weekends because of the crush of out-of-towners. Federal regs state that Lyons can make such a reservation system so long as all users are treated equally. Not looking for preference, but a 50-50 split on reservations would work.
- More, designated Pickleball courts!!!
- Raise the parking fees for guests so that we can better afford maintenance and trash removal. Add dog poop bags and trash receptacles in all parks and pathways. Too many people leave dog poop all around.
- More trails. Maybe mtb specific gravity trails by the L, like Erie single Track. More mtb and hiking trails, compare to Salida. What we gave us great, but doubling the size would make us a weekend destination vs a. Day trip which equals much more \$\$ spent here
- Many visitors come to Lyons to use mountain bike trails. Make connections between lodging in town and recreational opportunities.
- I love the parks - they're beautiful, well-maintained and well- utilized
- Town could really use a pool/Rec Center.
- Would be wonderful to have a rec center even if modest, indoor space for families and children, students, to take classes, lessons, gather for athletics/games, fitness, etc.
- Tons of money was spent on fixing up the parks after the flood and now they are full of weeds, some of which are noxious.
- Need a small rec center in town.
- Need ways to link the trails at the edges of town (Hall, Heil) into town.
- Love the dog park. Would like some agility features if possible. All our parks and opens space are magical.
- Can't wait for more coordination on youth sports at the new facilities. This summer was a teaser and we loved it all.
- Wish we had the Voice & Sight program that Boulder Parks have for dogs
- see comment on indoor swimming pool...I love the dog park.
- I think our walking paths, parks, & trails are exceptional and well loved. I'd like to see more opportunities to enjoy the river's edge open up.
- We need a rec center and a pool!! It's time.

- Town parks are some of the best in the nation for a town our size. Kudos to all involved to make that happen, and those that work to keep it up!
- Over-use is a problem re: trails... Improved succinct directional signage needs analysis... Improved designated rec-parking warranted... (perhaps w/ money-garnering fees for ToFL attached) I'm amazed as to what P& R accomplishes with as limited as staff seems to be... KUDOS!!!!!! Thanks, too, for all the P& R assistance w/ LAHC's art installations, etc. The kiosks are perhaps under attended to as a vehicle for up to date wayfinding, etc.?
- Rec Center!!! 😊
- We need a town rec center. The town parks are over run by out of towners so residents cannot even use on the weekends. The out of towners do not pay to use the parks and do not respect the parks or the people of town who attempt to use the parks. The dirt jump park is a complete mess and is not safe for anyone to use. The cost to camp in Meadow Park is way too cheap compared to other front range camping that is inferior compared to Lyons.
- Need to charge non-residents more to use our parks since locals can get in on weekends
- Awesome parks we have!
- Quality of our trails relates to what the county has provided.
- I would really appreciate if residents could have more or preferred park access on the weekends when we have time to enjoy it. They get so overrun with visitors
- How about making at least one day or two days a week just for locals in LaVerne Johnson Park? That would help bring back the feeling of having a special place for many of us here who depended upon Meadow Park as a retreat into nature
- More trails!
- Just wish there could be more trails throughout Lyons.....
- Do not add more Parks & Rec. property to manage and pay for.
- We need a pool!
- Amazing job Parks and Rec have done to restore parks!
- More trails in and around town are always welcome!!
- We need a recreation center!
- Are we sure we can afford to maintain all of these amazing parks and recreational amenities we offer? The lack of tax funding for maintenance is a major concern.
- We need a recreation center and a pool .
- We need a transportation/recreation trail from Lyons to Boulder and Longmont. Without the RTD bus residents are stuck on an island.
- Rec center!
- Keep Martin Parcel as wild and untrammled as possible. Everyone needs a Hundred Acre Wood. And no more expensive amenities.
- Need a 4-season rec center or private gym
- The decking on the bond Park South Saint Vrain Bridge and ramp needs to be replaced in several places. And the pathway lighting I feel like should be turned off at 2 a.m.
- Appreciate the folks who got grants that Bohn park resides on, rebuilt Meadow park after the first flood and planted many trees in both parks and around town. Skate park was moved and shouldn't the name stay the same Kurt Carlson? If not do something that recognizes all the work he has done and still does. He currently volunteers for ecology board and volunteers, river clean up, pulling weeds and educating people. If more folks cared like he does the town would be even better shape. The town parades had towns of participation when he worked in town and from the river run he started he used those funds to plant trees. We need more people like him. Who care about town and people.
- Allow dogs on trails. Nonsense to not allow dogs, it's LYONS!
- Way too many signs and infrastructure at the parks. We never go to Lyons parks. Closed to residents for walks or a picnic on a nice summer night? No thanks. We go to Macintosh.



- Well done on park improvements post-flood. Please fix our ordinances so they are enforceable and hire a code enforcer that is Proactive and patrols parks and neighborhoods
- We have enough parks & open space. Don't need more. Properly maintain & improve what we have. Get a connector trail to Hall Ranch done.
- Without a Rec center, we are really missing out
- Please don't change or remove the Labyrinth
- We prefer a more natural approach to park land than what we got after the flood. We are concerned that the few remaining natural spaces will be built on, developed, or otherwise ruined for the sake of "progress". Keep our natural spaces natural.
- What "recreational facilities"?
- I gave these ratings based on just within Town of Lyons because we have great parks and walking trails, etc. Would like to see wider connectivity with trails to Longmont and Boulder.
- Keep up the good work!
- Wish we had a rec center and / or pool
- Need more programs, a rec center, trail connectivity and access
- More trails going more places, especially to get bikers out of town. The new HWY7 bike path should be great. But we need to be able to ride to Longmont and Boulder without risking death. Also - there's not really a trail for off-leash dog walking. We have a wonderful dog park - it's great. But if I want to take the family for a hike with the dog, we don't have great options right in / around town, especially for off-leash.
- Good options for recreation- always want more. Hard to safely get around town with kids
- We have a limited trail network that could be further expanded to open up opportunities to the east.
- Could use more trails connecting within the town and to other areas
- I think we need a rec center , pool and driving range
- We are lucky to be so close to Hall Ranch and Heil Ranch
- there are no recreational facilities or opportunities to speak of in Lyons for families to speak of in Lyons except for the playgrounds
- We need a recreational facility with gym and pool, remove the library
- Continue to make them dog friendly.
- The name change from Meadow Park to Laverne Johnson should be reversed. It was Meadow Park for 125 years. Name the museum after her. That was her baby.
- Please try to keep as many trees as possible. I've noticed a big downswing in the number of birds and hummingbirds.
- Lyons parks and rec should partner with Longmont for kids sports programs to provide an easy and centralized way for parents to register their kids for a "Lyons" team to play in. Longmont league, rather than parents trying to put something together on their own or by posting on social media
- I wish residents had priority LJP
- I'd like to PRC to work with Boulder County Open Space and create trails that are available for beginner/intermediate mountain bikers. Open Corona Hill.
- Create clubs for outdoor activities and a hang-out place for teens to spend evenings. Use the new shelter in Bonn Park with low lights and a fire pit. Allow it to stay open for teens until 10 p.m.
- Best parks I have ever seen.
- These are our most valuable resources. I would love for more emphasis to be placed on upgrading and protecting and adding to these resources.
- The department does not do a good job
- There needs to be a lower limit on the numbers allowed in the parks at a given time. In the 30 years I've lived in town just down the street from all three parks, I never thought I would see such overcrowding. And, reserving tables seems over-the-top. Many locals stay away from the parks on the weekends when they have the time to visit. It's a shame. Sharing our beautiful parks is a blessing & perhaps there's a more mindful way of limiting the numbers so everyone's experience is more joyful. How can we be

inclusive & create a balance? It costs the town a lot of money to maintain, hire security & clean up after the overcrowded weekends.

- Recreation programs are not very good. What happened? We used to have more activities when there was very little staff 20+ years ago...
- Really need a dog friendly trail accessible from town
- Not sure what you call "recreational facilities."? I'm guessing the ball and tennis courts? maybe the dirt bike and skate board park? They are all big and attractive and well used, and clean. /// the recreation programs are all about sports. Other cities also have equal crafts, arts, etc. which I don't see?; but the library does a little. // The Parks are outstanding -- the quality you would see in large cities. // We have lots of choices for trails -- if you just want to walk by the river, or bike for miles. and good access to nearby larger park trails. I like that you can walk down to the river. that is very special. I'm glad we are focusing on one of our unique assets. Not every town has a river running thru it! The park hosts do a great job. You do need more bathrooms in Sandstone Park, for many reasons!
- As mentioned above, more trails please => That said, so grateful for what we already have. The trails around here are magical.
- I love the parks in Lyons they're wonderful.
- I am very proud of our parks and trails and will continue to vote to support their maintenance costs. Please STOP finding ways to chip away at our public park properties for other uses, such as a solar garden that doesn't have anything to do with parks. Put the solar garden on the eastern corridor!!
- Lights for the softball field.
- Too many bikers on walking trails
- Our parks are one of our greatest assets. We prefer more natural parks, and were disappointed with Lyons' willingness to use park land for increased parking. The RV park in LJP was especially disappointing. Bohn Park is now essentially a really nice parking lot, except for the ballparks which we're glad to have back. Need lights for the ballpark, please.
- Make some locals only weekend in our parks.
- Stop kicking locals out of LaVern park.
- I wish we had a small recreation center. Or if we could partner with the hotel being built where community memberships could be purchased to use the hotel gym. If one is being put in.
- Let's not over-develop and over-advertise every public piece of land and river access. Keep some things local, social, and prevent overuse.
- Make parks more accessible for locals
- Ty for offering programs to the community, helpful for kids and adults!!
- Would love to see a rec center with a pool
- I love the expansion of some programs (i.e. opportunity to rent kayaks). Could have some more programs to introduce folks to sports (I'm not going to rent a kayak if I don't know how to navigate it well down the river).
- We could use a pool and rec center.
- Light the baseball fields !! Shade sun protection would be very beneficial for spectators
- Advocate for more low-impact access to Boulder County Open Space such as Lookout Mountain to provide more access to walking trails directly from town. Connect Bohn Park with South St. Vrain along the south bank of the St. Vrain, or barring that, along the north bank next to the highway.
- The trails on Hall and Heil Open Space have been abused by the large number of outdoor enthusiasts during the pandemic. The trails in town are great.
- Parks and Recreation District to fund the parks from nearby users outside of the town limits. Recreation Center with indoor courts and a pool. More outdoor sport courts. More support from Boulder County to connect the town to nearby county open space with off-highway access, as part of the county's Vision Zero initiative. Lights (LED, minimal light pollution) on one ballfield. Dimmable, low light pollution LED lighting for parks areas that are open after dark (for safety and law enforcement).
- Excellent efforts over last 10 years!

- Pool please! :)
- I'm concerned that Lyons spends taxpayer money to compete with other businesses in and around town. Municipalities exist to support their citizens, not to establish commercial enterprises, such as the RV park. The parks are outstanding and rival much larger cities, a reflection of good planning as well as God given natural beauty. However, we have the pragmatic issue of paying for maintenance and operation that I worry strains the budget. We need to be careful not to bite off more than we can chew.
- La Vern park is a joke. The manager has destroyed the place.
- With all the speeders that go by everyday 365 days a year. You'd think it could pay for a cool recreational center. Like a pool for the kids all year round.
- Our parks are amazing!
- I think P& R is doing an admiral job with what they have. We are fortunate that the parks are so beautiful here, although that brings Summer challenges too with the large crowds.
- Getting everyone ON BOARD WITH Implementing the "new" Weed Management Plan (& upgrading it for future Environmental & Ecosystem HEALTH!)
- Where is my rec center & pool????
- It would be great if locals got to use the parks.
- Would be nice to have maybe a dog friendly day on the trails.
- I'm not aware of recreation programs. Would love to know more!
- More activities available to children would be great
- Divide up dog park into areas for play and training.
- To bad residents don't use the parks. It would have been better to use FEMA money for resident housing.
- Love the dog park! Best ever!!
- maybe in the future get trees planted at the dog park? can there be an easement for a loop from dog park west through private property to Bradford St to CR69 and then to Hwy 7?
- If it were ever possible to build a pool/recreation center in Lyons somewhere, this would be a great benefit to the youth and to locals who love to swim.
- Love our natural resources, let's think about building industry and economic development around that. Think Fruita, CO or Odgen, UT. We can do something similar to a smaller scale. We have the natural resources at our finger tips. This might require new visionary leadership with the necessary experience.
- Black Bear Hole is a bit of a disaster. It either needs to have use limited or facilities (parking and bathrooms) greatly improved.
- I've heard some talk of a connector from town to hall ranch. That would be excellent!!!
- Many 'local' trails on the perimeter of town cross private property. They need to be re-designed or trail easements negotiated to preserve them. There is a strong urge from some private property owners to prevent recreation trails, and this needs to be addressed.
- The Town has an unusual amount of Park Land; the Parks have been all redone, due to the Sept. 2103 flood; the Parks are wonderful, and kept up, and full each weekend, where there is a swimming hole, 3 shelters, 2 restrooms, a zip line, climbing rocks, etc. Wonderful parks; The other is along the highway with stage for Concerts and Open Space. Our Parks are good; we are getting a dirt bike run, have a 10 acre dog park, which people love, and a lot of open space for play; a joint soccer field with h School District,
- Keep up the good work. Would like to continue to see both human recreation AND ecological health as primary park management directives.
- "If you build it..." except it feels like locals don't get to enjoy our parks when they're frequently clogged with non-locals. Nothing that can be done and ultimately it reflects well on Lyons as a whole, but it is frustrating.

#### PARKS AND RECREATION: TRANSPORTATION

- Way too many signs and infrastructure at the parks. We never go to Lyons parks. Closed to residents for walks or a picnic on a nice summer night? No thanks. We go to Macintosh.

- Good options for recreation- always want more. Hard to safely get around town with kids
- I would love to see a bike path completed to Longmont and Boulder from Lyons

#### PARKS AND RECREATION: SUSTAINABILITY

- Please do not use pesticides or any chemicals. Our children eat dirt and plants lol. Those chemicals end up in the water that we drink and affect the local wildlife. We have enough gorgeous parks, please do not convert any of the remaining wild spaces, they are perfect just the way they are for those of us that need the healing, calming, restorative effect of wild, untouched places just walking distance from our homes. It would be awesome to use existing park structures as demonstrations for how to channel rainwater into nearby garden beds. It could also be a great educational opportunity to demonstrate sustainable, regenerative food systems in some of the spaces. The area behind the bike park could be an amazing educational opportunity for the community if it could be used as an agrivoltaic demonstration site to both harness the sun's energy and grow food for the community. There are community members that would happily support the design and implementation of this effort. The Lyons Food Forest is an amazing effort that will serve as a demonstration site for the local community and provide food to those in need, and that group would love to help the Town brainstorm and create more sustainable and regenerative opportunities for the community.

#### PARKS AND RECREATION: ECOLOGY

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#### PARKS AND RECREATION: ARTS AND HUMANITIES

- The name change from Meadow Park to Laverne Johnson should be reversed. It was Meadow Park for 125 years. Name the museum after her. That was her baby.

#### PARKS AND RECREATION: LAND USE AND GROWTH

- Do not change park and open lands for other uses, and expand open space, not development.
- Let's not over-develop and over-advertise every public piece of land and river access. Keep some things local, social, and prevent overuse.

#### PARKS AND RECREATION: OTHER

- see 18 above
- Thank you for your excellent diligence!
- No
- What recreational facilities?
- Strong community suite.

## Q15: WHAT ARE THE BIGGEST ISSUES, CHALLENGES, OR THREATS FACING THE COMMUNITY OVER THE NEXT TEN TO TWENTY YEARS?

### ISSUES/ CHALLENGES/ THREATS: HOUSING AND HUMAN SERVICES

- Housing- low and medium cost
- Income to the town. Tax revenue will be limited without growth and new housing.
- The biggest challenge this town has is how to stay financially balanced without resorting to growth to "solve" the issue. It has been proven through studies (see the Town's PPA and Summit's own financial analysis) that every house built in town costs the Town and taxpayers; the taxes generated by the property and its residents does not cover the house's cost of services. This is especially pronounced in affordable houses like Summit's. We need to find a way to stay solvent without resorting to the rampant growth seen in much larger towns like Longmont. No more annexation. Find a way!
- Eastern Corridor--this is where affordable housing could have and should have gone if it were to be done. Currently, Lyons has a higher percentage per capita of affordable housing if you include Bloomfield Place than almost every small municipality in the state. The EC should also be used for light industrial-flex spaces that allow small businesses the opportunity to exist in Town.
- Growth of houses 600,000 and up. Gentrification.
- Too much growth. Although Lyons feels protected from the growth of the surrounding cities, I still fear that we are at risk of Lyons growing in to a Boulder like place, with too many people and too much congestion. I'd like to see a limit on housing and new building. Also a limit as to how high buildings can be.
- Prevent overcrowding
- Hard to employ people if they can't find an affordable place to live.
- Affordable housing/workforce housing. Lyons needs more economic diversity
- Affordable housing. The small businesses will not survive if the workers can't live here. It's not feasible for someone working for tips to drive from out of town.
- Balance of economic growth and keeping cost of running a business reasonable. (Ex- Facility rent, affordable housing for workers, etc.)
- Diversity in housing
- Affordable senior housing. Basic services medical transportation etc.
- the increasing cost of housing
- Skyrocketing housing prices, and lack of rentals due to increased VRBOs; lack of affordable housing overall.
- Affordable housing
- Outpricing middle to low income people
- Affordable Housing
- Affordable housing
- Influx of the super affluent will change the fabric of the town
- Affordable housing
- Affordable housing to maintain a local workforce.
- Need for affordable housing.
- Affordable housing and utilities. I fear we will be a rich bedroom community.
- That the price of living in Lyons will be such that it becomes a commuter town.
- Lack of diversity and lodging for people.
- Elimination of affordable housing.
- Affordable housing for anyone who wants to live here

Q 15: WHAT ARE THE BIGGEST ISSUES, CHALLENGES, OR THREATS FACING THE COMMUNITY OVER THE NEXT TEN TO TWENTY YEARS?

- Cost of living
- Affordable housing. Without enough of it the town will struggle with finding workers for lower paying jobs. No one will want to commute to Lyons for a lower paying job when they can get one closer to where they live.
- Affordable housing: really important to build diversity in our community.
- Home ownership prices for an aging population. Also, needing more homes on one level and not up and down flights of stairs.
- Cost of living- it's too high for most people, therefore Lyons is very non-diverse.
- Lack of affordable housing.
- Lyons was historically a working class town. Housing has now priced working class residents out of town.
- I am concerned about housing availability for lower-income families.
- Watching locals get pushed out of available housing both Rental and ownership
- Cost of living.
- There is always tension between diversity and affordability. The town needs to cater to a wide group of people.
- Adorable housing
- No growth for affordable homes
- Locals are being pushed out of their homes to accommodate our People's Republic of Boulder overflow.
- Lack of affordable housing.
- Property values displacing some of the population that gives Lyons that great small town character
- Affordability, workforce housing
- Affordable housing
- Cost of living - utility prices, taxes
- Endless new programs, and program expansions; continually raise the cost of living in town.
- Lack of affordable housing
- Gentrification
- There exists a culture that is not welcoming to newcomers to town. It's understandable that the artist community feels that it's the newcomers that are driving housing costs up--but of course it's not that simple. Boulder County is an expensive place to live and population growth pushes people and those rising housing prices to all towns in the county.
- Cost of living out of sight
- Housing affordability
- Low income housing out buy high school  
Brings in crime and don't support the community
- The cost of housing will continue to go up just due to the small size and being surrounded by open space.
- Gentrification
- Affordable housing
- Affordability
- Housing costs
- Cost of living, including utilities.
- Housing costs/gentrification
- The High cost of living here will detract from the ability to vary our population and grow our community economically.
- Overpriced housing and the lack of housing
- Affordability of housing here is my primary concern.
- Gentrification is poisoning this town

Q 15: WHAT ARE THE BIGGEST ISSUES, CHALLENGES, OR THREATS FACING THE COMMUNITY OVER THE NEXT TEN TO TWENTY YEARS?

- need affordable housing and tiny house communities
- Lack of housing and rising home prices pushing folks out
- Affordable housing
- Affordable housing. Affects labor and business opportunities
- Low income housing
- Lack of diversity and gentrification.
- Affordable housing.
- Affordable housing is and will continue to be the most critical issue for Lyons. Without affordable housing we will never have the employee base to elevate what is primarily a tourist economy with typically low paying jobs. Even if we are able to diversify, it requires a substantial income to purchase a home at the median price in the Lyons area. This issue will continue to drive the gentrification of the town. This may be inevitable and may also be what the majority of its citizens want.
- Do not bring in more people we do not need more houses. , you have scarred the mountains enough
- Gentrification
- Changing demographics. This is a place people will only continue to want to be and it will displace others.
- Cost of housing
- Cost of living - it's high and going to get higher as more people want to move here. Think it will be difficult for people to keep their homes as home value/taxes increase. Difficult to house our teachers, etc. locally due to cost.
- A huge increase in property tax
- Division: Increasing economic inequality, lack of housing accessibility, and lack of tolerance. I love that the town has rainbow flags to make LGBTQ+ folks welcome and seen, am glad that the town took a zero tolerance approach to racism after comments made by the former fire chief, and I'm glad that the library is hosting community discussions and would love to see more of this and in a broadened way - I think these are important first steps but that the town has a long way to go to creating more openness, tolerance, acceptance.
- Losing said middle to low income people
- Housing prices remaining affordable
- Our taxes and "base fees" went up significantly in the last few years. We're concerned that this trend will continue, and we may not be able to age-in-place.
- National economics, the trend for gentrification, where wages are stagnant and accommodation and cost of living increase.
- Affordable housing
- affordability of housing
- Housing prices
- Increase in cost of living, people being priced out of the community
- the wealthy pushing out the middle and lower class
- Exorbitant price for rental houses for local workers that keeps a clear division between the wealthy and lower income strategy and diversity I love Lyons. I have lived here nearly 25 years and post-flood watch it become more geared towards upper income residents and that breaks my heart. I love Lyons but feel it is fast becoming a playground for the upwardly mobile and less of a community For locals who love it so much here
- Affordability
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- Increasing cost of living
- Affordable housing



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- Dealing with the reality that home prices in our community - and across the Boulder County Front Range - are going to continue to soar, given the limited remaining buildable space - and the high demand for people wanting to live in this beautiful area. There won't be easy answers to provide enough affordable housing - but we need to try.
- None of my kids, grandkids or great grandkids can afford to live here.
- Affordability. The nicer it is, the less affordable it will be.
- Affordability. We are quickly becoming too expensive for average middle class individuals and families.
- Affordable housing & services should be priority.
- Increasing cost of living
- Housing
- No affordable housing
- Affordable housing. To rent, to buy.
- Residential buildings into the natural environment.
- Larger and larger house being built and the workforce and diverse population can't live here.
- Rising housing costs ..
- Reasonable priced housing
- Town making large investments that strap it for cash in the future. I am still concerned that the affordable housing summit project is costing the town so much \$ in concessions to build on this costly site vs return on investment it will be strapped for cash to invest in the future. Affordable housing is needed. If going to pick sites to invest make sure they make economical sense
- Affordability, especially of housing, but this is a regional (really national) issue that Lyons will only be able to address so far as a highly-desirable community with only so much land that can be developed.
- Ripple effects of climate disasters - economic, housing, safety.
- The people that work in town should be given the opportunity to live here. People will not drive 20 miles to work here without some incentives.
- losing Mexican American population to housing costs- major fear of being all white upper class here
- Affordability. Housing values will continue to increase and there's little to offer anyone who is low-middle income, whether renting or buying. Also, utilities continue to go up, adding to the issue.
- Gentrification
- Employees: Closely related to housing, Lyons will always find it difficult to attract employees as long as they have to travel from nearby, lower cost areas. For instance, many of our employees live in Longmont where there are plenty of competing jobs at similar pay without the necessary commute.
- The 2010 Comp Plan indicates that the town's finances must eventually transition away from considerable dependence on permit and tap fees associated with new development. Can the new Comp Plan explore the economics of how Lyons can transition to a sustainable and ecology-sensitive economy instead of one driven by growth? Even if we wanted to, we cannot grow forever. Instead of enacting policies that would allow subdevelopments and growth higher up the hillsides, or into the open but protected lands along the South St Vrain, etc., can we plan instead for redevelopment, densification in the downtown, a move away from R-1 (single family) zoning; so to allow growth to occur in a more contracted way that keeps much of Lyons a very walkable town? That, too, is a more senior-supportive way to grow.



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- Cost of utilities are atrocious. We need to lower the costs to live here. Why couldn't we partner with Longmont and hook up to Longmont Power to save costs?
- High Cost of public utilities, especially water. This compounds the problem of high housing costs.
- Too expensive
- Diversity being priced out of town,
- Lyons might be too expensive for a broad range of socio economic population.
- Loss of a vibrant, diverse full-time resident base that includes people of many socioeconomic levels.
- Housing affordability
- Where only the rich can live
- Only permanently affordable housing, and very close to downtown should be built .
- Gentrification
- Housing prices rising and old residents getting kicked out
- Changing demographics
- Lack of housing
- Affordable housing.
- lack of affordable housing and healthy affordable food
- Lack of services for senior citizens, especially medical care
- I worry we are going to become a very expensive community with few aspects that are just fun and affordable.
- More concern and effort is needed to enable the community to be able to provide for affordable housing for our essential workers
- Affordable housing.
- Housing costs rising beyond what is sustainable. I feel lucky I moved here a long time ago - not sure if I could afford to move to Lyons now.
- Healthy Food
- non-affordable housing
- Affordable housing for local workforce - public safety, local government, teachers, retail/restaurant workers.
- Affordable housing as part of the residential mix.
- Child care options are very limited
- senior services
- More affordable shopping- groceries
- not enough diverse housing options
- Mental health
- Senior/medical support
- Cost of living
- Lack of local amenities.
- Wealthy people moving in and lower income people being forced out
- Rising housing costs.
- Employment for locals
- Medical access
- We seem to be at max capacity, can we get creative w/housing? Main St has businesses that haven't been open since we've lived here. Offer a buyout and create apartments or a shelter if needed. Affordable housing still is not available in Lyons.
- Cost of living
- Gentrification. Losing the funky, imperfect, relaxed atmosphere

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- Housing and business prices to own
- Town staff trying too hard to accommodate affordable housing that would feed additional traffic onto already overburdened streets.
- There will be too many homes built in current open spaces.
- the exodus of lower income residents due to unaffordability
- Gentrification. Lack of diversity.
- Affordable Housing and space. Seems like a few folks who have lived here for a while own a majority of the businesses. I'd like to see more opportunity in younger hands.
- Cost of living
- housing
- Affordable housing
- Affordable housing and rental property
- Affordability. Cost of living increasing, as it has in Boulder, creating a town which loses it's "small town feel" because the folks who own the property have no intention of spending their time there, only to earn money off the town's popularity. "small town" is synonymous in my book, with communication and participation. It's not a "look," it's an authentic way the people of the town have about them, because they are making memories for themselves and for others there.
- Housing prices meaning that creative people can't live here anymore
- Lack of a medical facility.
- Those homes will be too expensive.
- Owning a home
- Too expensive. I really feel for people who need a place to rent or buy. Those of us who have lived here a long time and have nice homes are very fortunate. So challenging for others.
- Affordable housing. Definitely need more affordable places for people to live.
- Lack of infrastructure for current residents. Affordable grocery, amenities, hardware etc.
- Not enough affordable housing.
- Workforce being able to live locally.
- Affordability of housing
- No new economic development or solve for housing stock.
- We need way more affordable housing.
- Affordable housing. Period.
- FEMA compliance Equal opportunity Housing
- Cost of housing for renters to invest and put roots down in the communities in which they work.
- lack of affordable housing

ISSUES/ CHALLENGES/ THREATS: PARKS AND RECREATION

- Keeping this town attractive and welcoming. The ponds at Lyons River Park are an abomination, just inexcusable. And the weed control in town is non-existent. If we want Lyons to continue to be a tourist destination and even one that can support a hotel!!! then we need to make sure the town looks cared for and inviting. Right now there are woefully neglected areas.
- Ability for town to maintain parks
- The battle for the use of our own parks versus the tourists and the festivals that overrun this town
- I grew up in a tourist town and I would caution us to balance the desire to expand tourism with keeping the town livable for locals. There is a balance between bringing in more revenue and having too many people in town all the time for it to feel like home. We already have a lot of people coming through to go to Estes. It would be nice if some of them would stop here. And if it could be a destination for folks from Boulder and other surrounding communities. I'd like us to keep focusing on cool events like outdoor games, kayaking, cross country, the bluegrass festivals, and other artistic/creative events. On the other

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hand, keep it in balance with thing like the Sandstone Park concert series for locals, library events, and just some weekends where nothing is happening.

- Traffic control/ visitor overflow in parks.
- Unless we can enforce our ordinances we will continue to have weed and parking issues in neighborhoods
- Over crowding, lack of control of crowds in parks, river etc.
- parks overrun by out of towners so locals don't even try to use them
- Pressure on our open space, trails, river, parks.
- Overuse of natural areas, especially summer recreational use of the river
- Locals not able to enjoy the parks here
- Not enough revenue to support our parks and recreational venues with the increased number of people visiting them. Our local Fire District should is not funded to support all of the medical calls it receives. The town needs to figure out how to support medical so the fire department can stick to fire and other emergency response. Maybe a medical district needs to be created to fund this. Education around this needs to be done.
- I worry our parks (Laverne) is over-run during the summer and can't be enjoyed by locals.... Its such a great spot I can see why, but its a concern.
- Maintaining the quality of our parks for recreational purposes and not development
- we need an indoor swimming pool
- No place for town youth to gather outside of schools.
- Protecting our recreational opportunities, parks and trails and ensuring their upkeep, as well as cultural and music events, as the key attractors to tourists and sales tax revenue.
- Paying for upkeep and management of large parks
- Parks: The parks can be overrun in the summer, making it hard for locals to enjoy these amenities. and impacting the cleanliness of these spaced. We need to be creative about how to be welcoming and sustainable as the same time.
- Residences need amenities to keep us in our own community - swimming pool, rec center. Goodness knows we can afford it
- There is also a low tolerance for visitors from other towns to local parks, especially Latinx visitors from Longmont.
- Lack of Trails/sidewalks connecting outside housing areas /neighborhoods to downtown.
- Local access to parks
- There is the risk of the town focusing more and more on recreational activities and bringing in more tourists which ultimately will destroy what we love about the town--the nature, the wildlife, the trails, the river, the parks.
- Need a rec center with pool
- too many people for the trails
- Poor parking for residents...lack of free access to our parks
- Local parks being more and more crowded with non-residents causing damage to our infrastructure
- Not enough activities for teens, seniors, families, especially during the winter.
- Rec center
- Not sure if this is even still an issue, but an outdoor gun range should not even be considered close to town. Our middle & high schoolers deserve a peaceful environment for learning, not hearing the "pop pop" of gunfire.
- Continue to do Community Events –
- There will be too many homes built in current open spaces.
- Overuse of nature

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- Popularity of trails, parks bringing thousands into town, and not enough law enforcement/community vigilance to protect it.
- Increase river fisheries health and access.
- Keep our County Sheriff's - they seem to be doing o.k., build a new town hall and recreation building with swimming pool

ISSUES/ CHALLENGES/ THREATS: TRANSPORTATION

- TOO MUCH GROWTH. TOO MUCH TRAFFIC. LOCAL OFFICIALS HAVE GROWTH AGENDA, LYONS WILL ONLY BE SOME TOWN WITH MAJOR HIGHWAY GOING THRU IT DISPLACING BUSINESSES BECAUSE YOU HAVE CREATED UNBRIDLED GROWTH AND TOURISM.
- How to manage tourist traffic through town - it's disappointing and frustrating when a normal 8-10 minute trip to the Lyons vet for example takes 30+ minutes on a crowded day
- Too much growth, too loud with traffic, sirens, music festivals.
- Traffic control/ visitor overflow in parks.
- How do we campaign to have the speed limit lowered between the intersection of 36/66 from 50 mph? So many people speed and run the Stone Canyon red light. I've come close to being hit at least 5x when trying to cross & I have the right of way. Someone is going to get hit very soon.
- Fix our walking paths and roads.
- Traffic
- Refresh the infrastructure, especially the streets. I cannot say it often enough.
- Traffic.... Huge truck should not be rolling through Main Street. There should be an alternative route for the enormous come out loud vehicles
- Traffic going up to Estes Park
- As mentioned before. Bike path out of town is pretty substantial near 36/66.
- The number of people that drive through this town going to Estes Park.
- Increased traffic congestion
- Infrastructure, lack of sidewalks near downtown and in neighborhoods close to downtown.
- Maintaining enough tax base to keep town infrastructure functioning and improving.
- Cars driving too fast through our town limits.
- State Highway traffic volume and speed
- The town doesn't have enough money to take care of the basic infrastructure the general fund doesn't have enough in it to take care of all of the infrastructure needs
- Accidents through the canyon to Estes
- Streets and sidewalks.
- Auto reliance. More bike and ped infrastructure will make this one of the best places to live in America.
- Safely moving in town with kids
- Development of the eastern Hwy 66 corridor needs to be done smartly to avoid it becoming a newer version of the dilapidated area it is now.
- Lack of sidewalk into town from the north
- Improve biking trails and access from the East
- More people traveling through Lyons. Our roads can't sustain.
- Road safety especially during music events
- Traffic jams in summer
- Flooding due to poor street and ditch issues.
- Public parking near Main Street
- Environmentally sound transit.

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- Traffic congestion  
Water availability, quality and costs.
- Ease of waking, especially when the 36/McConnell intersection needs to be crossed on foot or bike.
- Get control of our parks from May to October and not as many bike races to clog up the roads on weekends in the summer
- Ability of town to maintain streets
- Maintaining and improving the infrastructure - roads, sidewalks, etc.
- Infrastructure
- Overall planning and implementation of a workable/walkable/parkable downtown will help businesses grow.
- Noise
- Transportation
- Improve the safety of the bike lanes east of town between the Distillery and the junction with US36. Especially on the north side of the road. The ditch owner allows water to leak onto the highway shoulder/gutter all summer and the plants (weeds) hang over onto it too. Cyclists therefore ride further out into the traffic lane (which I know is legal but still scary!). Fix these problems, mow the shoulder and restripe it to provide safer bike lanes all through town.
- New commercial and multi family development should be encouraged near the 36 intersection.
- Fixing/changing/improving Broadway -- its a two way race through town and there isn't reason to stop and slow down and visit or explore. Folks all are in a rush to get thru and get to the Interstate!!
- Better design of cross-walks and traffic control. The dangerous curves of Hwy 36 that have claimed so many lives and contributed to a major fish kill from the tanker roll-over, need to be addressed. Growing the town and community will only increase traffic.
- Traffic issues.
- Noise noise noise
- Connected trails for biking and walking to other communities
- increased traffic as communities grow in the foothills
- million + cars continuing to be allowed to just fly through our small town like it is a highway with an ongoing disinterest in public safety measures to mitigate risk and danger by town authorities
- Connectivity
- Traffic through the community.
- Lodging and parking availability for visitors. Local businesses suffer when there's no place to stay making Lyons a drive thru town rather than a destination town. We need to capitalize on the weddings here
- Traffic
- Traffic safety and mitigation.
- bicycle safety
- Transportation, need to commute to Boulder and Longmont
- Infrastructure, especially old town underground electric and roads
- Infrastructure needs
- Speeding cars through town
- Parking
- Maintaining infrastructure, improving ways of getting around town.
- Traffic and crowding making the town unsafe and aggressive.
- That the traffic through town will become greater and safety crossing 36 would be more difficult
- Advocate to CDOT to lower the speed limit on the highway through Town. The congestion at Circle K, combined with the lack of a bike lane heading westbound into Town and the 50 mph speed limit is a recipe for disaster. The speed limit needs to be reduced to 35 from the 66/36 junction. Cyclists are

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going to be killed or pedestrians. It's particularly dangerous for kids going to and from Stone Canyon. Let's get the traffic slowed down and then work with BC Sheriff to constantly enforce the speed limit. I'd like to see the Town share in some of the revenue from citations, if does not already. The speeding through Town, particularly in front of Oskars and the next two blocks, is dangerous and loud.

- Sidewalks are abysmal
- Traffic will only increase so we need to be thoughtful in how we can route the cars through town.
- It is going to take a horrific accident before we fix the speed limit in front of the Hardware Store/Gas Station/Spirit Hound
- Pedestrian safety
- Transportation. This is vital for seniors who can't/shouldn't drive anymore, students needing to get to school elsewhere, commuters, and others. It's much better for the planet to have one bus go back and forth rather than 20-30 personal vehicles.
- Parking in Seasonal-Need.
- Poor parking for residents...lack of free access to our parks
- Highway 66 between turn off from Highway 36 into town is a complete nightmare and I wish the town had more of whatever it would take to get CDOT lower /change the speed limit. As a local I find driving a complete nightmare and extremely unsafe in this area.
- Parking issues.
- 66/36 into town becoming even more unattractive....
- Parking to access business.
- People don't slow down or stop on the highway and I worry about my child crossing the road. I realize our hands are tied because of CDOT. But it would be really nice not to have to go to 4th for the stoplight every time I want to get out of town when there's Estes traffic.
- The traffic on the weekends in the summer is so thick the fire department needs to hold the boot out at the intersection of 4th and Main Street and the police need to give speeding tickets early in the morning and laid in the evening
- Better parking and traffic.
- Lack of bike paths to connect all of the town.
- Traffic
- Pedestrian access to the surrounding Boulder County. Lyons needs to work with the county to make that happen.
- Given the amount of traffic that comes through the town, reducing the speed limit along the eastern Hwy 66 corridor is a smart, proactive idea.
- Terrible traffic during the tourist season
- Motorized traffic mitigation and non motorized access to Longmont and Boulder.
- Infrastructure. We need to continue to uplift our town and provide ways to maintain it.
- Traffic Management due to tourism.
- Unresolved critical infrastructural improvement s.
- More and more mountain bikers will continue to come to Lyons. We need trail systems that are accessible from downtown and do not require getting on highway 7. It's a wonder we haven't had more accidents.
- Better sidewalks
- Need safer cross walks
- Town staff trying too hard to accommodate affordable housing that would feed additional traffic onto already overburdened streets.
- Lack of investment in infrastructure.
- Traffic management. It's is so dangerous for pedestrians in this town.
- Transportation

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- Lack of infrastructure for current residents. Affordable grocery, amenities, hardware etc.
- Poor pedestrian infrastructure and increasing traffic within old town
- It will take even longer to get food from Julie's Thai.
- Infrastructure issues related to population increase and overall high traffic in what was a sleepy place not too long ago

ISSUES/ CHALLENGES/ THREATS: ECONOMIC VITALITY

- Economic sustainability
- Economic diversity
- Economic vitality
- Need for businesses in town to thrive
- The infrastructure capacity to handle growth.
- There is a feeling from many developers and business owners that Lyons is difficult to do business with. Inconsistent rules, poor communication and general confusion makes projects risky. I have heard that even though Boulder County is tough, they are consistent and efficient enough to get projects done. For that reason projects are leaving or never even coming to Lyons.
- Hard to employ people if they can't find an affordable place to live.
- We will become north Boulder without the business to sustain the community
- Finances. How to pay to keep Lyons running while protecting its small town charm and natural beauty.
- Economic sustainability while maintaining a consistent standard of and cost of living.
- Too much dependence on sales and residential real estate taxes.
- Lack of support for growth and economic development
- viability of local businesses
- Sustaining businesses that meet resident and tourism demands.
- Declining restaurant business.
- Ability to start and maintain a successful local business.
- Town is acting bigger than it really is. Resources don't support doing everything for everyone.
- Attracting businesses that are sustainable employers that don't depend on tourists and locals spending to survive - can't support unlimited restaurants, gift shops, bars, etc.
- Economic diversity
- Keeping businesses in business
- Poor conditions for businesses to thrive and grow
- Raising taxes.
- Lyons can't grow much in terms of new housing so to ensure the town has the funds to support infrastructure and operations it will depend on growing sales tax. Supporting the business community to help nurture small, independent businesses is key to financial sustainability.
- Business development
- Sustainability for the economy of the town.
- Financially sustainable growth or lack thereof.
- Obstruction to expanding business area of town
- Maintaining a small town community spirit & vibe. How to reach a balance of tourism that supports local businesses, but not at the expense of local access or livability.
- Business development
- Affordable housing/workforce housing. Lyons needs more economic diversity
- Affordable housing. The small businesses will not survive if the workers can't live here. It's not feasible for someone working for tips to drive from out of town.
- economic development - more than just galleries and gift shops are needed.



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- Balance of economic growth and keeping cost of running a business reasonable. (Ex- Facility rent, affordable housing for workers, etc.)
- The need to support small businesses. High closure rate. High cost to do business or rent space. Encouraging folks who live in Lyons to spend in Lyons. Encouraging tourists to stop and shop/dine.
- Too many repetitive businesses without people to support them. It will be difficult for competing businesses to survive the slower months
- Overall planning and implementation of a workable/walkable/parkable downtown will help businesses grow.
- Lodging and parking availability for visitors. Local businesses suffer when there's no place to stay making Lyons a drive thru town rather than a destination town. We need to capitalize on the weddings here
- Ripple effects of climate disasters - economic, housing, safety.
- Division: Increasing economic inequality, lack of housing accessibility, and lack of tolerance. I love that the town has rainbow flags to make LGBTQ+ folks welcome and seen, am glad that the town took a zero tolerance approach to racism after comments made by the former fire chief, and I'm glad that the library is hosting community discussions and would love to see more of this and in a broadened way - I think these are important first steps but that the town has a long way to go to creating more openness, tolerance, acceptance.
- National economics, the trend for gentrification, where wages are stagnant and accommodation and cost of living increase.
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- Increase tourism
- Too much reliance on tourism; lack of amenities for full-time residents (such as a larger and more reasonably priced grocery store in the eastern corridor space).
- Businesses do not thrive in winter
- Attracting tourist dollars.
- Lack of lodging (hotel, motel, bed & breakfast, etc.)
- Lack of funding public projects and initiatives
- That the local stores will be geared towards tourists with few functional products for locals.
- The constant thirst for additional revenue for the Town. Let's look at trimming the budget instead of constantly trying to find ways to expand the services the Town provides and then looking for short term, but ultimately non-sustainable, revenue generators like construction permit fees.
- Ability to have businesses that balance local needs and tourism.
- Possible decline in sales tax revenue
- The debate over allowing the area to grow economically (can we have a grocery store! please!!) versus trying to keep what some call "small town values"
- Tourism: Main Street needs to be able to attract tourist dollars with an upgrade.
- Non-friendly business climate making it too difficult for entrepreneurs to start up in Lyons.
- Creating viable business opportunities that support what residents need, not necessarily what tourists want. A larger grocer rather than another beer garden. Someone to step up and purchase Clark's hardware, before we lose that Town staple, rather than open another dispensary or antique store.
- Focus on tourists rather than residents.
- Helping Businesses Thrive!



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- I am concerned about a diverse society in Lyons catering more to the wealthier.
- Sure would be nice to have a pharmacy and a doctor's office in town again.....
- Keeping business in particular those that depend on tourism in Lyons.... we need more tourists and people that spend a bit more time in Lyons then just passing through. A real danger of just becoming the 7/36 bottleneck town...
- Maintaining our ability to function as a small, independent, unique town while encouraging visitors
- Sustaining and hopefully expanding retail to include but not limited to increased tourist traffic. Getting people to stop in Lyons, even with bike trails and all the other stuff never seemed to take off.
- Support for small business in anyway possible. How does the Town reach out to the rest of the County in winter, to mitigate seasonal downturn?
- Stable businesses and restaurants
- Lack of cultural and economic diversity.
- A workforce
- Maintaining quality stores and restaurants.
- Scant restaurant options
- medical facilities
- Welcoming businesses that do not have the community's best interest in mind.
- Make the town more business friendly with less zoning and building regulations
- Everyone says buy local, support local businesses but they don't. The Town of Lyons doesn't even use all local businesses.
- The lack of support for small businesses creates a revolving door of entrepreneurship that leads to very few successful businesses.
- There should not be spot rezoning to support specific families or businesses. This is the worst of small town living. This promotes bias and unfair practices, and is an embarrassment to a modern community. Specifically, the plot that was just under consideration downtown is an eyesore and a safety hazard. Why should there be a place that has broken down vehicles and just a mess in the middle of downtown?
- Continuing to have enough money to support town projects.
- Not enough support for local businesses to maintain and grow
- I think we need more shopping opportunities for people who live in Lyons and not just for tourists, like a pharmacy, more doctors.
- diversification
- Tourism isn't the only game in town!
- Constant lack of funds.
- Broadening tax base beyond tourism-based businesses.
- Tough to retain business. We want to encourage existing business and new business. Drawing residents into town, businesses for locals too, not just tourists. We don't want to become a satellite town where people sleep and then leave to work and shop elsewhere
- Tax revenue
- Poor financial planning for ongoing costs
- Corporate and Big Investor take over
- Lyons might be too expensive for a broad range of socio economic population.
- In addition to the influences of climate change, political turmoil, technical disrupts, & state/national/global financial waffling.
- The threat of property taxes skyrocketing.
- Workforce
- We make thing so difficult for businesses that we drive them out and we become a place where people just buy pot on the way to Estes.

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- How to retain employees in town with the current sales and property tax base. The town cannot compete with the salaries offered in our neighboring communities.
- Discount and offers to support the town business.
- Too much emphasis on encouraging visitors. This will benefit a few businesses but not the community.
- I am very concerned about small businesses being pushed out of their long-time service to Lyons by a large company coming in and putting in a large hotel: Karen's, Ralph's, Rosie's, and others. What a terrible blow to those business owners (and all their clients) with no sympathy whatsoever from the hotel owners or the town.
- Appearance of a deserted Main Street.
- Business Health: I would love to see more businesses thriving in downtown Lyons. More living units (lofts above stores) and parking would help create a critical mass to keep businesses in Lyons alive and even thrive.
- Increasing rental costs for small businesses.
- More balanced businesses ( less marijuana and liquor stores/bars, more sit down restaurants and grocery options)
- Improve tourism
- Loss of our current Lyons character.
- Support for local businesses
- Covid's impact on businesses
- Finding ways to raise money to maintain and improve the town's infrastructure without over burdening residents and small business owners.
- Taxes out of sight. L
- Business development needs to be easier and town admin needs more supportive role. If that does not change, then we will impede business/tax revenue.
- Tourism and store rents
- Not enough commercial tax revenue due to lack of diverse commercial and industrial business base.
- Focus on town financial health, not affordable housing
- Support of small businesses
- Economic development - tied to the other two issues I listed (climate change risks and affordability). Will out local and surrounding populations support local businesses? Can the required labor force afford to live here and can businesses afford to pay them given the various other challenges facing small businesses.
- Type of businesses. We do not need more than a few restaurants in town.. most don't last the winter.
- The town needs to be more supportive of the businesses.
- Jobs: For the most part, the only way you can afford to live and work in Lyons is to own a business or work professionally from home. It is logistically challenging to attract businesses with high paying jobs to areas like Lyons which are somewhat isolated from the metropolitan area we are part of.
- Lack of investment in infrastructure.
- The cost of housing will drive more folks away who will/can work in the coffee shops, bars and restaurants. All the Richey Riches won't do that, the service industry in this town will die. That means the restaurants and bars that we do have will fold. It is a scary problem all over where property costs outweigh the means to live. Jackson Wyoming, recently posted \$31.00 p/hr. for a job at Subway, making sandwiches. They couldn't fill it because you can't afford rent even at that hourly rate and closed the store!! I worry we are heading that way...
- Too much government. Starting or continuing to run a business in the town is challenging now, but it wasn't 20+ years ago. The Town keeps saying that it's "business friendly". I wish that were true.
- Over commercialization
- That unnecessary big hotel.
- Basic services not being here.

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- Too much time and monies spent on social agenda items rather than building economic development which would actually drive everything else.
- Providing more goods and services to locals to minimize travel to Boulder and Longmont.
- economic development including services
- Addition of a new hotel without concern for maintaining the small town feel and not addressing the potential issues with parking.
- Sustain our town thru Sales Tax; keep property tax as low as possible
- Downtown - keeping it vibrant and bustling.
- The relationship between Lyons locals and tourism
- Allow more activities, late night fun, attractions.
- Businesses being supported by locals so they can sustain year round.
- Downtown - supporting businesses so they stay

ISSUES/ CHALLENGES/ THREATS: SUSTAINABILITY

- Climate change being realistic and doing to something to reverse it.
- Support more green space and farming that supports restorable and regenerative farming/agriculture. Agriculture to promote food resilience in community.
- 5G towers increasing wildfire risk, threatening personal health, significantly compromising Eagle habitat, harming bee and other pollinator populations is an issue I would have hoped Lyons would stand up against.
- Maintaining our natural areas and native animal habitats nearby town
- Environment - keeping creeks clean, everything from not burning, smoke/pollution
- water - drought conditions appear to be building.
- Storm water quality
- flooding and water costs!!
- Making alternative energy such as solar affordable and beneficial for residents.
- Adapting and supporting the redevelopment of our community infrastructure for a sustainable future. Being willing as a community to support the transition to renewable energy sources, and eliminating carbon-based energy from our homes and businesses.
- Cell tower, fire, and flooding dangers.
- Cost of water
- Fire , flood and poor town management.
- Wildfires
- Wildfire destroying the community through fire (home and habitat loss) or flood exacerbation.
- Flooding due to poor street and ditch issues.
- Growth and natural disaster. It is also a very politically divisive time and the issues of racism and inclusivity are seen as being very divisive and unfortunately driving a wedge between our community.
- Climate change
- Climate change: Increasingly intense wildfires, droughts, and flooding - how can we best support the town to prepare, face, and minimize impacts of natural disasters while building systems that regenerate the land and better prepare us for the climate future
- Climate change
- Need to protect the watershed and environment through fire mitigation efforts for all of the fire district and adjacent county and federal lands to prevent a catastrophic wildfire impact to the town. Educational outreach is critical along with opportunities for residents to dispose of tree/slash materials locally.
- Severe wildfire threat from climate change
- Wildfire risk
- Inaction on climate change

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- Air and Water Quality!!
- Climate change
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- Wildfire.
- Environmental protection: Lyons needs to take this issue very seriously from water quality to discontinuing the use of harmful pesticides, and supporting recycling and composting programs.
- Climate change - increased flooding and wildfire risk.
- Fire mitigation. It's just a matter of time.
- Fires, air quality, drought, too much pressure on our natural resources from Front Range.
- Or preserving natural land.
- The continued operation of the CEMEX plant and surrounding mining is troubling. The CO2 emissions alone warrant its removal from the county and the Town of Lyons primary planning area.
- Effects of climate change.
- Drought and access to affordable water.
- I think fire and natural disasters are our biggest threat.
- Climate Change. a universal problem, but everyone and every town should address this. --
- I. Fire.
- Wildfires
- Climate change - wildfire risk, drought and flood, all of which will impact affordability, livability, and desirability (from a tourism economy standpoint).
- Climate change - without a doubt.
- Improving defense against wildfires.
- Flooding, wildfires related to climate change.
- Climate change. Wildfires, floods
- CLIMATE CHANGE
- Water
- Ripple effects of climate disasters - economic, housing, safety.
- Crowding. We see this in the parks in the summertime, although the action plan for this past summer seemed to work at LMJ. Still, Black Bear Hole was crowded and messy with people trashing the area and port-a-potties. To help with this the town would probably need to hire more employees.
- Fire and disaster mitigation in the face of climate change.
- Environmental challenges
- Managing our resources long term - water access and health
- climate change that may increase the number and severity of fires and floods
- Disasters from a changing environment.
- The threats of natural disaster are very real. Even the care we took to restore our rivers after the 2013 flood have yet to be tested. The Calwood Fire last October was an eye-opener for many of us who never considered the threat of wildfires. We need to immediately address our wildfire defenses.
- Ability for solar power in homes
- Environmentally sound transit.
- Need for alternative energy sources.
- We used to have a week long spring clean-up event. Now it's down to about 3 hours on one day.
- Then there's the always looming potential additional unforeseen area environmental stumbling blocks / hurdles...

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- Climate change and water.
- Climate change
- Drought
- Flood
- Fire
- Availability of water resources
- Fire and water.
- fire
- Flood mitigation - ensuring that 2013 cannot happen again.
- Environmental threats, floods, fires, etc.
- Ensuring the town has access to affordable, clean water to drink.
- Ensuring town has access to sustainable sources of energy and water to fulfill the needs of the current community and planned development in the future.
- Traffic congestion  
Water availability, quality and costs.
- Flooding
- Sustainability for keeping the town as a thriving place for all ages in the community.
- Global warming. We can not ignore the real threats of climate change.
- The number of trees being removed in town. Moved here in part because of the lovely trees.
- Water
- Threats of climate change: fires & floods
- MEAN electricity is coal based without alternatives.
- light pollution
- Wild fire prevention
- Supporting climate change by doing more to incentivize solar for individual homes (recently the town changed its net metering policy so it's not as friendly and affordable for rooftop solar. ) The new meters will increase residential electric rates.
- Taking care of all of the current Infrastructure challenges for the town including - water resources and hydrant capacity issues so that the town is self-sufficient.
- climate change - erratic weather like flooding and hail, dead trees and fire/smoke.
- Protection from fires brought on by drought and floods
- I always worried about fire. Never flood. Then we had a flood. I continue to be very concerned, even more so about fire.
- In addition to the influences of climate change, political turmoil, technical disrupts, & state/national/global financial waffling.
- Climate change once again
- Climate change
- Wildfires
- Fire threat
- Wildfires probably
- Climate change
- Fire
- Natural disasters
- Degradation of natural resources due to unbridled development pressure.
- Light pollution
- Environment

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- Degradation of riparian habitat.
- Climate change forcing itself upon us, most likely through a rapidly spreading wildfire that moves too fast to contain.
- The difficulty of meeting our alternative energy goals under our current contract with MEAN.
- natural disaster
- Climate change
- Drought and water use issues.
- Climate change and the havoc it can and will bring -- an issue related to population change on planet earth
- Keep our M\Sr School; keep an “eye” on Coffintop Dam.
- Sustainable and renewable energy - yes, battery backup for solar energy is lovely, but until those costs come down stop grumbling about new solar arrays.
- Pursuit of sustainability options.

ISSUES/ CHALLENGES/ THREATS: ECOLOGY

- 5G towers increasing wildfire risk, threatening personal health, significantly compromising Eagle habitat, harming bee and other pollinator populations is an issue I would have hoped Lyons would stand up against.
- Maintaining our natural areas and native animal habitats nearby town
- Environment - keeping creeks clean, everything from not burning, smoke/pollution
- Although some measures were taken to reduce the use of herbicides and pesticides on town property, they don't affect their use on non-town properties e.g. Post Office that regularly sprays 24D or Boulder Housing Auth. that also uses them, and many private properties  
For the safety of the community and the water ways, more encompassing measures should be taken.
- The number of trees being removed in town. Moved here in part because of the lovely trees.
- threat to environment/animals
- Impacting the remaining wild spaces by adding pathways or other disturbances.
- The plants health
- Environmental & Ecological HEALTH (ongoing pesticide use in parks & waterways since the flood)

ISSUES/ CHALLENGES/ THREATS: ARTS AND HUMANITIES

- I grew up in a tourist town and I would caution us to balance the desire to expand tourism with keeping the town livable for locals. There is a balance between bringing in more revenue and having too many people in town all the time for it to feel like home.  
We already have a lot of people coming through to go to Estes. It would be nice if some of them would stop here. And if it could be a destination for folks from Boulder and other surrounding communities. I'd like us to keep focusing on cool events like outdoor games, kayaking, cross country, the bluegrass festivals, and other artistic/creative events.  
On the other hand, keep it in balance with thing like the Sandstone Park concert series for locals, library events, and just some weekends where nothing is happening.
- Creating a consistently vibrant downtown area.
- Affordable Housing for musicians and artists and local service workers.
- I would love to have more education on indigenous tribes that lived here. Historical markers, and general awareness for the community.
- Wasting public money on art for example
- Need to continue to support Planet Bluegrass however we can. If we don't facilitate this music venue it will eventually be attracted to somewhere else.
- Quality and draw of the high school
- Spending the town's budget on unnecessary amenities that can't be supported by a small town, such as the library that isn't needed and isn't used by more than a couple people
- Maintaining art and family friendly community.

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- Keep our M\Sr School; keep an “eye” on Coffintop Dam.
- Housing prices meaning that creative people can’t live here anymore
- More education for all and art in all areas.

ISSUES/ CHALLENGES/ THREATS: LAND USE AND GROWTH

- Overcrowding, lack of control of crowds in parks, river etc.
- The infrastructure capacity to handle growth.
- There is a feeling from many developers and business owners that Lyons is difficult to do business with. Inconsistent rules, poor communication and general confusion makes projects risky. I have heard that even though Boulder County is tough, they are consistent and efficient enough to get projects done. For that reason projects are leaving or never even coming to Lyons.
- Overdevelopment
- population growth
- Income to the town. Tax revenue will be limited without growth and new housing.
- Resistance to unplanned growth is needed
- The biggest challenge this town has is how to stay financially balanced without resorting to growth to "solve" the issue. It has been proven through studies (see the Town's PPA and Summit's own financial analysis) that every house built in town costs the Town and taxpayers; the taxes generated by the property and its residents does not cover the house's cost of services. This is especially pronounced in affordable houses like Summit's. We need to find a way to stay solvent without resorting to the rampant growth seen in much larger towns like Longmont. No more annexation. Find a way!
- Controlling sprawl and growth. We must not become like other towns that believe that annexations are good for the town's future.
- A lack of coordinated growth and adaptation
- The biggest issue Lyons faces is uncontrolled fast growth. We love Lyons. Please don't ruin it by making too many changes (ex. more housing projects).
- The Town lies within a regional context of rapid population growth and economic development. The updated Comprehensive Plan must acknowledge this context. How is our town, within the rapidly growing Front Range corridor, different than comparable small towns isolated from other cities? How are our needs different? For example, medical care in small towns can be a challenging issue, but we have major hospitals and clinics nearby. What is important for Lyons to have within its borders?
- Overgrowth and overbuilding. A town that is too crowded for residents and visitors too enjoy. On weekends residents can't
- Eastern Corridor--this is where affordable housing could have and should have gone if it were to be done. Currently, Lyons has a higher percentage per capita of affordable housing if you include Bloomfield Place than almost every small municipality in the state. The EC should also be used for light industrial-flex spaces that allow small businesses the opportunity to exist in Town.
- Stop trying to grow!!!!!! We have a treasure here in Lyons and the fixation to become like the rest of the Front Range communities is stupid.
- Population growth along the front range will threaten the rural, small town environment. We need to be vigilant about encroachment on the eastern corridor.
- Too much emphasis on growth.
- Over crowding
- TOO MUCH GROWTH. TOO MUCH TRAFFIC. LOCAL OFFICIALS HAVE GROWTH AGENDA, LYONS WILL ONLY BE SOME TOWN WITH MAJOR HIGHWAY GOING THRU IT DISPLACING BUSINESSES BECAUSE YOU HAVE CREATED UNBRIDLED GROWTH AND TOURISM.
- How to manage tourist traffic through town - it's disappointing and frustrating when a normal 8-10 minute trip to the Lyons vet for example takes 30+ minutes on a crowded day
- Keeping small town vibe
- After all this time, the east corridor still needs defining and development.



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- Growth of houses 600,000 and up. Gentrification.
- Overpopulation
- The pressure to grow and change the city.
- Over development and uncontrolled growth.
- Development
- Too much building
- Too much growth, too loud with traffic, sirens, music festivals.
- Growth
- Growth and natural disaster. It is also a very politically divisive time and the issues of racism and inclusivity are seen as being very divisive and unfortunately driving a wedge between our community.
- Development and pressures on natural resources - local character.
- The town should not annex Apple Valley.
- I believe uncontrolled growth is a threat to our community. Growth should be well thought out and planned.
- Sprawl growth to the east
- I am worried that if we allow more and more people to live in Lyons, it will not be as safe as it is now. For me, it is the biggest threat.
- Building in every nook and cranny.
- Sprawl ..
- Mentality of the "haves and have nots" I think this doesn't help with growth which ultimately will bring in more revenue to help the portion of the community who needs it.
- The flood buy-out properties need to remain owned by Boulder County and kept out of the hands of the Town of Lyons. They should remain as natural areas and should not be developed
- Too much growth. Although Lyons feels protected from the growth of the surrounding cities, I still fear that we are at risk of Lyons growing in to a Boulder like place, with too many people and too much congestion. I'd like to see a limit on housing and new building. Also a limit as to how high buildings can be.
- Prevent overcrowding
- Retain small town sense of community and place
- Resistance to growth and change. How can we evolve and improve without changing our culture for the negative?
- over population
- population growth
- Do not bring in more people we do not need more houses. , you have scarred the mountains enough
- Town limits should not be expanded.
- Within the town's principal planning areas are conservation easement/covenant protected parcels. These are sometimes seen as "constraints" to development, and there have been efforts made to explore altering or removing some of these restrictions in order to allow development. But I feel, and believe many fellow residents feel, that these are assets that the town can and should highlight; they will help keep the town somewhat rural in character and less busy, crowded, and noisy than it will be if those properties are, instead, eventually developed.
- Development
- Loss of special small town character by overdevelopment and overcrowding.
- Building in sensitive areas not respecting the natural environment. Thinking that homes for humans is more important than homes for other species upon which we depend. This leads to overgrowth and crowding. We are at risk for creating a place that is too crowded and busy for people to enjoy. Increased noise and pollution, poor air quality, noise and too many lights create health issues.
- Pressure to grow, grow, grow

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- Gentrification
- Crowding. We see this in the parks in the summer time, although the action plan for this past summer seemed to work at LMJ. Still, Black Bear Hole was crowded and messy with people trashing the area and port-a-potties. To help with this the town would probably need to hire more employees.
- Restrictive business Growth policies
- The loss of the middle class could be the beginning of the end 2 hour small town character
- Over population and tourism
- A Town / Board that blocks economic development and progress
- Unfettered development into open space
- Endless, relentless desire to bring more and more people to town. How many more people need to be added to town before they are satisfied?
- Development and changing the core of Lyons.
- As people continue to move to the community, it's important to maintain the small-town feel. I think it's also important for Lyons residents to feel comfortable supporting local businesses.
- Trying to expand lots on Apple Valley  
Can't manage lots in town know
- The town should not develop the buyout properties on Apple Valley. I do not want to see the large lots broken up and subdivided
- Eastern Corridor
- Be diligent in preserving a quality small town:
- No future growth
- Changing demographics. This is a place people will only continue to want to be and it will displace others.
- Too many people/ OVERDEVELOPMENT
- Keep the "Blue Line." No extension of services beyond existing limits of sewer and water. Who wants to look at the hillsides covered with houses?
- Degradation of natural resources due to unbridled development pressure.
- population growth
- Buying the land east of town. If they were doing it to bring in A small reasonable grocery store like Kroger that you could actually buy groceries up here that you could afford would be great we don't need more yuppie stuff We need practical stuff that we can use to live here and afford
- too many people for the trails
- Over development: The front range is poised to grow by 70% in the next 20 years. Being relatively protected from unfettered development so far, the town has an opportunity to become a model for other towns across the state to determine how that growth happens in a way that is equitable, preserves affordable housing, without combining to become a mega-spawl between Lyons, Longmont, and Boulder.
- The town owns too much land that they are not using to its highest and best use. This land should be divested to creative people and organizations that can provide the best use.
- The 2010 Comp Plan indicates that the town's finances must eventually transition away from considerable dependence on permit and tap fees associated with new development. Can the new Comp Plan explore the economics of how Lyons can transition to a sustainable and ecology-sensitive economy instead of one driven by growth? Even if we wanted to, we cannot grow forever. Instead of enacting policies that would allow subdevelopments and growth higher up the hillsides, or into the open but protected lands along the South St Vrain, etc., can we plan instead for redevelopment, densification in the downtown, a move away from R-1 (single family) zoning; so to allow growth to occur in a more contracted way that keeps much of Lyons a very walkable town? That, too, is a more senior-supportive way to grow.
- Danger of being overwhelmed by tourists
- Potential new development reshaping the character/reason we live here.
- Too much growth.

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- TOWN ADMIN ONLY WANTS MORE MONEY , MORE GROWTH. STOP
- Not allowing big high-end developers to make great changes.
- over population
- Lack of physical space to grow/build
- Unregulated construction that compromises town aesthetic
- Balancing tourism with maintaining quiet and peaceful natural spaces and neighborhoods
- Mindful growth in all ways.
- There will be too many homes built in current open spaces.
- Population pressure
- The pressure to grow bigger than we are.
- Affordable Housing and space. Seems like a few folks who have lived here for a while own a majority of the businesses. I'd like to see more opportunity in younger hands.
- It's a townie town. Not enough space for new people to come in. Will hinder growth and expansion.
- Balance encouraging tourism with overcrowding natural and downtown spaces.
- Stop trying to grow. Small town feeling only happens in small towns
- Too much expansion
- Growth - We need to grow in an intentional way with ecologic health as the guiding principle. We need to focus on building more densely within town limits, not expanding or building on the hillsides. We need to recognize and plan for the fact that Lyons cannot grow indefinitely - we need to promote responsible, sustainable tourism that brings \$ to town but is in line with the character of the town.
- Over development. We don't have foundation community support, affordable housing and employment opportunities, but we want more tourist attractions. I.e.. Skate park, hotels, bike races.
- Population increase in Colorado and Lyons and the crowds it will bring and the denial we still seem to have about dealing with it meaningfully on our roads and trails and in the cost of living
- Encouraging too much population growth.

ISSUES/ CHALLENGES/ THREATS: UTILITIES AND ENGINEERING

- Maintaining enough tax base to keep town infrastructure functioning and improving.
- The town doesn't have enough money to take care of the basic infrastructure the general fund doesn't have enough in it to take care of all of the infrastructure needs
- Cost of living - utility prices, taxes
- Cost of living, including utilities.
- The infrastructure capacity to handle growth.
- The town keep raising our utility rates and putting more fees on it so that we cannot even afford it
- water - drought conditions appear to be building.
- Storm water quality
- flooding and water costs!!
- Making alternative energy such as solar affordable and beneficial for residents.
- Adapting and supporting the redevelopment of our community infrastructure for a sustainable future. Being willing as a community to support the transition to renewable energy sources, and eliminating carbon-based energy from our homes and businesses.
- Cell tower, fire, and flooding dangers.
- Lack of reliable connectivity and cell service. Problems with both and having limited options.
- The sewer system
- 5G towers increasing wildfire risk, threatening personal health, significantly compromising Eagle habitat, harming bee and other pollinator populations is an issue I would have hoped Lyons would stand up against.

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- Cemex - Making Lyons residents sick.
- Cost of water
- What's up with utilities climbing so quickly.
- Lack of drainage infrastructure and sidewalks on East side Old Town
- Traffic congestion
- Water availability, quality and costs.
- Ability for solar power in homes
- Need for alternative energy sources.
- Ensuring the town has access to affordable, clean water to drink.
- Ensuring town has access to sustainable sources of energy and water to fulfill the needs of the current community and planned development in the future.
- MEAN electricity is coal based without alternatives.
- The cost of utilities getting higher and higher.
- Affordable utilities
- Poor parking for people coming to downtown area.
- The capacity of the fire department needs to be immediately addressed. Currently there is only 1 full time fire fighter on duty each day. Their capacity to respond to incidents relies heavily on a volunteer force. The full time staff needs to be increased dramatically to effectively address public safety incidents. It would be beneficial if there was ambulance service connected to the fire department. Currently, ambulances most travel from Longmont or boulder to transport patients.
- Infrastructure improvements - sewer and water lines need to be replaced. Already they are leaking and wasting precious water.
- The sewage system is inadequate and the water treatment facility actually stinks most days. This needs to be addressed BEFORE building additional developments (including Summit).
- Can we get real post service? Over the post office.
- Light the baseball fields!
- light pollution
- Supporting climate change by doing more to incentivize solar for individual homes (recently the town changed its net metering policy so it's not as friendly and affordable for rooftop solar. ) The new meters will increase residential electric rates.
- Taking care of all of the current Infrastructure challenges for the town including - water resources and hydrant capacity issues so that the town is self-sufficient.
- Light pollution
- Access to water rights.
- Utilities are extra high here
- Keep the "Blue Line." No extension of services beyond existing limits of sewer and water. Who wants to look at the hillsides covered with houses?
- Placement of 4/5 g towers.
- Cost of utilities are atrocious. We need to lower the costs to live here. Why couldn't we partner with Longmont and hook up to Longmont Power to save costs?
- Energy self-sufficiency
- Energy costs
- The price of water and sewer continues to go up every year so with utilities rising it might be hard for some in the community to continue to pay the increases.
- High Cost of public utilities, especially water. This compounds the problem of high housing costs.
- Waste water treatment compliance

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- Sustainable and renewable energy - yes, battery backup for solar energy is lovely, but until those costs come down stop grumbling about new solar arrays.

ISSUES/ CHALLENGES/ THREATS: RESILIENCE

- If you weren't here before the flood ... half of the population does not want you here. Town needs to be more welcoming.
- Fire , flood and poor town management.
- Wildfires
- Wildfire destroying the community through fire (home and habitat loss) or flood exacerbation.
- We fail to come together as a community
- needed: deliberate thoughtful planning "for the good of the town" w/out personal agendas;
- needed: arriving at well-facilitated & open consensus;
- needed: demonstrated mutual & mindful respect between all parties who dare to lead the town forward;
- Losing community cohesiveness as our demographics change.
- I think that there is a strong political divide within the Lyons community. I value that we have differing opinions. I think that this could pose a potential challenge to the town if political divides were to grow stronger.
- Poor leadership and lack of local community advocacy.
- Keeping Lyons a beautiful as it is now.
- Division: Increasing economic inequality, lack of housing accessibility, and lack of tolerance. I love that the town has rainbow flags to make LGBTQ+ folks welcome and seen, am glad that the town took a zero tolerance approach to racism after comments made by the former fire chief, and I'm glad that the library is hosting community discussions and would love to see more of this and in a broadened way - I think these are important first steps but that the town has a long way to go to creating more openness, tolerance, acceptance.
- Flood mitigation - ensuring that 2013 cannot happen again.
- Threat to our friendly, welcoming personality. We have lots of metro urban people moving to Lyons and they don't seem to grasp our 'small town character'. I fear losing our open arms philosophy and way of life.
- We fail to include the whole town as the town of Lyons
- Division between resident populations who have been here since generations and newcomers
- Disaster preparedness and mitigation.
- Diversity, equity and inclusion.
- Harmony and mutual upliftment
- Resilience to natural disasters (fire, flood, etc.)
- resilience to fire
- Our wastewater treatment plant struggles under current use much less expanded development. It also seems poorly located (in the center of town and in the flood plain).
- Fires and floods.
- Natural disasters and resiliency
- Wildfires & natural disasters.
- Limit exposure to wildfires.
- Natural disasters, especially fire and floods.
- Keeping Small town character - Keeping community events going strong, music in the park, parades, lots of good family and kid activities. This helps neighbors get to know each other and feel invested in their community.
- Ignoring fire mitigation concerns for the past decade and the Town seeming to want to delay on it now .
- Wildfires.

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- Fires
- Fire resilience is emerging as an issue as well; the Town owns several properties that deserve some mitigation and attention. We don't have a lot of access out in an emergency, so we need to be as proactive as possible.

ISSUES/ CHALLENGES/ THREATS: HISTORIC PRESERVATION

- Re-furnishing or replacing older buildings (old bank, old doctors office, the old hotel next to Moxi's) in a way that maintains or brings back the character of our towns buildings and allows for unique businesses or shops to come in
- Aging infrastructure.
- maintenance of unique small town character
- View preservation (don't build too much or too high).
- natural disaster

ISSUES/ CHALLENGES/ THREATS: OTHER

- Lyons turning into Boulder
- The coaster moving in and making it into the very thing they left their states over
- Can't think of any.
- Polarization
- crime- criminals coming in from other areas + lack of police presence
- Becoming like Boulder - expensive, single minded, nanny state, more government, less freedom
- Retaining talented staff to support the Board of Trustees, Commissions and work it takes to run town.
- Too much regulation and laws
- Wokeism
- Return the medical facility
- Not sure
- Biased City Council
- Not sure
- Racism
- Close minded Trump supporters
- Negative impact of national polarization and income stratification making it more difficult to build consensus around common-sense approaches to improving Lyons in ways that benefit everyone.
- Short sighted leadership
- How do we get the property owner of the junkyard on 66 (near the Farmette) to clean up his/her/their property? That is one of the first things people driving into Lyons see, and it's gross. I'm sure it has to be a health hazard. Can the Dept of Health be contacted or someone? Seems dangerous and is just an eyesore to the community.
- The high school needs a magnet program (like tech) to bring in more students or retain the local ones.
- We will continue to be a white nondiverse population
- Consistent application of local ordinances and rules without favoritism
- Poor service in restaurant.
- safety @ planet blue grass events. security is laughable. no metal detectors, just a quick and lackluster bag search. I often feel unsafe in large crowds anyways but their events are such an easy target if someone knew that they don't care what u bring in.
- Trying to become just like Boulder.
- Prevalence of pot shops.
- Lack of reasonable quality groceries, aide to elders
- TOO MANY POT STORES.

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- More unnecessary regulations
- Stagnation and lack of vision
- Lack of grocery shopping options.
- Acceptability.
- Not addressing needs across the board. Some ideas and people get more support.
- We are a good dessert
- Not becoming Boulder Junior,
- Only welcoming to those that have progress values.
- We need more diversity. We don't want to be like Boulder.
- Continuing to have a responsive town board.
- Diversity of population
- Continued loss of diversity of community.
- Lack of transparency and proactive in local government influences
- Crime rate and marijuana smokers in town
- Medical care
- Town government is top heavy and staff turnover continues to be high. We need to figure out how to hire and maintain quality staff throughout the organization to provide consistent customer service and maintain institutional knowledge.
- Too many ordinances
- Folks who live here but send their kids to outside schools
- Loud voices overwhelming balanced, thoughtful approaches and providing additional friction in decision making.
- There are more issues than "affordable housing" that need to be addressed - stop hyper focusing on only that.
- Divisive Rhetoric, Needing to Blame an other, & Desire for Nothing to change
- Hiring and retaining good staff for the Town of Lyons
- Government overreach
- Lack of inclusiveness to participate in local government. Limiting elected officials to be residents of the town, need to broaden to include people served by City services
- Small minded board members with individual agendas rather than the best interest of the whole town
- Same as both issues above
- Board of Trustee communication, transparency and updates to residents
- The class differences are widening as Lyons becomes a rich person's town. Many of the wealthy have no idea how many here are living on the edge.
- Welcoming any and all government programs and money.
- Maintain local schools and support for tourism.
- Keeping the town from being overrun by tourists, literally!
- Greed is going to ruin our small town community,
- The community bias and overt discrimination limits the health of the community significantly.
- No Planning department. Businesses are getting conflicting information from town or simply unable to get a permit for improvements or expansions. We have lots of new businesses on Main St and many are frustrated with the lack of clear procedures and apparent mismanagement of needed permits by Town
- Local paid staff that are inflexible.
- Trust in the governance ..
- Group think and transparency in town and government. Making sure different voices and worldviews are being heard



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- Code enforcement is repressive
- Visionary leadership.
- Republicans
- Republicans
- Keeping our small town character while improving the above.
- Lack of community inspired leadership.

## Q16: WHAT ARE THREE OPPORTUNITIES THAT SHOULD BE EXPLORED AS PART OF THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN THAT COULD HELP ADDRESS THESE ISSUES?

### OPPORTUNITIES: HOUSING AND HUMAN SERVICES

- Considering the Eastern Corridor as an opportunity for Lyons 2.0. Building modest, affordable homes. Bringing more people close to Lyons to dine/shop/entertain.
- Hire more town staff and offer generous compensation to incoming and current staff. Having enough employees to accomplish all that needs to happen at the town level is vital. Salaries compared to other places are low.
- Get a grocery store to move in so people have a affordable place to shop so don't need to go Longmont or Boulder
- Increase local services - recreation center, small medical (urgent care)
- Mindful growth & affordable housing.  
Shared studio spaces/living for the arts, performing & visual.
- Try to reduce economic growth and lower property values
- more affordable housing of all types
- Curb VRBOs
- Condemn Hat Rock Excavating site for community development/low-cost housing. This detracting eyesore and ordinance-flouting business should move.
- It's difficult for those that work in Lyons to afford living here - if we don't provide some type of affordable housing, the workers won't be able to live here.
- affordable housing
- More affordable co-housing like at LVV
- Condos, apartments that are clean, nice and affordable.
- Adopt an 'affordable housing' requirement or cash in lieu requirement for all new building in town. Ear mark or get options on specific properties that are prime for affordable housing.
- Split the Fire response and medical response. look for and create separate funding streams.
- add police presence. make our small neighbors more safe!
- Designated percentage of affordable housing.
- Work towards more housing solutions. There is a lot of single family, but doesn't seem to be much multi or more density options. Maybe I am wrong...but that is what I see. More rental opportunities.
- varied housing
- Create more affordable housing and limit short term rentals.
- We need to have affordable housing developed when subdivisions are built. How did we end up with 2 new neighborhoods in the last 15 years that only offer middle to upper income housing?
- 1-2 affordable housing complexes that are well thought out and integrated into our town's character
- Rent control Would be a good start
- Stop with the new huge homes. It kills the character !! They are awful!
- Less restrictive multi-family housing uses, such as ADUs for non-owner occupied property. We will have to increase density in our community to keep our fabulous open space open and to provide work force housing for schools, Town staff, and the musicians and artists that make our community such a great place to live.
- Mixed use affordable housing/retail project on acquired land east of 36/66 intersection.
- Incentivizing affordable housing stock in development
- Mid income housing

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- Housing for low income population.
- Housing
- Affordable housing and rental properties
- Lower rents
- Consider a mix of middle to low income housing and apartments along the eastern Hwy 66 corridor with shops, grocery store, etc. to invite growth and tax revenue. Clean up the Hwy 66 corridor west of the 66/36 traffic light for new business growth that is a mix of art, industry, and tech.
- Affordable housing options. Making long-term rentals (maybe ADU's) easier to legally run for average residents. The current rules are too restrictive.
- Housing, planned unit development, enlarging downtown area
- Affordable grocery store
- Being forced to sell out and move because of the cost of living here.
- Create affordable housing!
- Affordable housing people other than white upper middle class
- Broad comprehensive plan for each area, appropriately zoned, with the percentage of affordable housing in line with other communities our size.
- Lower rents
- Create more housing in the eastern corridor.
- Affordable housing
- Affordable housing
- Build more affordable housing. Get creative with types of affordable housing we offer. Not just apartments or houses but also trailer parks and tiny home communities
- The Town's practice of charging all building and development costs, including all legal, planning and engineering reviews, to the developer/homeowner has helped skyrocket housing prices and remodeling costs in Lyons. This law has encouraged to staff to be inefficient and has increased development and building costs by more than 100%.
- Keep Lyons local and funky and artsy and affordable
- Following through with affordable housing.
- Affordable housing and rentals
- It's far too expensive to live here. We need more options.
- Make it more attractive for locals to provide rental units to lower income folks
- Subsidized affordable housing...remove administrative barriers for those willing to invest.
- build low income housing
- Affordable housing initiatives.
- Provide more parking, a small hotel for visitors. Local pharmacy/ medical clinic. Expanded activities programs for ALL AGES: dance, theater, tennis, swimming.
- Strive for affordable housing
- Affordable housing
- Low income housing
- Pursue a larger, more affordable grocery store for the eastern corridor parcel.
- Foster economic diversity by precluding new market rate housing and chain store commercial development.
- Form a welcoming committee like we used to have that set the tone for new residents. Share information about buying local, local events, LEAF, LCF, etc.
- Start to create a small fund through new building permits that can go to incentivize affordable housing.
- work with planet on a better security plan

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- The state is dedicating over \$500million to affordable housing, the Governor wants to use state property for affordable housing. There is lots of state and federal money for physical improvements and economic development
- Affordable housing.
- Affordable housing
- Condo housing. It was a tragedy the post flood development in Bohn park didn't happen. I'm still bitter that got voted down.
- Allow for more mixed development. Duplexes, triplexes, MFUs in single family neighborhoods is really okay
- Being a place people can afford to live
- More units of subsidized multi-unit housing for senior citizens.- this is a great place to retire and senior citizens are great community members and volunteers. But it's too expensive for many people to live here in retirement, or it's hard to get a place to live on a fixed income.
- Please do some mixed use on Main street. Talked about, even projects proposed, but nothing ever happened. The "apartment above retail" style is becoming the norm in many areas.
- Outreach - what is the Lyons Chamber of Commerce doing to bring people in off-season?
- Colorado is already expensive enough. Boulder is the place to be but it's too expensive so most people end up in Longmont. If there were more cheap places to rent here like in Longmont...that would go a long way
- Create affordable housing.
- Being able to live and work in Lyons.
- Bring a doctor who can work with Dr. Hart for a Holistic Health comprehensive clinic.
- medical clinic services
- Support our local youth. Paid internships.
- Compassionate care, support & services for those working in town, for the elderly & economically challenged in a community where the cost of living is skyrocketing.
- Affordable housing
- Maintain and improve local educational facilities.
- Attract doctors, and pharmacists, business for the population of Lyons.
- Medical clinic
- Affordable housing by purchasing the land from Cemex.
- I have seen no good examples of this being addressed meaningfully. Affordable housing stock is probably the only lever to pull.
- Programs for people that want safe, affordable housing that aren't millionaires.
- Create true city housing not one that is owned by a private company!
- Are there ways that we can indirectly support more affordable housing in the communities surrounding Lyons? Can we include multifamily housing in downtown or east corridor redevelopment plans?
- Explore medical expansion
- The river communities have community housing for the folks that work the river. It's very cheap rent and allows them to work and enjoy where they're living instead of struggling to live there.
- Need more affordable housing
- Would expanding post office make our lives easier and supply govt jobs to locals?
- Increase flexibility with ADUs
- Work with County medical providers to open a satellite facility in Lyons.
- Research what other communities are doing. User taxes on hotels, tiny homes, and vacation rentals; Increased permit fees for projects over a reasonable amount; non-resident park-user fees; non resident downtown parking fees if greater than 2 hours during prime time 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; higher fees for high

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use/high demand times for electricity

I don't envy your position

- Diversity of housing stock, engagement with populations not normally in Lyons.
- Find a source for a small town grocery store I'm sure even people from hygiene and the surrounding people from Lyons would all use it if it's reasonable. I have not use St. Vrain market since Richardson sold it.  
He used to have reasonable prices and I'd buy my groceries up here but now I will not buy them here at the prices they charge
- Support more affordable housing and businesses that will bring good paying jobs to the area.
- Community character: Continue and build upon Lyons great support for small business and ensure affordable housing (within any new development, expand ADUs, etc.)
- Foster diversity by building only affordable housing.
- Housing and workforce development
- Ensure affordable housing will be added to apartment buildings, build smaller houses?
- we need a grocery store and a farmer market or something
- Once Summit is done, no more affordable housing. Summit's building 50 rental units (40-45?) and that should be enough. There will eb very few Lyons workers or residents living there. What's is our obligation to people who WANT to live here?
- Possibly establish a doctor's office in town again with service even just one or two days a week
- Education about our demographics would be illuminating. Encouraging volunteers for LEAF pantry.
- Search opportunities to create interest in opening medical clinic.
- limit home building!!
- Health care in Lyons.
- Affordable housing
- Workforce housing.
- A food coop.
- For heavens sake, a grocery store that is not owned by the former Mayor
- Diverse housing options for all income brackets
- Affordable housing to help support workforce for stores and restaurants
- Allow for multi family housing.
- Encourage mixed use housing, with ADUs, smaller homes to encourage smaller footprint.
- Consider adding some residential areas that allow higher density: smaller lots for smaller homes, to encourage variety of housing type/cost as well as increase housing
- Grocery store
- more communal living housing
- Move water treatment plant and replace with affordable housing
- Affordable housing, and possibly mixed use complexes if we plan to develop the land at 36/66.
- Actually build Affordable housing.
- Allowing for some area to be developed into affordable residential housing. Will bring in more work force any fresh population.
- Housing for all income levels.
- Committee(s) to get the basic services back.
- I really have no answers for pricing of real estate. It's so very high everywhere and especially in Colorado and Boulder County.
- Programs for workers to be able to cover cost of living and housing expenses within the town limits.
- We are on the right track with the affordable housing development. Could we do more such project?

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- More involvement in Lyons LEAF to help those in need
- A more progressive approach to affordable/middle housing. Economic development and housing go hand in hand.
- Continue to support affordable housing; the Summit project will be great, but we can do better.
- Don't over-advertise beyond the carrying capacity of the region. I do support the additional housing and businesses east of town.
- What is the percentage of low income housing to regular housing? Opportunity to increase that?

OPPORTUNITIES: PARKS AND RECREATION

- Expand park and open space around town limits to prevent sprawl .
- Build up recreational opportunities. Hall and Heil are excellent, as is the river. Equipment renting and guides might be a business opportunity for the town.
- Scheduling for events that will cause havoc on summer weekends
- Keep tourists out of our parks! They trash them!
- Maybe a small recreation center?
- Having BoCo open space open more adjacent land for recreating -
- Explore a pool
- Expanded trail connectivity. Would love if Lyons could have a direct trail connection to hall ranch.
- Add more trails on the open space surrounding town. We should be able to connect to Rabbit Mountain on trails. There should be more trails in Hall and Heil. We need to work with the county to encourage their creation. Lyons could be a major cycling destination.
- Make us a weekend recreation destination vs a day destination.
- Plenty of tourists flow through Lyons. Make Lyons the Gateway to the Rockies.... and leave Estes Park for the National Park. There is so much more recreationally that can be done and that could start with better bike paths and access around town (and it is not bad but could be so much better also for younger bikers!! )
- Drawing revenue from the parks
- More trails through town and surrounding areas i.e.: connection town to south st vrain, behind Longs Peak drive etc.
- More trails
- Increase local services - recreation center, small medical (urgent care)
- Work with the county to request that dogs on leash be permitted at Heil Valley Ranch and Hall Ranch.
- Expand recreational opportunities by closing down Cemex.
- Rec center with a pool to help support both elderly and youth
- We were able to get a library with a Library Tax District. It would be awesome to have a Recreational Facility Tax District with the western Longmont area and Hygiene to afford an indoor Recreational Facility along the Easter Corridor.
- Development of Lyons as an outdoor mecca. Incredible potential for more trails
- Lyons has amazing local trails and amenities and could lean more into attracting tourists to the town.
- Tourist funding of parks
- The high school needs programs that retain local students and attract others - it does not have to be a huge school but it does need to provide some additional curriculum - band is awesome - track/cross country are too - but a tech program or arts program or engineering ... something to pull in students from Longmont as well.
- Sports/Rec and music tourism. A Lodge is a great start. How do we capitalize on these opportunities to keep tourists in Lyons (v. going to RMNP)

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- Recreation access improvements. More lodging. More guides and equipment availability. Improve access to the rock climbing areas in and around town (Apple valley & Hwy 36, Laverne Open space areas, The walls between you pump it and the quilt store.
- Plan for an ecological/recreational-based economic model. Indirectly, it is what already drives most of our economic activity but we do not embrace it.
- End the camping in Meadow Park
- indoor swimming pool
- Start Funding and Grants for a Community Rec Center and Pool for Community Classes/ Meetings/Info Exchange/Etc., a safe public place where people can gather.
- We need a rec or community center!
- More focus on maintaining and enhancing our recreational spaces and offerings; More venues for culture and music events
- Provide more parking, a small hotel for visitors. Local pharmacy/ medical clinic. Expanded activities programs for ALL AGES: dance, theater, tennis, swimming.
- Opportunity to really make pedestrian access connecting to the surrounding open space and recreation a priority.
- Secure as much open space and/or land that cannot be developed as possible. Regain/renegeotiate water rights and access from Longmont and reconsider the delivery of Lyons water.
- Manage growth and continue to preserve open spaces and recreational opportunities. (We have made really wonderful parks, maybe we should charge non-residents a usage fee and limit how many can come, so they remain open to the residents, that paid for them.)
- allow locals to have access to their parks by requiring passes, limiting them and giving locals priority access
- Think about a rec center like Lafayette
- Rec Center / District development
- Allowing locals to access the park or portions of the park solely or after general hours
- Any kind of cheap or free indoor space for kids (at least little kids) to play. Maybe an open space with some toys and such where kids can go play on poor weather days. Maybe at mayama or Rogers hall when they're not being used? Leaving the house and seeing another adult on those loooooong days can be magical!
- Expand trails and market town as gateway to great outdoors
- build more trails
- a rec center
- Look for additional ways to utilize our parks and river corridors to bring people to town to spend money here. Loved seeing the vendor in LJP renting tubes.
- Would love to create a rec center district and build a rec center
- a recreational attraction - picnics, hiking, kayaking, jumping - off place for exploration of regional natural resources
- Library: Take advantage of the opportunities available through the library. Make it a local gathering place
- Charge non-residents more to use our amenities
- Cleanup of unattractive properties in and around town
- Maybe expand library. Museum needs refurbishing badly.
- Outdoor community building events that promote connectedness of the community.
- Maintain local parks and recreational infrastructure.
- Community Events: don't worry about costs, but rather on encouraging the community feel of the town. - Help People feel connected; and this will result in people stepping up and helping.
- There is a huge economic for Lyons in appealing to mountain bikers as a destination. We can look to other mountain communities, like Steamboat Springs, as an example of places that have prioritized trail



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development and attracted tourists. If we can build infrastructure, such as access from town to Hall, and hotels where they can stay, I'm confident it will represent a boom for the community.

- Further tourism support IF tourism is a goal. More/better parking. Outfitters. Fish stocking. Cycling infrastructure connecting Lyons to Longmont and Boulder more safely. Promoting our hotels and Lyons as a destination. Build on the Love, Lyons campaign (which is great, btw).
- Create open space between here and Longmont. Bubble like boulder? Support the hotels here so people can visit regularly and have a nice place to stay so housing doesn't go to Airbnb.
- Increased access to open space.
- Just mitigate wherever possible and bring back the monthly pick-up of tree limbs and shrubs. I'm too old and don't have a pick-up to do it myself.
- Regional trail connections to surrounding communities of Longmont and Boulder
- More recreation and Crafts for kids
- Sandstone - hold festivals and events to encourage tourism.
- Forward thinking "planning" that allows for population growth & how to effectively & efficiently manage Town parks & community use spaces.
- Pursue a joint recreation district with Longmont and get a rec center built within 10 miles of downtown (on the NW side of Longmont)
- Continue their effort for area tails-down Hwy 6 to meet the Longmont Trail; the Hall Ranch trail, over Crona Hill, and the Hall Trail..

OPPORTUNITIES: TRANSPORTATION

- Ruff for walkers on motor cars
- Plenty of tourists flow through Lyons. Make Lyons the Gateway to the Rockies.... and leave Estes Park for the National Park. There is so much more recreationally that can be done and that could start with a.o. better bike paths and access around town (and it is not bad but could be so much better also for younger bikers!! )
- Continue support for LFPD and consider establishing fuel-free buffer zones around the periphery of town.
- Encourage residents to be energy efficient with solar, water conservation, less need to drive and/or encourage electric vehicles
- Get us more reasonable electric rates and start putting fees on it just because you need money start managing your workforce better make them do their jobs and you'll need less money. Do more grants for like roads and signs and sidewalks and improving our town as it is now
- A bike/walking trail from Lyons to Boulder!
- The national realization that infrastructure needs to be maintained and that costs money, along with the local understanding that is present in those who were here for the 2013 flood.
- Transportation
- Move the visitors center to the eastern corridor. Currently it is only accessed on the road LEAVING town
- Thousands come through town every summer, provide parking so they can stop, shop, dine and recreate.
- 4th Ave pedestrian bridge will be great.
- Consider a bike lane at 36/66 junction
- Lower the speed limit to 35mph all the way from Lyons to the Hwy 66/36 intersection
- Traffic studies?
- I'm a scientist not a traffic engineer - but there have to be some solutions to the through traffic issue
- Work out to access of some eastern corridor
- Alternative routes through town. Strictly enforced numbers in parks and along river. More parking areas.
- Public transportation
- Use space east of Lyons and add bike paths to connect all of the town.

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- Connect really great, safe bike trails to Longmont and Boulder.
- Trail connectivity/improved sidewalks/golf cart paths
- Bike paths to Longmont and Boulder.
- Managing traffic and noise
- Separation between cars and bikes
- I'm no traffic engineer but I'm not sure having 36 go from 2 lanes to 4 lanes to 2 lanes through town is the best solution.
- fix the crosswalks and walkways to make the town safe!
- Walking path from stone canyon to town
- Increased emphasis on multi-modal transport / trails connecting east of town. 2nd Avenue stop light for pedestrians to cross Broadway / main.
- There are a few spots in town where it would be nice to have a less interrupted path/sidewalk. Some spots it seems like it could be fixed, others I can see why it can't.
- Provide more parking, a small hotel for visitors. Local pharmacy/ medical clinic. Expanded activities programs for ALL AGES: dance, theater, tennis, swimming.
- Improved parking for downtown
- Gateway to the Rockies.
- Don't let them park on the side of the roads
- Creating really great and visually appealing signage to promote exploration around town (like the signs in Loveland to get to Benson Sculpture garden and other spaces).
- Keep working to make our roads safer to walk.
- Money is spent disproportionate to what is most crucial - new ball fields, playground equipment, mulch for the playgrounds, etc. all seem wasted! That money should be spent maintaining the roads in town.
- Create parking lot for downtown area businesses so people don't have to parallel park
- Improve pedestrian street crossings. this is good for residents and tourists alike, enable walking from a parking areas into town venues, or parks.
- Cycling: Lyons can become the Front Range equivalent of Moab--for better or worse!
- Create safe routes off Main St/US 36 to our neighborhoods
- Add parking. I don't know where...
- Public Transportation is a must to reduce climate change impact. Most residents commute to Boulder and Longmont for work or services such as shopping and health care. We need options other than driving alone.
- creating access up and down the business corridor with shuttle
- Replace bridge over 4th street to make the confluence and Bohn Park more accessible.
- Build bike paths
- Better use of road frontages for businesses
- Bypass road?
- Parking
- Improve bike/walking trail network
- Explore options for re-routing the major highway the splits our downtown area. e.g., would we consider giving up some of Sandstone Park for the highway and additional parking, if we could turn downtown into a walking mall.
- Better parking for visitors
- A better timed smart light at Stone Canyon and 36. I think this causes 'waves' of traffic through town. Install a 'your speed' sign on 36 northwest between downtown and eagle canyon.
- Providing local transportation during all events.

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- A bigger gas station for ease of use for tourists with a drive through restaurant. Take advantage of traffic that passes through
- Improve roads
- Create clear communication on where visitors can park in town and enforce the time limits posted in public parking areas so that they can be used by visitors and not just bicyclists in the area who don't support our businesses. Encourage a boutique hotel, maybe help the folks building where the Festivarian is locate the parking they will need for their hotel
- Traffic calming/speed mitigation.
- Working with CDOT and Safe Routes to Schools initiative to connect outside neighborhoods to town with trails/sidewalks.
- Safer passage across 36 coming into and going out of Lyons ..
- Increased safety. Continue to develop sidewalks, make crosswalks more prominent, build programs to deter theft.
- Improve access from one side of town to the other - bridges etc.
- more and better bike lanes
- Start bus service, train? for commuters
- There is a huge economic for Lyons in appealing to mountain bikers as a destination. We can look to other mountain communities, like Steamboat Springs, as an example of places that have prioritized trail development and attracted tourists. If we can build infrastructure, such as access from town to Hall, and hotels where they can stay, I'm confident it will represent a boom for the community.
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- Connections to development I. Eastern corridor
- Stop being a speed trap.
- Make the north side of Broadway into pedestrian friendly walkway and retail.
- Not sure where you can make more parking for the growing downtown shops? Not my expertise
- Speed cameras on main both ways and out of town on 36 and 7. The revenue would be good and it would slow traffic down.
- need to prioritize and fund infrastructure projects
- Explore mass transportation options
- Tractioned, coordinated Interaction with CDOT and providers about placement.
- Sidewalks, speed limits lowered and enforced, stoplights
- Complete 4th Street to tie community back together.
- Limited parking, increased costs to nonresidents, increased security
- Add walking trails/bike trails/ stone sidewalks! NO concrete!
- Make Lyons the destination point and not the pass through on the way to RMNP.
- Add biking trail from town to highway 36 for safety
- Research what other communities are doing. User taxes on hotels, tiny homes, and vacation rentals; Increased permit fees for projects over a reasonable amount; non-resident park-user fees; nonresident downtown parking fees if greater than 2 hours during prime time 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; higher fees for high use/high demand times for electricity  
I don't envy your position
- Promote Lyons as a destination, rather than something you pass on the way to Estes Park
- Connect Lyons with trails to the mountains (i.e. Highway 7) and make it safer to bike to Lyons from Boulder and Longmont
- Explore mass transit. More bus for commuters and visitors
- Sense of place, way finding initiatives.

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- Develop Town walking/biking trails to connect and work with County Open Space agency to
- More fire safety information given out at RMNP, signs up 36?
- Bike paths connecting the entirety of Lyons!
- Massive overhaul of the infrastructure of town. Some of it will be costly, other parts would be easily done for relatively reasonable costs.

OPPORTUNITIES: ECONOMIC VITALITY

- Explore options for Town to stay solvent WITHOUT growth. Growth is not going to happen; we are built out. Certainly there are other Colorado towns with a similar situation.
- Considering the Eastern Corridor as an opportunity for Lyons 2.0. Building modest, affordable homes. Bringing more people close to Lyons to dine/shop/entertain.
- Finding ways to support successful businesses and their workers
- We have an opportunity to brand this town and make it must stop on the way or a final destination. The new businesses downtown will help draw the people.
- Pro business. Keep expanding business like spirit hound in our community
- Send coupons and discount for business in Lyons every month to residents.
- Our economy has so much potential if we embrace tourism, events industry, and support local small businesses
- support for local business development, to increase patronage by local residents as well as visitors
- Hire more town staff and offer generous compensation to incoming and current staff. Having enough employees to accomplish all that needs to happen at the town level is vital. Salaries compared to other places are low.
- Tourism: Develop more reasons for people to stop and stay in Lyons and more places for them to stay.
- Commitment to independent business recruitment and support.
- Upgrading the businesses and parcels facing Broadway.
- Great shops for tourism and weddings.
- More diversity in Lyons' community, populace, shopping, and eating.
- Get the plans for the eastern corridor right. Ensure the growth east supports the overall goals of the community from a business and character perspective. Hotels and light industrial businesses bring workers and visitors who remain in town longer to support existing businesses.
- developing businesses that both add to the community and the economic resilience of the town
- Open space brings many tourists. We need to encourage them to stay longer and invest more while they are visiting.
- Focus on small businesses, not big ones like Planet Bluegrass.
- Get a grocery store to move in so people have a affordable place to shop so don't need to go Longmont or Boulder
- Subsidize small business grants and consolidated marketing opportunities.
- Employment
- Solid business attraction and retention.
- Aid for small businesses to come to Lyons, rents are outrageous and should be subsidized based on the revenue those businesses bring to Lyons
- Provide your incentives for small businesses that provide a service not being met.
- infrastructure as tourism-- how can our storm water management projects educate/inspire/share about our community and those who visit?
- Attract doctors, and pharmacists, business for the population of Lyons.
- A bigger gas station for ease of use for tourists with a drive through restaurant. Take advantage of traffic that passes through

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- Town of Lyons has resources to help business (water shares) and land that should be used for the highest and best uses to grow tourism traffic to town.
- affordable shopping
- Workforce
- A proper store would keep \$ in Lyons
- Financial incentives for new business
- Providing small businesses with grants to help survive another year of Covid restrictions and saying no to new development projects
- I suppose the population is too small to support it but would love a King Soopers or a Safeway in the eastern corridor
- Community art projects like the clarifier
- Provide lodging opportunity for friends and family of residents.
- Recreational activities that generate income from tourism.
- We could use a boutique hotel in town.
- Shop at local businesses, encourage tourism through bike and recreational connections
- Folks seem to know whether a hotel will or will not succeed here. But those with the opinions don't have the knowledge to support their opinions. With the growth in Boulder, Estes and all of Colorado -- I see more and more people visiting Colorado ...including Lyons and they will want to stay here!
- Tourism appeal. Hotel so they can stay longer.
- A more active Chamber of Commerce that supports the locals like it used to
- Small town, 'western' charm.... That theme can be used better. Construction on main /Broadway and high street should strengthen that. Why would people want to spend the night in Lyons? And if they do... where do they stay? AirBNB, Weecasa.... and hopefully the new hotel. The latter in my view could be a great opportunity if worked out well.
- Attracting a grocery chain to operate a smaller store in same area as #1.
- Tighten the purse strings on the budget trim the fat get rid of dead weight
- Hotel in or near town
- Welcome and support restaurants that provide healthy food options. It seems that "pub-food" is most popular here.
- Create variances for commercial property tax to support local business.
- May need to raise taxes to afford these new projects that will come up over time.
- Need more businesses downtown. Relax whatever barriers are currently limiting business
- ToL gov paid position of Small Business Ombudsman to assist businesses remove bureaucratic red tape with development projects, permitting, grants, etc. Remove barriers and open opportunities
- Consider improving hiring and training processes. Consider reinstating a Lyons-first hiring policy.
- More stores on main and restaurants
- Use availability of good internet connectivity to promote Lyons as a desirable place for remote-work professionals. That population can support Lyons businesses year-round.
- Making visible the character and commitment Lyons has to its future, especially as a way to recruit new business owners and residents.
- Double down on unique offerings - music, golf carts, coffee shops.
- Make Lyons the destination point and not the pass through on the way to RMNP.
- Collaboration with other entities like Longmont and Boulder Chambers of Commerce and their Economic Development arms.
- Research what other communities are doing. User taxes on hotels, tiny homes, and vacation rentals; Increased permit fees for projects over a reasonable amount; non-resident park-user fees; non resident

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downtown parking fees if greater than 2 hours during prime time 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; higher fees for high use/high demand times for electricity

- I don't envy your position
- Support more affordable housing and businesses that will bring good paying jobs to the area.
- Community character: Continue and build upon Lyons great support for small business and ensure affordable housing (within any new development, expand ADUs, etc.)
- Further tourism support IF tourism is a goal. More/better parking. Outfitters. Fish stocking. Cycling infrastructure connecting Lyons to Longmont and Boulder more safely. Promoting our hotels and Lyons as a destination. Build on the Love, Lyons campaign (which is great, btw).
- Make the north side of Broadway into pedestrian friendly walkway and retail.
- Promote Lyons as a destination, rather than something you pass on the way to Estes Park
- Increasing variety of businesses downtown -
- We need a bigger, RV friendly gas station and fast food drive through for tax revenue
- A "make them stop" business or attraction in town. Something that makes Lyons more of stop. I think the restaurants improving and growing in town will help that, especially if they are better than Estes Park's.
- Hire competent staff to understand our businesses and the risks they take opening a business in Lyons. Give more incentives and clear permits faster so they can open their doors sooner.
- Allow developers to update and revitalize the downtown area to create a more inviting shopping and dining experience.
- Grants for entrepreneurs/business owners to bring targeted types of businesses to town to reduce people shopping in Longmont/Boulder.
- Attracting sustainable businesses/employers to downtown. Don't need too many retail businesses.
- Increased town sales tax paid by online venders.
- Create lodging and outdoor experiences that attract tourist and complement our small-town character vibe.
- Breakfast restaurant.
- The Town needs to review its commercial and non-residential business policies to incentivize a diverse business base. Being successful as a Lyons business is difficult enough without onerous local laws.
- Positioning the Town of Lyons and its businesses as an economic and social hub for surrounding unincorporated communities, as well as a destination for regional visitors and business (e.g. corporate retreats, weekend escapes)
- Employment incentives
- Create open space between here and Longmont. Bubble like boulder? Support the hotels here so people can visit regularly and have a nice place to stay so housing doesn't go to Airbnb.
- Continued funding of the capital improvements fund, clawback fund and fire mitigation fund so as to build those funds with the idea of maximizing leverage and bonding opportunities.
- Downtown - or could become a destination.
- When the town is approached by someone looking to open up a business be sure to help them understand Lyons tourist months along with how the local population spends it's time in Lyons.
- I'm also no economist, but to avoid becoming a community of elites, I would like to focus economic development on goods and services that allow lower-paid folks to find good jobs in town.
- Allow for some stores to come in and help support the community that is there.
- Sandstone - hold festivals and events to encourage tourism.
- Marketing local businesses and making it easier for startups to open and function. Getting a larger percentage of tourists passing through to spend time & money at Lyons businesses.
- Economic development that focuses on our natural resources. Additionally, several resident work from home in other business and professional services. What, economic activity can be built around that?

OPPORTUNITIES: SUSTAINABILITY

- Solar on lots of things
- Tips on conserving water.
- Reduce light pollution
- Look to offer solar panel rebates and better utilities.
- Opportunity to support residential solar by lowering fees. Consider allowing solar gardens on personal property. Create better return for net metering. Town should work to help reduce emissions. Consider solar parking in Bohn Park.
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- Take the utility into a new and progressive direction supporting utility based and customer based solar, storage, and advanced energy management.
- Finding ways to continue to support residents to add solar to their homes. Finding ways to support residents to explore options to replace fuel-based heating systems. (Make sure town regulations allow/encourage options for heat-pumps - as opposed to Natural Gas furnaces.)
- Changing to solar and wind power, and building infrastructure to support changing to new energy sources
- Could we support our own electric generation via solar.
- Allow people to own their own solar, wind, well water, etc. sources
- Community clean up events
- Regeneration: It's fantastic that the town has created space for the farm project and should provide additional support for local farmers in the area; support and incentives for community led solar and wind projects; consistent EV charging stations; a compost program in partnership with local farms; etc.
- Alternative energy
- Advocating for stronger regulations of Colorado oil and gas companies/projects
- Not exactly sure - but partnerships with stakeholders including county, federal and private property owners to address landscape level problems. Hiring a grant writer, buying old quarry for slash drop off site and annual coordination of tree limb/slash drop off events.
- Honor restrictive covenants and conservation easements. They are legally binding and were devised by governments and landowners who had a wish to preserve. Don't try to change them!
- Fire mitigation measures such as removing debris, landscape plantings and surfaces that decrease wildfires,
- Sustainability via recycling and composting
- Comprehensive climate response plans with the fire department
- Better support solar power
- On fire mitigation, I don't know how it works, but working with the County Open Space folks on firebreaks roads should continue, and awareness for all who come here as tourists about fire danger
- Community agriculture
- We could teach the community how to store water in the land by developing rain water management strategies based on existing permaculture techniques, which would in turn help us become more resilient in times of drought, use less water, and the transpiration would attract more frequent precipitation events which would perpetuate the cycle while also reducing the extreme temperature swings therefore losing less water to evaporation.
- please outline ways to be proactive in protecting our natural resources
- Climate Change -- build up funds that address these problems... so Town can take action... encourage participation of residents (e.g., offering credits, assistance, in-house guidance) ==Do more for recycling, solar panels and encouraging and doing energy saving. Don't focus on the cost as much, but on the outcome.
- Make Lyons an example for both climate change mitigation (faster transition to clean energy, electric transportation/charging/transit, and efficiency) and adaptation. Lean in more heavily on water efficiency



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and conservation (ours is crazy expensive) with xeriscaping and food-not-lawns programs. Heavily promote wildfire mitigation and native species that are drought tolerant.

- Sustainability in all realms - commercial and residential, in energy, waste streams, the health of our ecosystems. Drastic measures to reduce our footprint as a town, contribute to the greater resiliency of our surrounding communities, and learn how to rely on each other more.
- Continue support for LFPD and consider establishing fuel-free buffer zones around the periphery of town.
- Encourage residents to be energy efficient with solar, water conservation, less need to drive and/or encourage electric vehicles
- Proactively choosing policies supporting our planet and nature in our area
- No further development in either the South St. Vrain Corridor or Apple Valley. Both are critical wildlife habitats and corridors, and deserve to be left as such.
- Vet any incoming businesses to make sure their mission statement and values are aligned with serving the Community and helping protect the local wildlife.
- Secure as much open space and/or land that cannot be developed as possible. Regain/renegeotiate water rights and access from Longmont and reconsider the delivery of Lyons water.
- To help mitigate anthropogenic climate change and accord with national policy, the Town should revise its development standards to favor renewable energy sources. The nation is transitioning away from the burning of fossil fuels. The new Comp Plan should incentivize the needed transition away from fossil fuel-based energy in Lyons. This is an opportunity if we lead, and it will come back to bite us if we do not. Is there a need for any new homes to have natural gas hookups; why not save infrastructure money and not allow those? The changes are challenging but must occur, and soon.
- Good balance of credit/incentives for solar and still supporting town utilities-perhaps requiring a change in town utilities structuring.
- Support more solar power and composting. Try to switch electricity to Xcel for more sustainable power and opportunities for homeowner incentives to move to solar power and other renewable energy sources.
- Provide funding for energy audits and efficiency retrofits for the citizens, especially rentals.
- infrastructure as tourism-- how can our storm water management projects educate/inspire/share about our community and those who visit?
- Dark Sky Certification
- Solar
- Water conservation and quality
- Environmental sustainability and resilience
- Keep up with what's going on in Longmont with development and water. Educate about conservation.
- Continue to evaluate town-owned solar farm and battery bank. Consider a smart net metering plan to allow homeowners to install solar on roofs that contribute to a town-owned battery bank.
- Be more aggressive on climate and environmental sustainability.
- There's a food forest in the works at an old lot that got flooded out and i think work like THAT is what we need more of. Communal gardens, communal music, communal outlets. The way it's been for a while
- Limits on water, gas, electricity use.
- More choice in electrical utility providers (cleaner energy).
- Consider and implement Permaculture ethics in the way we preserve our Town's land, resources, and environment
- Get out of our contract with NEAM and approach Xcel about becoming our electric provider. This move would save the Town money on third-party line maintenance and allow more solar power.
- Solar farms to produce our own renewable energy
- Adopting building codes and land use policies that aren't short sighted but rather make the town and households more resilient in that face of drought, higher temperatures and natural disasters. For those who think this means the lower income folks will be pushed out, the opposite is the case IMO

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- Encourage mixed use housing, with ADUs, smaller homes to encourage smaller footprint.
- The buyout properties represent two options: a management problem, with weeds and neighborhood issues, a patchwork of property in the midst of settled neighborhoods. Or...useful assets to community life and to nature? The Dr. Bop process is a great first start. Could they host more community gardens, food forests, solar arrays, nature parks, or local neighborhood gathering/event venues?
- Stop use of all pesticides use goats, steam machines, and hand pulling. Town should plant native species and learn how to maintain the parks and other areas in a safe affordable pesticide free manner.
- how do we perpetuate / make these gifts sustainable...
- Install EV stations with batteries to mitigate cost for the town.
- Transition to renewable energy to reduce climate change impact. MEAN has the Town committed to coal fired power. It may be worth the legal fees to break our contract with this electric provider and meet the State of Colorado's renewable energy goals.
- Lyons to become a model sustainable, small town that uses solar, conserves resources, provides local opportunities for work and community-building, and spreads the love.
- Opportunity to be a leader in sustainable living and CO2 emissions per capita in the state of Colorado.
- Save the river and local area.
- Biogas from wastewater treatment.
- Water conservation initiatives
- More EV chargers.
- Incentives for solar. Easier curbside recycling. Limitations on nonrecyclable or reusable containers by businesses in town.
- I don't have a magic answer for MEAN, but I'm interested in hiring an expert to do a rate study and lay out some solid steps toward a fossil-free future for us.
- Ecological & Environmental Awareness (workshops, educational info for Town staff & groups like parks & rec). These programs should be MANDATORY for the above groups , especially with regard to implementation of Environmentally supportive policies
- Support/incentives for xeriscaping. Code changes to make bluegrass requirements by HOAs illegal.
- More focus on sustainable infrastructure and resources.
- Think creatively about being a leader in alternative energy, alternative transportation, getting visitors to park their cars and not drive everywhere. In Zermatt Switzerland you can't drive into town you have to park and take a shuttle. Listen to the experts in climate change and what we can do as municipalities to most impact in a positive way. Think about how our community can use less water, harness solar as a community (I think I've heard of plans on the way), encourage transport that is not car (but we have to make the passage ways safe for pedestrians, golf carts, bikes etc.).
- Night sky compliance
- Review our MEAN contract and then actually act on it.
- Thinking “outside the box” when it comes to FEMA compliance. Rather than being fearful, being informed and creating ACTIONS that support Environmental & Community HEALTH.
- Creating an attitude of service to community instead of providing golden opportunity to wealthy outside investors to further exploit the natural resources in the area.
- Don't simply allow population growth to spike in a state that has limited water. It's not a right to live here. The desert can't sustain as many who want to live here. The water tap fee is a good reality. It probably needs to be increased. It also needs to be balanced with creative solutions for businesses that will be priced out. We don't want a big bank on every corner and luxury shops. We don't want only the rich. We need to think creatively about how to give access for those who we need to have here and want to have here (those who aren't high earners the add to the community in valuable ways) and charge what needs to be charged to those that can afford it and to discourage high population in a relatively small and bottle neck shaped community.
- Zero emission efforts (solar farm and electricity storage)

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- Self reliance - solar, aquaponic farms, etc.
- Work with counties and authorities to promote sustainable prescribed burns. Promote education and opportunities to reduce wildfire fuels.

OPPORTUNITIES: ECOLOGY

- The Comprehensive Plan should preserve important habitat, wildlife corridors, and St Vrain river floodplains and associated wetlands. This priority was described in the 2010 Plan and should be continued. Path and trail development is part of this. Lyons occurs on an "ecotone" joining the foothills vegetational and faunal communities to those of the plains, it has resident populations of many valued wild animals (one example is the golden eagle). If we over-develop, we will lose these "amenities", but they represent opportunities for Lyons to be "on the map" as a place where nature is evident, valued, and cherished.
- Proactively choosing policies supporting our planet and nature in our area
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OPPORTUNITIES: ARTS AND HUMANITIES

- Public art for kids
- Mindful growth & affordable housing.  
Shared studio spaces/living for the arts, performing & visual.
- Consider a mix of middle to low income housing and apartments along the eastern Hwy 66 corridor with shops, grocery store, etc. to invite growth and tax revenue. Clean up the Hwy 66 corridor west of the 66/36 traffic light for new business growth that is a mix of art, industry, and tech.
- Keep Lyons local and funky and artsy and affordable
- Art community space in depot??
- recognize & celebrate our local gifts as a town, community, region, state...
- More concerts and festivals at Planet Bluegrass
- Identify what is working in Lyons and then build and attract support for those enterprises. Examples, festivals, events venues, cycling and sporting events
- Becoming a regional leader for creative events
- Lyons has always been known for its festivals and art. Continue and even expand this.
- Expand musical opportunities and concerts, like bringing the Punch Brothers to Planet Bluegrass.
- Summer music festivals. The town should be a welcoming place for outdoor music.
- Place placards around town with information on indigenous people's that once lived here. Offer tours on historically significant sites.
- Double down on unique offerings - music, golf carts, coffee shops.
- Improve noise ordinance and enforce them so that music venues are not as loud.
- developing town as unique community for music and arts
- Create and market more festivals and upscale weekend events that draw in day trippers.
- Art and music. Already great...keep on going with this
- Develop more artisan spaces
- Limit the number of tickets for Planet Bluegrass festivals so that the town is not overrun
- Installing a sculpture garden or creating a 'walk' that people can follow to see all the art through town and learn about the artists or other places to see their work
- Music venues abound. Lots of options

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- More outdoor events to build community
- community concerts and art
- Arts!... everywhere. Construction fences, fences around spot-zoned industrial projects, grants for murals/art on publicly located private property.
- A Lyons Creative District!
- We need a Culture and Art Tax-so we can have the Good Old Days, various events, help the Lyons Community Foundation fund some of the requests they get but no money for; the Botanic Garden, keep the museum funded and open during the summer, now and as the years go by,. and other various events the town can't fund that will enhance our town,..
- Would LOVE to see Lyons become a Colorado Creative District. I think it would put our little town on the map in a unique way and more education (art and other wise) will follow.

OPPORTUNITIES: LAND USE AND GROWTH

- Having an actual growth plan.
- Embracing new homeowners - new arrivals - working hard for income should not be frowned upon because you can buy a single family home in Lyons.
- Eastern corridor is a terrible idea.
- Infill. Lot of people with a lot of land here...how do we use ADUs to solve our housing issues? How do we supplement costs for local workers/elderly, etc.
- Explore options for Town to stay solvent WITHOUT growth. Growth is not going to happen; we are built out. Certainly there are other Colorado towns with a similar situation.
- Expand park and open space around town limits to prevent sprawl .
- Future of the Eastern Corridor
- Commercial development along East Main.
- Urban growth boundary.
- Be Conservative in “growth potential “... it’s already happening!
- Preservation. Like Boulder does to keep the town from growing too big.
- Opportunity to update the CEMEX IGA to really crystalize the plans there long term and mark it for certainty in terms of development and/or open space use.
- Plan plan plan
- Higher development fees
- Looking at city owner property which might be developed for business.
- Eastern corridor expansion
- Mindful growth & affordable housing.  
Shared studio spaces/living for the arts, performing & visual.
- Opportunity to keep Lyons small
- Limit of new constructions.
- Try to reduce economic growth and lower property values
- Did we plan well enough for our growth or paying the price for poor decisions?
- Considering the Eastern Corridor as an opportunity for Lyons 2.0. Building modest, affordable homes. Bringing more people close to Lyons to dine/shop/entertain.
- Business park in the eastern corridor.
- Allow flexibility for non-conforming lots or uses, and allow them ability to go through a special use review to continue or modify, vs. requiring them to confirm or disperse
- Annex all of Apple Valley. Adds more ADU options.
- Stone Mountain Lodge is in the Lyons planning area and has 47 acres, much of it available for development. The property is separated from most of the residential properties in the area by highway 36 and North St Vrain Creek. It provides access to 500 acres, more or less of open space with hiking, scenic

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and wildlife viewing opportunities. There is potential for affordable/low income housing, apartments/condos or commercial development as well as combinations of the same. Affordable housing is an attractive option as it supports the need for a local workforce while at the same time providing access to a lifestyle and pre-secondary education that most low income families can only dream of. Also important to the community, such a development would be small enough not overwhelm the existing community and culture.

- Unfortunately, I think it is to completely limit additional building growth within town. Such expansion should probably occur in the eastern corridor.
- No further development in either the South St. Vrain Corridor or Apple Valley. Both are critical wildlife habitats and corridors, and deserve to be left as such.
- Put a building moratorium on
- attracting a more diverse population
- Eastern corridor expansion
- Possibilities East of town
- This is not an opportunity, but a plea. Do not EVER consider trying to abrogate the terms of either Boulder County or Town of Lyons open space in an effort to promote growth. The PPA suggested certain lots with restrictive covenants or conservation easements could have those terms reduced to allow residential development. These restrictions need to be honored and not compromised.
- Zoning to allow for more flexibility for Main Street and High Street to have outdoor patios, alcohol, etc.
- Stop development of new housing
- Same. Eastern corridor
- Eastern corridor development.
- Less building use/zoning restrictions.
- Develop the Eastern Corridor that is supportive for economic sustainable growth that maintains Lyons character.
- Measured well thought out growth.
- Expand along the Eastern Corridor.
- Consider broadening uses allowed in light industrial and designating more areas for light industrial.
- Once Summit is done, no more affordable housing. Summit's building 50 rental units (40-45?) and that should be enough. There will be very few Lyons workers or residents living there. What's is our obligation to people who WANT to live here?
- limit home building!!
- Don't expand too much in size
- Annexation of additional land for specific for specific purposes like housing or businesses.
- Stop dumping money on "affordable housing" - I hear the town keeps "gifting" that development with waivers for every fee to encourage them to build ... the town needs revenue too... they should have to pay homeowners association. Take that money back and develop on the east side of 36/66.
- commercial areas along side the river, why not? beautiful place to dine.
- Adopting building codes and land use policies that aren't short sighted but rather make the town and households more resilient in that face of drought, higher temperatures and natural disasters. For those who think this means the lower income folks will be pushed out, the opposite is the case IMO
- Don't touch the wild spaces. Humans need wild spaces, too. There are already plenty of developed areas for our town.
- Shift perspective of land use to land stewardship away from what is just appealing to people and toward what is beneficial for the future ecology of the region.
- Development of eastern corridor to increase tax base
- Development on 66 east of town?
- smart growth

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OPPORTUNITIES: UTILITIES AND ENGINEERING

- Funding to put old town electric underground and repave old town roads
- Hall Ranch connection
- Reduce light pollution
- Get us more reasonable electric rates and start putting fees on it just because you need money start managing your workforce better make them do their jobs and you'll need less money. Do more grants for like roads and signs and sidewalks and improving our town as it is now
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- Limits on water, gas, electricity use.
- More choice in electrical utility providers (cleaner energy).
- High speed fiber service could be prioritized
- Improve access to reliable high speed internet and cell service in Lyons and the surrounding area. This would capitalize on the movement to work from home or hybrid work from home/commute.
- Research what other communities are doing. User taxes on hotels, tiny homes, and vacation rentals; Increased permit fees for projects over a reasonable amount; non-resident park-user fees; non resident downtown parking fees if greater than 2 hours during prime time 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; higher fees for high use/high demand times for electricity  
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- Get out of our contract with NEAM and approach Xcel about becoming our electric provider. This move would save the Town money on third-party line maintenance and allow more solar power.
- Please.... We don't want 5G Cell Towers!!!!
- Solar farms to produce our own renewable energy
- Improve utilities, have more stable prices.
- Not sure what we can do since we purchase our water and utilities from Longmont/outside the community.

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- Negotiations with Longmont water to decrease water utility costs.
- Don't over-advertise beyond the carrying capacity of the region. I do support the additional housing and businesses east of town.

OPPORTUNITIES: RESILIENCE

- The national realization that infrastructure needs to be maintained and that costs money, along with the local understanding that is present in those who were here for the 2013 flood.
- developing businesses that both add to the community and the economic resilience of the town
- Fire mitigation measures such as removing debris, landscape plantings and surfaces that decrease wildfires,
- Comprehensive climate response plans with the fire department
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- Wildfire preparedness campaign as a model for other communities; partnerships and collaboration with USFS, BOCO Open Space, town, and private property.
- Wildfire mitigation practices, public's ease of access to restrictions and wildfire mitigation practices, prioritize strengthening FD team and their tools
- Better designs for fire and flood mitigation
- Plan and save for storm sewers and proper paving of old streets not just silly chip and seal.
- Finding funding to help make sure we can fight fires if/when they happen; funding for homeowner and town property mitigation.
- Community Dialogue: Opportunities for people to come together across ideologies to discuss and engage around varying topics
- town input on mill levy for fire department.
- mitigation
- Grant funding for mitigation and disaster prep.
- Fire mitigation
- more resiliency - it would be great to claim more of the river front on both sides and for recreation
- Self reliance - solar, aquaponic farms, etc.
- Just mitigate wherever possible and bring back the monthly pick-up of tree limbs and shrubs. I'm too old and don't have a pick-up to do it myself.
- Continue funding the mitigation needs and work with the county and state.

OPPORTUNITIES: HISTORIC PRESERVATION

- 1-2 affordable housing complexes that are well thought out and integrated into our town's character
- Preservation. Like Boulder does to keep the town from growing too big.
- Maintain small town character
- Town maintenance of infrastructure
- Maintain Town's character: Vote in people, or hire people, who focus on the small town atmosphere /and/ quality of the downtown contents; and the wants/and/needs of the residents == and request /and/ listen to what their voices are saying.

OPPORTUNITIES: OTHER

- See above
- Focusing on what makes Lyons special and planning around that. Leverage what we are and not make something we are not.
- Comprehensive land use plan that is consistently followed
- Involvement of citizens to assist Lyons initiatives.
- I am at a loss as to giving ideas for the concerns I have. Sometimes Lyons really surprises me.



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- Minimize regulations
- Fire Dale the code enforcement guy he gets paid \$64,000 a year to work part-time and cannot enforce any aspects of code violation
- A board comprised of more equally weighted thoughts/ideas/political views.
- Keep asking the people of Lyons. Get surveys like these to more people. Ask the question is it too big for Lyons? Like a Walmart? Yes. A Dollar store? No. A McDonald's or Starbucks? I'm torn.
- Retire the town board and move governance under Boulder County.
- Research what's being done in other communities around the country (world).
- Continue to take input from all ages of the community,
- Not sure
- Don't know.
- Not sure
- Shift to a home rule town to create governance independent of Boulder county.
- Better communication on town initiatives. The website is hard to search and navigate for information on projects and initiatives.
- Zero tolerance for hate and bigotry at all municipal levels.
- Articulating values in ways that appeal to all ages and diverse political persuasions -- meaning putting a lot of effort into writing up the goals and priorities.
- What is the Comprehensive Plan?
- Fire town staff
- Public opinion on issues
- Better community engagement during planning
- Reset expectations through marketing. Lyons is a small community and can't realistically offer everything a big city can. The town should focus on what it can do well and work on improving those areas.
- Harnessing the amazing expertise of so many diverse residents to continue to improve the quality of life here in town.
- support the underpinnings of these gifts...
- Always include the elderly in important decisions, as they have lived long enough to understand the long view of most things, yes go ahead and call it elder wisdom.
- Don't know.
- A push for a more diverse population, not white folks.
- Education about our demographics would be illuminating. Encouraging volunteers for LEAF pantry.
- Make Lyons the destination point and not the pass through on the way to RMNP.
- More sheriff presence
- Encouraging and modeling peacefulness, good will, wisdom, creative energy, common sense, a collective spirit, and humor.
- Put a cap on % increase in property taxes year over year like they have done in other states.
- Youth engagement in the process and town decisions
- There is an old adage: you get what you pay for! If we can't afford to pay the town staff good wages, we don't get the most qualified. And we need an administrator that requires the staff to fulfill their job requirements
- The town has an opportunity to improve staffing by finding innovative leaders that can grow and build a new vision for town, rather than mange grants and loans.
- Controlled tourism
- Collaboration with other entities like Longmont and Boulder Chambers of Commerce and their Economic Development arms.

Q 16: WHAT ARE THREE OPPORTUNITIES THAT SHOULD BE EXPLORED AS PART OF THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN THAT COULD HELP ADDRESS THESE ISSUES?

- The Board of Trustees needs to set priorities and budget for them. Other initiatives need to be tabled so we can focus on quality improvements and cohesive efforts. We are too splintered by separate goals of individual groups and need to get behind a few goals and complete them.
- Prove to the world that the transition from old west to the new west does not have to change the community.
- ?
- Fix the noise ordinance. The Sheriff's deputies would appreciate it and so would most people in Town. Let Lyons Rock!
- Limit the number of tickets for Planet Bluegrass festivals so that the town is not overrun
- Lyons Kind could start with the Board of Trustees. The town might accomplish more without all the animosity and rude behavior. Some training might be good, especially around sexism. Women are constantly interrupted by male BOT members when talking.
- Name recognition. Lyons is a brand, and not a bad one either! It needs to evolve though....
- See above
- Advance diversity of residents. Lyons is very 'white' and merits attracting underrepresented populations.
- I have no idea
- Have a town party for Lyons' residents (old and young) to mingle together. Look at how well Rave to the Grave works as an adult get together.
- Develop an Equity Diversity Inclusion plan for the public facing amenities in town.
- With all the maintaining of the local history, we should also head towards an avant-garde thinking for the future with balance of being in the moment as a knowledgeable community that feels good about where they are at.
- The community is MORE than just the town itself. All those outside town limits, businesses too are part of the Lyons community.
- Cooperative efforts with Boulder County and other partners to create launching pad for RM National Park. Return to Lyons Roots Double Gateway opportunities
- Don't slash the budget for the planning department... Have a better website that clearly shows the process and needed permits for businesses in town to follow. I know Town is under staffed and spread thin and I am not sure why exactly that is? Seems there's a very high turnover rate and perhaps something major needs to occur to reverse the trend
- Encourage town staff to see individuals and have to live in Lyons.
- Community Engagement .. nice step in putting out this survey for those of us who do not live in Lyons proper.
- Laying out a series of actions and goals for a longer period of time than is often considered in elections or budget discussions.
- We're leaving
- Please try and make going through processes in town easier. For people to have to go through the Planning board, then they referring (positively) to the BOT, but then the BOT not listening to the planning board.....it's like we just stepped out of the caves.
- Volunteer Vigilante Group to have caring, watchful eyes on town and parks.
- Build on what we have: quirk and community
- Retain and cultivate a healthy Administrative environment in the Town, so trust can be built with community relations as well.
- Maybe a lottery system like telluride?
- It would be great if there was some education around what tourism does for the town of Lyons. It can be tough as a resident when you feel like town is overrun with people, there's no parking, and it takes 45 minutes to wait in line at the st vrain market to get a sandwich. If information on the benefits Lyons sees from tourism were at the forefront of discussions, I can see more local understanding around this.
- The people of Lyons!

## Q17: DO YOU HAVE ANY OTHER COMMENTS REGARDING ISSUES AND OPPORTUNITIES IN LYONS?

### ISSUES AND OPPORTUNITIES: HOUSING AND HUMAN SERVICES

- Don't expect it to be everything AND affordable.
- You are looking for support in the wrong areas. There is a very small population who wants the "old Lyons" back the pre-flood Lyons back. It is time to focus on making Lyons better today and tomorrow - smart economic growth should not be "taboo", having single family homes should not be frowned upon ... and why the hell should getting solar power for you home increase your costs????
- Keep it a place people can work and live not a bedroom community
- We've seen all the housing go up, never believed it when we first saw the plans in the trailer b4 building began but condos were included. Can we use older buildings on Main St for condos or townhouses so there could be affordable housing in town and local jobs where people can work and live here?
- Lyons is a community that will continue to become less and less affordable for average Coloradans. Those who can afford it will be attracted by its natural beauty, small town charm and proximity to the Boulder and Denver Metro areas. It's difficult for me to envision a way to stall these forces. Sprinkling in some permanent, low and middle income housing will help alleviate the labor shortages gentrification generates and provide some balance to the make up of our citizenry. This will lead to the long term health of the community. I think it is important to balance where this type of housing is available (it shouldn't all be in one place).
- If the ToL continues to let county citizens drive social policy over the voting and property tax payors of Lyons the cost of living here will rise to the point many will have to leave in the coming years on account of the costs to the tax payors to satisfy everybody's personal social agendas. Lyons is being Aspenized as we speak with the majority of the people unaware or not paying attention to it while others in their neighborhoods and HOAs welcome it.
- I can't sustain myself in Lyons entirely. The St Vrain market is great, but too expensive and limited to do all my grocery shopping. I would love to see a larger grocery, pharmacy, laundromat, drs office, and other essential businesses. Otherwise, I am required to leave Lyons for all of these things, and I'm not putting money into our local economy.
- Allow space for new people to move in at an affordable price all while allowing the community to grow at a healthy and sustainable rate. All while supporting the community that is there.
- The one issue now is having a place for RV trailers to park that is out-of-town;

### ISSUES AND OPPORTUNITIES: PARKS AND RECREATION

- KEEP TOURISTS OUT OF OUR PARKS!!!!
- Please find a way to open a Rec center and pool! I'd pay a recreation district tax if that's what it takes.
- The silver lining of the flood was an infusion of State and Federal money that helped not only rebuild, but dramatically improve a lot of the infrastructure in town. Town staff has been amazing at securing grants to cover additional projects.
- It seems that for a town of 2000 + or - we have a lot invested in parks and recreation which serves a larger area but is not producing significant revenue to be sustainable. Maybe there is a plan in place by the EDC to target this opportunity?
- Transportation, activities for seniors, larger senior center
- Consider putting a recreation center initiative on the ballot.
- Once again for all the speeding tickets that could be given out the town could have a recreational center paid for
- Long shot, but can we consider forming a Recreation District? It will be hard sell given the already high property taxes, but residential roof top solar and the corner of the dog park going to a Rec Center would likely be a better use of space and provide a better amenity.

### ISSUES AND OPPORTUNITIES: TRANSPORTATION

- Transportation, activities for seniors, larger senior center
- Lyons is at a crossroads: if we focus, we can become a leader in the next 20 years for other towns in Colorado to admire: in terms of sustainable eco-friendly living, pedestrian friendly parks and recreation, art and culture, support of local businesses and all around town values. We should seize the opportunity in front of us!
- Turn off horrid bright street lights -light pollution- town residents can't see stars with street light in front and back of houses!
- It would be nice to have public transportation again in Lyons
- bike path to Longmont, hook it into the McIntosh Lake trail system and greenway.
- The look and feel of a town when you enter makes people wanna get out of their car or just drive through it. I feel the latter is still too much the case.
- Circle K needs a bigger parking lot. Maybe turn one of the traffic lights into an all way stop sign on the main drag. More signs about events in town. More signs about the lower speed limit as you go into town. And I always daydream about how cool it would be if a giant lion statue was put on top of Steamboat Mt
- Cars speeding through town are an issue, especially for pedestrians.
- Would like to see bike and hiking access to Longmont and Boulder over and above roadways.
- Biggest safety issue is big curve at circle k / hardware store... need some traffic calming measures
- There has been talk of a bike path going all the way up the canyon along the North Fork of the St. Vrain River. This will destroy the wildlife corridor and natural state of this riparian area and should not be allowed.
- Once again for all the speeding tickets that could be given out the town could have a recreational center paid for!!!
- The one issue now is having a place for RV trailers to park that is out-of-town;

#### ISSUES AND OPPORTUNITIES: ECONOMIC VITALITY

- The look and feel of a town when you enter makes people wanna get out of their car or just drive through it. I feel the latter is still too much the case.
- Continue to support local businesses. Be friendly and open to new development.
- may the force be with us... to be brave enough to recognize, encourage, incubate, stimulate, and perpetuate the glowing embers of that which is the authentic essence of Lyons.
- Tell the market we drive to town to avoid their ridiculous prices. Oy
- 1) I love that we are getting a hotel here. That will help with tourism income for the town. 2) The addition of all the new food trucks in town really needs to be limited as it takes away from the business of the brick-and-mortar establishments that our town depends on for economic stability both historically and in the future. We cannot afford to lose these brick-and-mortar businesses. The loss of them will make our town appear as a ghost town and hurt the tourism income on which our town depends heavily.
- More funding for code enforcement would make the town safer and maximize tourism income.
- Love the festivals, but I'd love to see a sustainable economic base for Lyons that is less seasonal.
- I can't sustain myself in Lyons entirely. The St Vrain market is great, but too expensive and limited to do all my grocery shopping. I would love to see a larger grocery, pharmacy, laundromat, drs office, and other essential businesses. Otherwise, I am required to leave Lyons for all of these things, and I'm not putting money into our local economy.

#### ISSUES AND OPPORTUNITIES: SUSTAINABILITY

- You are looking for support in the wrong areas. There is a very small population who wants the "old Lyons" back the pre-flood Lyons back. It is time to focus on making Lyons better today and tomorrow - smart economic growth should not be "taboo", having single family homes should not be frowned upon ... and why the hell should getting solar power for you home increase your costs????
- Stand up to false statements concerning climate change and take the problem seriously.
- the worst thing about living here has always been the various water issues has gotten a bit better quality but WOW! the cost is crazy!!!!

- Lyons is at a crossroads: if we focus, we can become a leader in the next 20 years for other towns in Colorado to admire: in terms of sustainable eco-friendly living, pedestrian friendly parks and recreation, art and culture, support of local businesses and all around town values. We should seize the opportunity in front of us!
- COMMUNITY SUSTAINABILITY GENERAL STORE: When I was learning about Sustainability, I suggested that an empty store front be turned into a community center where people could come together and trade / bargain / share --- like someone would dig your garden in return for a share of the vegetables / or someone would watch you kid in exchange for free tickets to your concert / or someone could bring in their extra veggies or seeds or landscape rocks... just to recycle it, rather than toss it. Maybe post notices like "free microwave," or "baby walker" or looking for a dog sitter, or second-hand vacuum. Have some chairs and coffee for people to sit around and just talk, like an old-fashion general store. maybe have a donation can to help with costs, "Throw in Your Pocket Change!" // The Community Farm seems like it would partially fit into this category. // Sustainability is about each community/or town being self-sustaining, not having to go outside of town to get things to survive. This could be a partial solution.
- Turn off horrid bright street lights -light pollution- town residents can't see stars with street light sin front and back of houses!
- Protect habitat along the rivers from overdevelopment.

#### ISSUES AND OPPORTUNITIES: ECOLOGY

- There has been talk of a bike path going all the way up the canyon along the North Fork of the St. Vrain River. This will destroy the wildlife corridor and natural state of this riparian area and should not be allowed.
- Protect habitat along the rivers from overdevelopment.

#### ISSUES AND OPPORTUNITIES: ARTS AND HUMANITIES

- Promote arts and music in town
- Enhance /strengthen the music scene. It really can be more encompassing.
- Small community college presence for education and employment
- As stated, now that my time with kids in Lyons schools is completely (thank the Lord), my family and I are leaving. This town is not the same as what we chose 10+ years ago.
- Yes get some good art work like animal statues not welded metal blobs makes town look trashy
- Continue building on the festival culture that is a big part of Lyons

#### ISSUES AND OPPORTUNITIES: LAND USE AND GROWTH

- We are considering moving due to how we have seen Lyons change in the last 20 years. It's not the town it used to be.
- The town is no longer Lyons. It's North Boulder.
- As an aside, I have lived in two small towns in my life and seen both ruined by rampant growth and the misguided belief that "more is better." It's not. We need to treasure what we have here in Lyons and stop aspiring to be like every damned other town around us. We need to understand our geologic and open space limitations and live with them.
- Based on my 20+ years in Lyons, I think we are at a pivotal point. Change has been happening fairly slowly in Lyons, but it is now coming fast. We need to define (redefine?) the core of the community and protect it.
- Stop the growth, fix the infrastructure, and no annexations to the west or north.
- Continue to support local businesses. Be friendly and open to new development.
- Don't lose our small town charm. Please 😊
- No annexation of Apple valley. No development of flood buyout properties, let neighbors take responsibility for weed management as they have been offering for the past 8 years...
- The Boulder County hazard mitigation properties along Apple Valley Rd and rt 36 should not become part of the town.

- Please be proactive in protecting our small-town character
- I love this town, its beauty, people & landscape. I've been blessed to live here for 30 years. My biggest fear is that it loses its soul & becomes Boulder or Aspen. Growth & change are good & inevitable, may it be mindful for ALL beings!
- Give credit to those that worked feverishly I'm the past to make Lyons the place it is today. Don't forget where we came from! Maintain character! It'll pay huge dividends
- Unfortunately, I think it is to completely limit additional building growth within town. Such expansion should probably occur in the eastern corridor.
- Stone Mountain Lodge is in the Lyons planning area and has 47 acres, much of it available for development. The property is separated from most of the residential properties in the area by highway 36 and North St Vrain Creek. It provides access to 500 acres, more or less of open space with hiking, scenic and wildlife viewing opportunities. There is potential for affordable/low income housing, apartments/condos or commercial development as well as combinations of the same. Affordable housing is an attractive option as it supports the need for a local workforce while at the same time providing access to a lifestyle and pre-secondary education that most low-income families can only dream of. Also important to the community, such a development would be small enough not overwhelm the existing community and culture.

#### ISSUES AND OPPORTUNITIES: UTILITIES AND ENGINEERING

- Any way to bury to power lines in the confluence?
- Move water treatment plant east of town

#### ISSUES AND OPPORTUNITIES: RESILIENCE

- Please add capacity so you can take advantage of all the state and federal money going into recovery post pandemic
- I truly love living in the Lyons community because it has learned to be resilient and happy!
- Flood recovery for public areas has been amazing. But a lot of average people got left behind. It is important to keep this a community. I think that requires people live here, not just own a house here. I don't want us to become a town of mostly tourist and a few "locals".
- I LOVE living here and have for 23 years. I love the people, the beauty and everything about it. The years after the flood were challenging for all of us, but I feel like there is a new bright light emerging and it shows! Let's make the best of this time and plan positively for the next many decades!

#### ISSUES AND OPPORTUNITIES: HISTORIC PRESERVATION

- The look and feel of a town when you enter makes people wanna get out of their car or just drive through it. I feel the latter is still too much the case.

#### ISSUES AND OPPORTUNITIES: OTHER

- As stated, now that my time with kids in Lyons schools is completely (thank the Lord), my family and I are leaving. This town is not the same as what we chose 10+ years ago.
- I love it here and plan on staying for many more years.
- Thanks to all those contributing their time and talents to Lyons with dedication and positivity.
- Everyone in town should get the same opportunities .
- Lyons needs to come together around this comp plan and a vision for the future together.
- Lyons leadership needs strengthened and working toward the good of the overall community, not individuals within the community. They need to focus on 'big picture' items and support others to be successful.
- Lyons is at a turning point and must chart its future carefully to maintain its unique flavor and qualities.
- Incredibly lucky to be here. Thank you for the opportunity to share our thoughts.
- Thanks for giving us the chance to voice concerns!
- Lyons is a great little town. In general it is a safe and fun place to live.
- We LOVE Lyons!!
- Marcus-McKenna's

- “Alright” is a strange survey response option
- Thank you for doing this work!
- You all do an amazing job!
- Thank you for accepting input from the community!
- We are considering moving due to how we have seen Lyons change in the last 20 years. It's not the town it used to be.
- I have loved this town and it's people for the last 40 years of living in the area.
- Thanks for asking and hope the results of these surveys are reflected in the final analysis.
- Grateful Lyons is looking into the Future of our Community
- I love Lyons!
- The town is no longer Lyons. It's North Boulder.
- Don't expect it to be everything AND affordable.
- Nope
- It's not easy running a town and thanks for all the work being done.
- Stop being cliquish.
- I really don't want the town to attract more marijuana users.
- Thanks for working so hard on creating a future comprehensive plan for our lovely little town.
- I love living in Lyons, it is a wonderful community. Thank you for giving us the opportunity to reflect on why we love it!
- I love this town and am proud to tell people I live here. Keep up the good work!
- This is the best place I've ever lived. I am so grateful for this opportunity to voice our opinions on the state of our town.
- Thanks for asking for feedback from the community. Y'all rock!!!!
- I love this town. I've lost a lot of friends over the last few years due to being priced out. You're losing the core people that make this town something special because they have to spend every penny to live here. It should not be a struggle to live here this town should be enjoyed.  
... and figure out how to get the bus back here for gods sake.
- I think it's very important to maintain and enforce an expectation of civility in public discourse, so would avoid using social media as a primary venue for discussion -- perhaps for notification. When negative comments are inevitably posted, responses should not take the bait but instead point to general statements of overall goals and expectations for participation in good faith. Some school boards have adopted a policy of only allowing people to testify individually, avoiding the angry shouting mob approach to controversial topics.
- Leave restaurants alone
- The BOT's should be paid positions! Perhaps then diversity could be represented by our elected officials (rather than predominantly being occupied by retired white people; a very narrow "subset" of the population
- Provide Town sponsored mechanisms for information sharing and feedback - help move away from these things being done through Facebook.
- new town hall. nice old building but not sure how functional it is for the government to conduct their business.
- It's a great place to live and play. Thank you for taking on the reality of addressing what needs doing to make Lyons wonderful for years to come.



## Q18: IN ONE SENTENCE, HOW WOULD YOU DESCRIBE LYONS TO SOMEONE WHO IS UNFAMILIAR WITH THE COMMUNITY?

### HOUSING AND HUMAN SERVICES

- Lyons is a beautiful small town at the foot of the Rocky Mountains
- It's a wonderful community.
- North California Boulder yuppy overpriced town
- small and expensive
- I would tell them how great Lyons was before the flood and how it has change. I would tell them about how great the people of Lyons were prior to the flood and how the community changed. What was an affordable town in BOCO with amazingly diverse residents who supported each other, is now too expensive for people who actually work in town. Lyons is now filled with plenty of Pretentious new residents who only care about themselves and not about the great good of the town.
- I used to say it was a cross between Mayberry and Northern Exposure. Now, I say it is a gentrifying expensive community that is in a pretty place.
- Small bedroom community
- Small town surrounded by open space, rivers run through it, and too expensive now!
- Close knit bedroom town
- A small artsy community recently gentrified over the last 10 years to a bedroom community of Boulder/Longmont, with amazing natural beauty and access to open space.
- A small town in the foothills on the way to Estes Park; bedroom community for Boulder and Longmont
- Lyons is a small bedroom community of Boulder, Colorado.
- Gentrifying small town
- It 's a wonderful place to live if you can afford it to expensive to live here stop building on the mountains overpopulated
- A small bedroom community to Boulder.
- Quirky, artsy, exceedingly gentrified (and a little exclusive because of it), and too much traffic on a weekend day.

### PARKS AND RECREATION

- Small town surrounded by open space, rivers run through it, and too expensive now!
- A small artsy community recently gentrified over the last 10 years to a bedroom community of Boulder/Longmont, with amazing natural beauty and access to open space.
- Small town close to recreation as well as urban amenities
- Lyons is a nice little town, diverse and artsy, with natural beauty in and around it.
- Music, community, and recreation in the foothills of the Rockies.
- A small, gorgeous community that was great to raise a family in.
- Lyons is a cute, little town with fantastic places to eat and wonderful parks with access to tons of hiking nearby.
- Mountain community with beautiful parks and neighbors.
- Lyons is an eclectic small town surrounded by open space just a short drive from Boulder/Longmont.
- Small town in a beautiful area with lots of nearby recreation, but conveniently close to larger towns with shopping, services, and good amenities.
- A small town with a great vibe, lots of great music, hiking and biking trails, community spirit - something for everyone.
- Nestled between the mountains and all that Boulder has to offer, a small yet vibrant community that is deeply supportive of one another. A town with good food, good coffee, and great trails and a river that connects everyone along it.

Q 18: IN ONE SENTENCE, HOW WOULD YOU DESCRIBE LYONS TO SOMEONE WHO IS UNFAMILIAR WITH THE COMMUNITY?

- A small town with scenery, a music heritage and character, where we can see tall mountains and still walk to town to eat dinner.
- A very small, mostly white and wealthy town that is close to nature, great scenery, lots of music, but struggling not to turn into Boulder suburbia.
- Great place to live, safe lots to do
- Peaceful, a lot more activities, shops and restaurants than appears. Great outdoor recreation areas
- Small mountain town with lots of river access
- Small town community surrounded by natural beauty
- A small town rooted in the outdoors and home to a vast array of entrepreneurs.
- Lyons is a small friendly town that is safe and close to the mountains.
- Small town at the entrance to the Rocky Mountains
- A small mountain town outside of Estes park, North of Boulder, that has lots of great recreation, food and a world class venue for bluegrass music.
- A small-town feel with easy access to everything great Colorado has to offer.
- Small town with nice stores and good restaurants along with surprising beautiful parks.
- A fun town with beautiful scenery.
- tiny town in a beautiful area and all of the good and bad that goes along with it.
- It is beautiful.
- Small, intimate mountain community.
- A great small town with lots of outdoor opportunities and community.
- A small town with emphasis on art and music and outdoor recreation
- Lyons is a small artsy town with a welcoming community that is surrounded by mountains, trails, rivers and parks. It has a thriving downtown with shops, music and restaurants.
- Small town character with great recreational opportunities while still being accessible to larger communities.
- a small town in a beautiful natural setting, with a great sense of community, a vibrant music scene, strong support of public art
- Its a town in transition with lots of natural beauty.
- Lyons is a small town, about 3000 people, right on the edge of the Rocky Mountains. It has a couple of scenic parks and a few small businesses, but is predominantly a sleepy residential town.
- A great small community that attracts outdoor recreation enthusiasts as well as artists and musicians.
- Lyons is a small town at the edge of the Rocky Mountains with a vibrant community but not much diversity.
- A small, friendly town with lots of outdoor opportunities.
- Greatest tiny town that's BIG on family-friendly, recreation, outdoor activities, music, art and MORE!
- Lyons is a lovely small town, surrounded by spectacular nature trying hard to maintain a sense of community despite a wide range of understanding what that looks like
- Lyons is a small town, with a funky, nature vibe, that is 20-30 minutes away from anything you'd need (city-wise or outdoor activity-wise).
- The Lyons community is an inspiringly friendly & beautiful arts-centric & outdoors-fun hub between Boulder & Estes Park, CO.
- Sweet little town nestled in the foothills of the Rocky Mountains.
- A beautiful, small town nestled in the foothills, surrounded by open space and populated with people who are laid back yet passionate and supportive of their community.
- Small town with a rural feel near great recreation, yet close to urban amenities (shopping, transportation/airport, cultural events/CU, etc.).
- Beautifully situated small town nestled among the foothills

Q 18: IN ONE SENTENCE, HOW WOULD YOU DESCRIBE LYONS TO SOMEONE WHO IS UNFAMILIAR WITH THE COMMUNITY?

- A wonderful small town tucked up against the foothills that is home to families, working professionals, and has a world-class music venue.
- Lyons is an absolute gem with a river to splash, mountains to bike, shops to adore and schools that help us explore!
- Mountain living at it's finest, with wonderful parks and rivers for recreating, great food, and a thriving music and art scene.
- A nice small community nestled in the foothills of Boulder County
- small community, on a river, with abundant recreational activities to enjoy, great schools, and a nice selection of shops, restaurants, and music venues
- It's a small town nestled in a river valley with a cute main street.
- Small mountain town with beautiful parks, trail access and a really good brewery/pizza place, sweet grocer/deli, and best bakery ever (Moxie).
- Small rural community, surrounded by natural beauty
- Active, fun, healthy, inclusive community!
- A unique, creative small community with lots of great music and recreational opportunities.
- Amazing. Great people great schools great outdoors
- Outdoorsy, music-oriented small town.
- Lyons is an exceptional community of people who care about one another, an amazing place to raise kids, and a really special place to connect with the natural world.
- Beautiful area and caring people
- Small mountain quarry town with a vibrant music and beer scene.
- Small town has a lot to offer, music, recreational and slower pace of life
- small town with a good community....music festivals, near Rocky Mountain Park and also Boulder
- Fun and family oriented
- Lyons is a small, walkable foothills town with great amenities including schools, a Library, restaurants, bars and live music with thousands of square miles of easily accessible State and National Forests and National Parks in our backyard.
- I love Lyons with all my soul. I feel safe and valued here. The natural beauty always amazes me, after 36 years of living here. It's spiritually uplifting.
- Community oriented and family-friendly in a natural setting
- A music loving small mountain town with access to rivers and trails
- Lyons is a small Colorado town surrounded by crazy awesome open space. It has that small town vibe and the community is filled with great peeps.
- Sweet small town that has tried to maintain the small town atmosphere while providing unique recreational, educational, dining, and cultural opportunities.
- An enjoyably quirky community rooted in music, art, and outdoor recreation.
- It's laid back and we have great views and trails
- Small community with access to excellent trails, the river and park space.
- Lyons is surrounded by wilderness.
- Quirky, active, fun town on a river nestled in the foothills.
- A friendly small town, at the base of the Rocky Mountains, with lots recreational activities within a short distance and beautiful scenery.
- Small mountain tourist area with several outside activities
- Quaint community nestled in nature yet close to bigger towns
- Friendly, welcoming small town with easy access to nature, appreciation for the local wildlife, and safety for our children.
- A small town at the foot of the Rocky Mountains.

Q 18: IN ONE SENTENCE, HOW WOULD YOU DESCRIBE LYONS TO SOMEONE WHO IS UNFAMILIAR WITH THE COMMUNITY?

- Small town on the road to RMNP
- A small walkable town with a quaint downtown and beautiful and expansive riverside parks that also provides easy access to both the mountains and nearby cities
- Lyons is a small town rich in family-friendly community and natural beauty.
- Lyons is a small town of healthy, active and environmentally conscious individuals.
- Small, quiet, lot's of recreational opportunities.
- Small town with great recreational activities; talented, creative and progressive residents
- Lyons is a small town population-wise but a big town opportunity-wise, eclectic, so close to fantastic recreational outdoor activities, and full of fun traditional annual events.
- Lyons is a charming small funky town with art and outdoor activities nestled at the foothills of the Rocky Mountains.
- Lyons is a small, mountain town that is a strong community in one of the most beautiful places on Earth.
- Foothills community close to front range.
- Beautiful, small town at the confluence of two rivers where the plains meet the Rocky Mountains.
- Lyons is a small town between Boulder and Estes Park that has a developed sense of community, beautiful parks, great music/mountain biking and a new library.
- A fun-loving, family-friendly community with great access to nature.
- Neat little small bedroom community at the foot of the mountains
- Beautiful historic sandstone downtown, with all the things that most towns only brag about having one thing, we have it all -- great and abundant art, sports, culture, history, shopping, restaurants, parks, and some community festivals, ...and a community spirit -- with some grit and friendliness now and then.
- Lovely town with a small town vibe, a great community and amazing local natural spaces to adventure in.
- Small town with great character near to everything you could want or need from recreation to sports or arts
- Small town at the foot of the Rocky Mountains.
- Small town in a beautiful location
- Gateway to the mountains. A town known for its recreational opportunities and music.
- The area is beautifully. The small town government is not good.
- A small, hip, historic mountain community, 15 miles north of Boulder on the way to RMNP.
- Lyons is a wholesome, supportive, fun and musical community in a breathtakingly beautiful area
- Lyons is a small town with beautiful, natural scenery and friendly, caring people.
- Lyons is a beautiful small town full of beautiful, creative, talented, thoughtful and interesting people. There is easy access to the outdoors, coffee, entertainment, and kindness. It's a great place to live and a great place to visit.
- Small mountain town feel, family community within a beautiful natural setting.
- It's a small town at the mouth of the mountains with a dozen restaurants, breweries, a distillery, some cute shops, a big music venue, music somewhere pretty much every day, an artist community, trail heads, any kind of biking right from my door, fly fishing, kayaking, and more.
- The parks and scenery are beautiful and everyone is friendly.
- Unique front range town with a creek running through it, surrounded by foothills with easy access to mountains.
- A warm, welcoming community with ample recreation, culture, and decent amenities
- A small town that celebrates nature and art
- Small town feel with easy access to the big city (Denver), and the mountains.
- A great community of outdoors enthusiasts and artists with a lot of families
- Lyons is a special small town filled with love, art, music and incredible natural beauty.

Q 18: IN ONE SENTENCE, HOW WOULD YOU DESCRIBE LYONS TO SOMEONE WHO IS UNFAMILIAR WITH THE COMMUNITY?

- Friendly and laid back. Unique small businesses. Plentiful outdoor recreational opportunities. Places priority on protecting natural beauty. Drinking and music culture.
- Small town that feels far from the rat race but actually isn't. Great trails and open space. Nice downtown area but struggles to keep business open, always changing.
- Beautiful tourist town in the Rocky Mountain foothills that is home to a unique sandstone used all over the world.
- Small and friendly, with access to some great recreational opportunities.
- Quaint small town with awesome natural surroundings
- small town, young community, mostly progressive with great music and recreational opportunities
- Wonderful mountain community not far from city amenities.
- Nice town close to big city and the outdoors
- Relaxed, welcoming, and artful little town blessed with world-class outdoor opportunities
- A quaint, close-knit community with deep roots in music and the outdoors
- A strong community that values art, outdoor adventure & human connection.
- A beautiful small mountain town that sits next to a river, mountains and trails but still close to amenities and nearby Towns.
- Funky community fabulous mountain bike/running/hiking trails, great music scene, but these days is super busy because of population growth and needs a lot of infrastructure for dealing with two major arteries that converge in the town (highway 36 & 7).
- Small town, beautiful scenery and lots of tourists in the summertime.
- Outdoors and music oriented small town.
- A small mountain town with some of the best access to nature in the country.

TRANSPORTATION

- Small town with a rural feel near great recreation, yet close to urban amenities (shopping, transportation/airport, cultural events/CU, etc.).
- Small town on the road to RMNP
- A small walkable town with a quaint downtown and beautiful and expansive riverside parks that also provides easy access to both the mountains and nearby cities
- Gateway to the mountains. A town known for its recreational opportunities and music.
- A small, hip, historic mountain community, 15 miles north of Boulder on the way to RMNP.
- Unique front range town with a creek running through it, surrounded by foothills with easy access to mountains.
- Small town feel with easy access to the big city (Denver), and the mountains.
- Small town with a million people driving through to go to Estes Park.
- It's small but friendly and easy to get around.
- Lyons still has that small-town feel while local establishments also cater to travelers heading to Estes Park and RMNP.
- too busy, too much traffic, out of control growth
- It's a pass-through tourist town, not a destination town.
- Lyons is a small town with a major highway running through it heading up to Rocky Mountain National Park and it is a bedroom Community to many who work in Boulder, Longmont and other towns in the Greater Denver Metro area. It is a desirable place to live for those who prefer a small town and access to the surrounding natural environment and not a long commute. Historically Lyons was quarry town on a rail line.
- Passthrough mountain town close to everything.
- Drive-through tourist town at first glance, but a small town with gritty character at second glance.
- Very family friendly. Traffic is tribble thru town in the summer months.

Q 18: IN ONE SENTENCE, HOW WOULD YOU DESCRIBE LYONS TO SOMEONE WHO IS UNFAMILIAR WITH THE COMMUNITY?

- A quirky quaint little town nestled in the 'gateway' to the Rockies, proximity to natural beauty and an embracing town culture of progressive ideas.
- A small town of about 2,000 people between Boulder and Estes Park.
- A cool, quirky, beautiful, artistic, athletic, small town in between Boulder, Longmont and Rocky Mountain National Park.
- Small and quaint town on way up to Estes
- Small town character tucked between a tourist destination and Boulder.
- Small town on the way to Estes
- Small, walkable community accessible to the outdoors right out your door.
- Funky community fabulous mountain bike/running/hiking trails, great music scene, but these days is super busy because of population growth and needs a lot of infrastructure for dealing with two major arteries that converge in the town (highway 36 & 7).
- Quirky, artsy, exceedingly gentrified (and a little exclusive because of it), and too much traffic on a weekend day.

ECONOMIC VITALITY

- It's a pass-through tourist town, not a destination town.
- Peaceful, a lot more activities, shops and restaurants than appears. Great outdoor recreation areas
- A small mountain town outside of Estes park, North of Boulder, that has lots of great recreation, food and a world class venue for bluegrass music.
- Small town with nice stores and good restaurants along with surprising beautiful parks.
- It's a small town nestled in a river valley with a cute main street.
- Small mountain town with beautiful parks, trail access and a really good brewery/pizza place, sweet grocer/deli, and best bakery ever (Moxie).
- Small mountain quarry town with a vibrant music and beer scene.
- Beautiful historic sandstone downtown, with all the things that most towns only brag about having one thing, we have it all -- great and abundant art, sports, culture, history, shopping, restaurants, parks, and some community festivals, ...and a community spirit -- with some grit and friendliness now and then.
- It's a small town at the mouth of the mountains with a dozen restaurants, breweries, a distillery, some cute shops, a big music venue, music somewhere pretty much every day, an artist community, trail heads, any kind of biking right from my door, fly fishing, kayaking, and more.
- Small town that feels far from the rat race but actually isn't. Great trails and open space. Nice downtown area but struggles to keep business open, always changing.
- Small town trying to retain its character and charm while dealing with limitations of small town
- A small town community that has a lot of great places to visit. Please stop and shop!
- Close community, losing its economic diversity.
- A small town with an amazing community, great restaurants, beautiful views, family and community oriented
- A small, family-oriented community with fantastic small businesses, vibrant art and music scene nestled in the foothills of the Rocky Mountains...in other words, heaven.
- Great little town with excellent shops and restaurants
- A small town feel with access to large metro assets such as an international airport, first class entertainment, access to nearby quality stores and restaurants, other significant national and international businesses.
- A small town struggling to provide all the big city amenities that people who moved here for the small town atmosphere are demanding.
- A small town with expensive housing, decent public amenities, not enough diverse restaurants, etc. finally has a nice outdoor place to have a beer.

SUSTAINABILITY

Q 18: IN ONE SENTENCE, HOW WOULD YOU DESCRIBE LYONS TO SOMEONE WHO IS UNFAMILIAR WITH THE COMMUNITY?

- Lyons is a small town of healthy, active and environmentally conscious individuals.
- A beautiful, small town with a quirky, unique, organic lifestyle.
- Eclectic, fit Colorado foothills bedroom community that embraces the outdoors, supports critical environmental issues while consistently promoting and enjoying music, outdoor based festivals and the arts.

ARTS AND HUMANITIES

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- A small town feel with access to large metro assets such as an international airport, first class entertainment, access to nearby quality stores and restaurants, other significant national and international businesses.
- A cool, quirky, beautiful, artistic, athletic, small town in between Boulder, Longmont and Rocky Mountain National Park.
- Lyons is a nice little town, diverse and artsy, with natural beauty in and around it.
- Music, community, and recreation in the foothills of the Rockies.
- A small town with a great vibe, lots of great music, hiking and biking trails, community spirit - something for everyone.
- A small town with scenery, a music heritage and character, where we can see tall mountains and still walk to town to eat dinner.
- A small town with emphasis on art and music and outdoor recreation
- A great small community that attracts outdoor recreation enthusiasts as well as artists and musicians.
- Greatest tiny town that's BIG on family-friendly, recreation, outdoor activities, music, art and MORE!
- The Lyons community is an inspiringly friendly & beautiful arts-centric & outdoors-fun hub between Boulder & Estes Park, CO.
- A wonderful small town tucked up against the foothills that is home to families, working professionals, and has a world-class music venue.
- Lyons is an absolute gem with a river to splash, mountains to bike, shops to adore and schools that help us explore!
- Mountain living at it's finest, with wonderful parks and rivers for recreating, great food, and a thriving music and art scene.
- A unique, creative small community with lots of great music and recreational opportunities.
- Amazing. Great people great schools great outdoors
- Outdoorsy, music-oriented small town.
- small town with a good community....music festivals, near Rocky Mountain Park and also Boulder



Q 18: IN ONE SENTENCE, HOW WOULD YOU DESCRIBE LYONS TO SOMEONE WHO IS UNFAMILIAR WITH THE COMMUNITY?

- Lyons is a small, walkable foothills town with great amenities including schools, a Library, restaurants, bars and live music with thousands of square miles of easily accessible State and National Forests and National Parks in our backyard.
- A music loving small mountain town with access to rivers and trails
- Sweet small town that has tried to maintain the small-town atmosphere while providing unique recreational, educational, dining, and cultural opportunities.
- An enjoyably quirky community rooted in music, art, and outdoor recreation.
- Small town with great recreational activities, talented, creative and progressive residents
- Lyons is a charming small funky town with art and outdoor activities nestled at the foothills of the Rocky Mountains.
- Lyons is a small town between Boulder and Estes Park that has a developed sense of community, beautiful parks, great music/mountain biking and a new library.
- Lyons is a beautiful small town full of beautiful, creative, talented, thoughtful and interesting people. There is easy access to the outdoors, coffee, entertainment, and kindness. It's a great place to live and a great place to visit.
- A warm, welcoming community with ample recreation, culture, and decent amenities
- A small town that celebrates nature and art
- Lyons is a special small town filled with love, art, music and incredible natural beauty.
- A small, thriving mountain town that is full of arts and artists.
- Lyons is a combination of artists, musicians, old-timers, democrats, republicans and general characters. We disagree with each other a lot, but we're there for each other when it counts. (Sorry, that was 2 sentences)
- Artsy, musical, friendly
- Friendly beautiful small town with a robust music and art scene
- Lyons is a small town in the foothills of the Rockies where people know their neighbors, enjoy the outdoors, love live music, and have fun together.
- Funky arty community with small town feel, but close to the amenities of larger towns.
- Creative, caring community
- A small artsy mountain town on the river
- A small, mountain gateway town with a heavy music emphasis.
- A small quarry town with a bluegrass problem
- A cute older artist community with charm yet to be imposed upon by the Boulderites and big money
- Small town feeling of warmth and familiarity as well as artsy and vibrant
- Small mountain town with load of cultural activities.
- Artist community with a great small town welcoming vibe
- small town with character.
- Unique, friendly, musical beautiful small town
- This is a sweet little mountain town filled with a wonderful community full of artists, musicians, and kind souls
- An eclectic mix of youthful and aging spirits wrapped up in down home festivals with community that cares for one another.
- Eclectic and fun small town
- A small town with meaning and culture.
- A small artsy community who cares for each other and the beautiful natural resources that surround us.
- Weird artsy boulder vibe.
- Intimate, friendly, festive
- A wonderful small town with music, art and a progressive spirit!

Q 18: IN ONE SENTENCE, HOW WOULD YOU DESCRIBE LYONS TO SOMEONE WHO IS UNFAMILIAR WITH THE COMMUNITY?

- Friendly small-town in a beautiful location - with great school system.
- Small town with some nice amenities like planet bluegrass and
- Musical tourist town that's weirder than Boulder.
- A small-town community that values artists and musicians.
- Small, music & arts, mountain town in the foothills halfway between EP and Boulder.
- A quaint little town in the foothills, with shops and entertainment and good schools.
- A musical, artistic, mostly kind bunch of people.
- Beautiful friendly creative small town.
- Small, artsy community with friendly neighbors that look out for each other.
- Small town community, with a big town music scene.
- Small town with groovy taste... String local bonds, love for music and art
- An artsy tourist town.
- A small, friendly, eclectic town.
- Small, eclectic, community surrounded by beautiful mountains.
- Beautiful small town with amazing access and great schools.
- Artistic, kind, progressive, beautiful.
- An artsy community with beautiful scenery, great music, and an awesome climate.
- Artistic community in the foothills with easy access to surrounding cities.
- Beautiful close knit eclectic town.
- Lyons is a small town full of artists, musicians, and creative people who enjoy a laid-back lifestyle.
- Its a beautiful and fun little town where mixed ages hang out, and you can often find live music to listen to!
- small town, young community, mostly progressive with great music and recreational opportunities
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- Relaxed, welcoming, and artful little town blessed with world-class outdoor opportunities.
- A quaint, close-knit community with deep roots in music and the outdoors
- A close knit community of outdoor enthusiasts and music lovers.
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- Small town with 3 streets that's super colorful and has a great rich musical community
- A strong community that values art, outdoor adventure & human connection.
- Outdoor haven of eclectic folks; "Mayberry" for 40-somethings with kids
- Lyons is small, beautiful, friendly, artsy and fun.
- Quirky, artsy, exceedingly gentrified (and a little exclusive because of it), and too much traffic on a weekend day.
- Outdoors and music oriented small town.

#### LAND USE AND GROWTH

- too busy, too much traffic, out of control growth
- A very small, mostly white and wealthy town that is close to nature, great scenery, lots of music, but struggling not to turn into Boulder suburbia.
- It 's a wonderful place to live if you can afford it to expensive to live here stop building on the mountains overpopulated
- It used to be a quiet, wonderful place to live. It's too crowded now  
I pay for the parks and I can't use them because they are taken over by out of towners who don't spend money here
- A small town that used to have great character but now is okay to live in.
- Small cute mountain town going through gentrification

Q 18: IN ONE SENTENCE, HOW WOULD YOU DESCRIBE LYONS TO SOMEONE WHO IS UNFAMILIAR WITH THE COMMUNITY?

- Super awesome community that feels safe and wonderfully protected from the growth of Boulder.
- A quaint town on a nice body of water just north of Boulder on the way to Estes. A small town that is working on growth and sustainability.
- Funky community fabulous mountain bike/running/hiking trails, great music scene, but these days is super busy because of population growth and needs a lot of infrastructure for dealing with two major arteries that converge in the town (highway 36 & 7).

RESILIENCE

- A beautiful, small town nestled in the foothills, surrounded by open space and populated with people who are laid back yet passionate and supportive of their community.
- Small town feel where neighbors help each other and everyone waves when they drive by!
- A small town with a true sense of community.
- Community oriented
- An eclectic little town with a tight knit community surrounded by unparalleled natural beauty.
- Beautiful, tight-knit community that's a great place to raise a family.
- A tight-knit, proactive community that supports its schools and town celebrations like the "old days," with great enthusiasm and love.
- A beautiful small town with a tight-knit community.

HISTORIC PRESERVATION

- Lyons is a noisy imitation of Ft. Collins and many of the mountain towns, and by design of small thinkers it has no unique character.

OTHER

- Small town feel where neighbors help each other and everyone waves when they drive by!
- A small town that used to have great character but now is okay to live in.
- Super awesome community that feels safe and wonderfully protected from the growth of Boulder.
- A small town of about 2,000 people between Boulder and Estes Park.
- Small town character tucked between a tourist destination and Boulder.
- Small town in a beautiful location
- A small town in the foothills on the way to Estes Park; bedroom community for Boulder and Longmont
- Wonderful, tight-knit, quirky, open, supportive.
- Very small town, quirky community that seems to have become very divided because of the "oldtimers" and anyone who has moved here since the flood. Great location to be close to the mountains without being "in" the mountains ... convenient to Boulder and Fort Collins.
- Poorly run small town.
- Small mountain town with easy access to big city amenities. Chill laid back atmosphere. Cool little town.
- Small-town charm at the base of the foothills
- A small town made up of people who came down from the mountains but not too far down, and people who left the bigger cities but didn't want to be too far from them.
- Inconvenient.
- Lyons is a small quirky town, half-way between Boulder and RMNP
- Sweet small town with lots of character.
- Lyons is that "village" it takes to raise a child - uplifting, supportive, eager, and kind.
- Changing
- Hive minded with not tolerance for any different views.
- Small town with a lot going on and very family friendly
- Lyons is a mix of many different types of people, with different views, but that come together for the common good of our community.

Q 18: IN ONE SENTENCE, HOW WOULD YOU DESCRIBE LYONS TO SOMEONE WHO IS UNFAMILIAR WITH THE COMMUNITY?

- Small town mountain living, but still close to conveniences.
- A sweet historic little town in need of some TLC
- Small quiet friendly town
- A spectacular place to raise children.
- A small friendly town that is defined by its environment but is changing under the pressure of the "New West."
- It really is like Mayberry on acid.
- A very small town with a strong sense of community that has most of what you need and not a lot of what you don't.
- small town charm
- Small, Lovely, friendly, and quirky.
- A small town feel with a big heart
- A good hearted, stunningly beautiful community.
- Former nice small town becoming a too busy Boulder bedroom community.
- A great place to live
- Classic small town America.
- Lyons is a tiny town, with big community spirit.
- Beautiful small town. Battles between the old timers and the new residents
- Quint, quite, and beautiful with a small town charm.
- Close-knit, small town and caring community
- It used to be a great town but now is overrun with leftists and liberals
- Little Berkley of the Rocky Mountain Foot Hills..... quirky small town, with good vibe and decent amenities (great for the size)
- A cool little town close to Boulder and the mountains.
- Small western Town with liberal values.
- It is a great place to live between the mountains and larger cities.
- A wonderful foothills community with all of the charms of a small town and the perfect proximity to larger cities like Boulder and Longmont.
- A friendly little community in the foothills of the Rockies.
- Picturesque, Thomas Kinkade- type small town with friendly people of all ages.
- A great small town.
- A small town Who knows everyone
- Little Boulder
- Small but growing special community vibe
- I feel like I'm away but I'm so close
- Community
- Small but crowded.
- It's a suburb of North Boulder
- It's a small town tucked into the foothills that has a magical, fairytale feeling to it.
- Northern Exposure meets Mayberry.
- NORTH BOULDER
- small mountain town with an eclectic group of residence who look out for one another.
- Overrun with people who have too much money for their own good.
- You have to make an effort to find your "place".
- Mayberry on acid

Q 18: IN ONE SENTENCE, HOW WOULD YOU DESCRIBE LYONS TO SOMEONE WHO IS UNFAMILIAR WITH THE COMMUNITY?

- Welcoming
- Beautiful small town
- Small town living in the front range.
- Small western town
- A great small town.
- Lyons is a small quaint community with wonderful people.
- I small growing community nestled into the foothills
- It's a small, tight knit community that is a gateway to Estes Park.
- small town America
- A small town with big character
- Small and liberal.
- Friendly, fun, close knit community.
- An unwelcoming town that is hostile to those that don't fall in line with progressive values.
- Not friendly unless you have their beliefs
- Lyons is a spirited environmentally conscious and family oriented mountain town.
- Dumpy little town
- both sweet and also pretty provincial
- Fun and homey
- It's like Boulder. Too many cliques.
- Quaint and full of life.
- Small town
- we weird, we hippies, we like weed
- Upward mobile 40 somethings.
- A wonderful small town with lots friendly people who know each other, small shops and NO national chains.
- Great small town
- Small town with amazing nature. Close to Longmont and Boulder.
- Small town with big heart
- Small town
- A small town treasure with natural beauty but driven by locally owned businesses and an engaged community
- A small town set in a gorgeous valley in the foothills of the Rockies that has everything you need and nothing you don't.
- The people are kind
- A small community, safe, fun and respectful.
- Calm and peaceful with a lot of friendly people.
- It's a wonderful environment to raise children
- a unique mix of authentic, down to earth people
- Small mountain town.
- As far away from Denver as you can get but still have easy access
- Friendly people
- Expensive, friendly small town.
- Small town
- Funky mountain living near convenient suburban and urban amenities.
- Welcoming

Q 18: IN ONE SENTENCE, HOW WOULD YOU DESCRIBE LYONS TO SOMEONE WHO IS UNFAMILIAR WITH THE COMMUNITY?

- A little paradise
- Tourist town with a good community
- small town feel and great community
- Great community
- Small town friendly
- Small town vibe
- It's as safe and friendly as a community can get in this day and age
- Quiet, eclectic, beautiful town full of kind people.
- Unique and amazing.
- Small town living.
- fun pleasant place to visit with plenty to do but seems to lack a true identity.
- If you want to live in Boulder, but not in Boulder, it's perfect.
- A great place going down hill
- Small town with a big heart.
- Small town, two rivers, community far enough away from big city influence.
- A small town that's too big for its britches.
- Vibrant and beautiful small town
- Small town with big city encroachment both physical and ideological
- A mix of old-timers and new-comers
- Quirky mountain town close to the city.
- A hidden gem
- Small town with a lot of character
- A small mountain town with charm, grit and deep roots.

## Q19: WHAT DO YOU HOPE LYONS WILL BE LIKE IN 20 YEARS?

### HOUSING AND HUMAN SERVICES

- Just as old fashioned as it is now.
- I hope it will be similar and small but with more affordable housing.
- Same small town charm with transportation medical options
- Cost of living here will go down. The town will start putting fees on our utilities, they will drop the \$13 fee for electricity and drop the \$10 sewer fee. You keep trying to bring low income people here but they can't afford to live here I can't afford the utilities and they can't afford to buy anything here cause it's too damn expensive
- Not much bigger, still have a strong music scene...non-functioning features in park removed. Less pavement in parks. True affordable housing. Attention to fire prevention. Continue to have a solid culture of helping/giving.
- A little more diverse, with affordable housing and more job opportunities.
- More progressive!!! Affordable housing options! Diversity!!
- not a bedroom community for Boulder and surrounding. Would like Lyons to have it's own economy
- More affordable housing, more businesses that are more than bars/restaurants.
- small town
- and recreation areas
  - 7) flourishing library serving as community hub for events, activities
  - 8) good, safe access to charm with a grocery store close to the 36 corridor (not in town bc of traffic)
- Continue to be affordable for all families and working families (and that firefighters, teachers will be able to live and own homes in town)
- - 1) still a small town with a unique character and strong sense of community
  - 2) vibrant music and arts scene
  - 3) mixed income, including affordable housing
  - 4) flourishing local businesses that serve the basic needs of Lyons' residents - grocery, bakery, hardware, pharmacy, barber/hair salon, gym, restaurants/cafes as well as cater to tourists
  - 5) good schools well integrated into community (facilities and events engaging residents)
  - 6) well-maintained parks hiking trails and bicycle paths
  - 9) bus connections to Longmont and Boulder
  - 10) small hotel/s providing 30 - 50 rooms
- I would hope for more ethnic diversity and differing income levels. Affordable housing is important.
- A little more polished with town ordinances to keep our property values protected - think curb and gutter/sidewalks, trees cared for (we have some problematic ones near our property on 3rd Ave that we are supposed to take care of but can't remove.) and some additional traffic lights around 36 and Broadway downtown to help slow vehicle traffic for pedestrians
- Still eclectic, fun and small... also affordable
- A small town that is accessible for living in by low income and well to do. I also hope it is a town that keeps pace with the needs of the residents and tourists and also one that has public transportation to and from Boulder, Longmont and Denver.
- I hope there will be more affordable housing, but otherwise not too different. Too many expectations for Lyons to become Boulder.
- Not a bedroom community still caring and a must affordable housing!!!
- Affordable
  - Welcoming
  - Pedestrian and cyclist safe!!! Walkable & bikeable
  - Thriving local shops and restaurants with good-quality food



Community gardens  
Solar-powered

- A welcoming affordable Town, with a housing stock and business opportunities that will attract and support a culturally and economically diverse population.
- My biggest desire is affordable housing and that we maintain our character.
- Improved non-auto infrastructure. Bike paths must connect to Boulder and Longmont. Still has a small town feel. Lives like a mountain town. Music and musicians should continue to be prized - one of our greatest resources. Downtown grid is better connected and pedestrian-friendly. Highway traffic is slowed to a crawl. A few higher density housing developments bring some younger and more diverse folks downtown.
- Less or better managed traffic to Estes Park; very similar to it's current vibe but with a stabilized housing market; more diverse in terms of people
- More of the same, but with affordable housing!
- Still a small town, affordable, welcoming to different viewpoints and opinions, not a tourist destination
- I hope Lyons will be more like it was before the 2013 flood and before it started being a Boulder bedroom community. 20 yrs ago it was much rougher around the edges; although there are a lot of things that are nicer now like the parks, library, etc. the loss of the "rougher around the edges" folks and flavor has changed Lyons negatively for me. The ever-increasing subdivision populations could all go away and things would be better.
- Well, it's already changed from being the town I would like in 20 years. I would like it to be an affordable, funky, quiet, peaceful community & haven for people of all ages, colors & economic backgrounds. Where the natural landscape is honored & protected, along with all the critters we share it with. A thriving art & music scene with affordable housing for artists, musicians & those who work in town & serve the community & tourists.
- more accommodating to low income people
- More receptive of affordable housing and less elitist.
- Similar to now, except with more affordable housing
- Just as it is today, maybe less housing
- Hoping it is very much what it is like today, limit the sprawl .. a quaint little downtown with several housing options for those who live and work in Lyons.
- More affordable housing built instead of McMansions
- About the same but with more affordable housing
- I no longer hope, the future is inevitable. I am sad to see we will continue to become a community of people who wanted to live in Boulder but found it appealing to save a little bit on housing costs by living here.
- Be cheaper to live here and overgrown stop
- A thriving small town community that effectively balances affordability, jobs and a high quality of life. A town that preserves the best of what we have today (recreation, physical beauty, good schools) with the tax base to continue to support them. I worry these things are mutually exclusive and don't envy the planners trying to find this balance.
- More diverse, not relying on fossil fuel to provide electricity, more affordable housing, more public transportation, more bike lanes, having local health care services.
- I would like there to be more: 1. low income housing 2. more diversity among residents 3. hiking and biking trails
- Affordable and friendly.
- Still a small town with affordable opportunities for living
- A beautiful and fun little town where mixed age groups hang out, and you can often find live music to listen to, and I would love to see more affordable housing so we can have all tax brackets. Who will work at the shops, restaurants and bars if we don't work towards that?

- More of what it is now, but including more restaurants, hotels. A more sustainable town and not a bedroom community. I want to see a lot of public art and Lyons becoming more and more unique. Also hope it will be come more affordable for anyone who would like to live here.
- Affordable to live in and slightly bigger with more to offer for full time residents.
- more services for the community - medical, pharmacy, health food story. affordable housing, diversity. a good working relationship between businesses and the Town that is positive.
- Not too much different but more thriving businesses, more restaurants, more trails & sidewalks. Affordable housing for all income levels.
- I hope we still have beautiful scenery and basic services.
- Similar to what it is today with continued protections of open space, ecological health, recreational opportunities. I hope we can figure out some better affordable housing options to house people that would like to work in town.

#### PARKS AND RECREATION

- Not much bigger, still have a strong music scene...non-functioning features in park removed. Less pavement in parks. True affordable housing. Attention to fire prevention. Continue to have a solid culture of helping/giving.
- 1) still a small town with a unique character and strong sense of community  
2) vibrant music and arts scene  
3) mixed income, including affordable housing  
4) flourishing local businesses that serve the basic needs of Lyons' residents - grocery, bakery, hardware, pharmacy, barber/hair salon, gym, restaurants/cafes as well as cater to tourists  
5) good schools well integrated into community (facilities and events engaging residents)  
6) well-maintained parks and recreation areas  
7) flourishing library serving as community hub for events, activities  
8) good, safe access to hiking trails and bicycle paths  
9) bus connections to Longmont and Boulder  
10) small hotel/s providing 30 - 50 rooms
- A little more polished with town ordinances to keep our property values protected - think curb and gutter/sidewalks, trees cared for (we have some problematic ones near our property on 3rd Ave that we are supposed to take care of but can't remove.) and some additional traffic lights around 36 and Broadway downtown to help slow vehicle traffic for pedestrians
- Well, it's already changed from being the town I would like in 20 years. I would like it to be an affordable, funky, quiet, peaceful community & haven for people of all ages, colors & economic backgrounds. Where the natural landscape is honored & protected, along with all the critters we share it with. A thriving art & music scene with affordable housing for artists, musicians & those who work in town & serve the community & tourists.
- A thriving small town community that effectively balances affordability, jobs and a high quality of life. A town that preserves the best of what we have today (recreation, physical beauty, good schools) with the tax base to continue to support them. I worry these things are mutually exclusive and don't envy the planners trying to find this balance.
- Good sense of community with mom and pop businesses, no chain businesses, and a focus on being a gateway to the great outdoors.
- A small town that cares for its own. With fewer weeds.
- filled with community-minded residents, fun, lively, safe, great restaurants at all price points, diverse, many many more trails to explore than there are now
- Much as it is today, more recreational opportunities
- More viable businesses. More residents. A destination rather than a drive thru town. I would like to see a beautiful public pool that would draw day visitors.
- Still small, quaint, and real natural beauty.
- Open and recreational space preserved with an even more vibrant/revitalized downtown.

- It will retain its small town character and preserve the open space and natural environment, with no more sprawl.
- Small quiet friendly safe town that values it's open space and natural beauty with large areas of undeveloped land. Bus service to boulder and Longmont being restored.. a town that is a careful steward of the land.
- Still small and safe, and filled with open spaces to explore.
- Similar to how it is now but with a community rec center like what the built in Estes Park
- Thriving small businesses, continues having right community connectivity and outdoor opportunities.
- Small towns, increased trails (one of our best assets) to make it more of an outdoor long term vs day destination
- Same feel as now, expanded. I would like to see High St develop into the second street of downtown artsy shops.  
The remarkable environment will always be a draw to the adventurous.
- I hope that as much open space and surrounding wild areas can be as protected as possible, that our stores and businesses and schools can support people who live here, that I can still know people at the market, park, post office, etc., and that my grandchildren who were born here might find a way to stay here and make a life if they so choose...
- I hope it's the same caring small town that makes cool stuff happen. I hope Lyons gets a connector trail or path to Longmont and Boulder and I'd love to see a recreation center with a pool.
- I hope that it's not loved to death. I hope it still maintains its own character, independent of the Boulder corridor, and surrounded by open space and agricultural lands. I hope that the community will have some affordable housing options so that Lyons remains diverse and artist filled as much as possible.
- Pretty much the same feel, with better amenities, bike and hiking paths in and around town, and good traffic flow. The start is there but it is scattered and feels ad hoc. The town in my view should be almost like a ski town without the slopes and overcrowded ness. We do need the tourism though and that is a good thing!
- Full service, no need to leave to get what you need. Breakfast lunch and dinner restaurants, a medical clinic, a recreation center.
- Family oriented small town with lots of recreational opportunities
- A music loving small mountain town with access to rivers and trails
- Thriving local businesses, world class parks and amenities including a connected trail system, affordable housing options, sustainable/renewable resources
- More recreation access, more pedestrian friendly, more of a draw to attend the high school
- I hope it will retain it's small town environment with enhanced recreational opportunities for it's residents
- A friendly, welcoming small town with easy access to nature and appreciation for local wildlife. Paving the way for America by demonstrating the abundance that can be offered to the community and beyond through sustainable, regenerative ways of working with nature, integrating land, resources, people and the environment through mutually beneficial synergies – imitating the no waste, closed loop systems seen in diverse natural systems.
- A strong town with its own unique culture and thriving local businesses that create a great hub for the town and surrounding rural community, that is supported by tourism and front range communities that enjoy the foothills. Plenty of public access land, good roads and parking.
- Active and thriving
- I hope Lyons will a thriving charming small funky town with art and outdoor activities that attracts a diverse population to visit and live.
- I would hope it is still a small town that has preserved its character, its natural surroundings [vistas, trails, open space].
- More access to the parks without paying for parking. More parking for tourists!
- A thoughtfully connected Town that maintains it's small town character by resisting the urge to sprawl to the East. A town that constantly supports health and critical ecological protection while maximizing their

existing ecological / economic engine which allows people to visit, recreate and see how growth pressure can be properly managed. Setting an example for other communities to embrace thoughtful connectivity, the environment, critical view sheds and protection of natural resources.

- similar to what it is now. Relatively small, owner operated businesses, great schools, and beautiful landscapes
- Smartly and sustainably developed, with a continued focus on access to community parks and natural resources, and a vibrant small town economy.
- Vibrant and safe community with lots of recreation activities abound
- An upscale little town with many parks/open spaces, shops and entertainment. Great schools.
- I'd love for it to still have its natural beauty and strong sense of community and compassion.
- A prosperous community that continues to have a k-12, music and recreational opportunities.
- A wholly funded, resourced and thriving, sustainable, self-contained, self-sufficient, safe, welcoming, open, kind, communal town with unlimited outdoor recreation, resident amenities, great restaurants, opportunities for involvement and engagement, creative community.
- More active endeavors such as more trails, bike lanes, a rec center with the current parks, trails, and river corridor maintained.
- Still has small town feel. Great recreation opportunities.
- Still small, but also an established hub for the growing unincorporated communities that surround it, with vibrant local businesses that cater to locals and regional residents alike (e.g., Longmont, Boulder, etc.) in addition to tourists. A destination for those seeking outdoor recreation and musical entertainment.
- Small mountain town feel, artsy with many young families.
- I hope Lyons will have a vibrant, quirky business, artistic, and recreational community with opportunities for people to live and work in town, across the entire spectrum of income.
- I would like to see successful businesses, more trails connecting Longmont, Boulder. Some areas of town need updating, cleaning up of junk
- I would like there to be more: 1. low income housing 2. more diversity among residents 3. hiking and biking trails
- I would like the parks, trails and open space to remain. A wider variety of food. Quirky & sweet.
- Preserved in its natural beauty and thriving community with successful businesses.
- A local destination spot attracting music, art, culinary, and outdoor lovers to explore Lyons. Continued and expanded high quality services to the residents through Parks & Rec, Library, and its schools. Supportive of those in and around our community who are in need.
- Hoping it stays small and continues its active arts and outdoor adventure culture.
- Small, safe, unique and still with the same charm and accessibility to the outdoors.
- An entrepreneurial, outdoor mecca that values preserving and enhancing nature and community.
- Not too much different but more thriving businesses, more restaurants, more trails & sidewalks. Affordable housing for all income levels.
- A more sustainable diverse community with the same recreational attributes. **MOVE THE WASTEWATER PLANT.** The benefits on consolidating the wastewater treatment plant with Longmont far outweigh the costs. The decision to not move was a terrible oversight. Benefits include: economies of scale and reduced costs and rates over time. The status quo of our plant is not self sustaining and is not a best practice. Please reevaluate the location and Town ownership and operation of plant. The new infrastructure bill will be passing out several billion of dollars to States for water/wastewater improvements. Plan ahead for some of those resources, please!
- I hope we still have beautiful scenery and basic services.
- More access to open space, more bikeable, but mostly the same character.
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## TRANSPORTATION

- 1) still a small town with a unique character and strong sense of community
- 2) vibrant music and arts scene
- 3) mixed income, including affordable housing
- 4) flourishing local businesses that serve the basic needs of Lyons' residents - grocery, bakery, hardware, pharmacy, barber/hair salon, gym, restaurants/cafes as well as cater to tourists
- 5) good schools well integrated into community (facilities and events engaging residents)
- 6) well-maintained parks and recreation areas
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- 9) bus connections to Longmont and Boulder
- 10) small hotel/s providing 30 - 50 rooms
- A little more polished with town ordinances to keep our property values protected - think curb and gutter/sidewalks, trees cared for (we have some problematic ones near our property on 3rd Ave that we are supposed to take care of but can't remove.) and some additional traffic lights around 36 and Broadway downtown to help slow vehicle traffic for pedestrians
- Thriving small businesses, continues having right community connectivity and outdoor opportunities.
- I hope it's the same caring small town that makes cool stuff happen. I hope Lyons gets a connector trail or path to Longmont and Boulder and I'd love to see a recreation center with a pool.
- Pretty much the same feel, with better amenities, bike and hiking paths in and around town, and good traffic flow. The start is there but it is scattered and feels ad hoc. The town in my view should be almost like a ski town without the slopes and overcrowded mess. We do need the tourism though and that is a good thing!
- More recreation access, more pedestrian friendly, more of a draw to attend the high school
- A strong town with its own unique culture and thriving local businesses that create a great hub for the town and surrounding rural community, that is supported by tourism and front range communities that enjoy the foothills. Plenty of public access land, good roads and parking.
- More access to the parks without paying for parking. More parking for tourists!
- More active endeavors such as more trails, bike lanes, a rec center with the current parks, trails, and river corridor maintained.
- Same small town charm with transportation medical options
- small town charm with a grocery store close to the 36 corridor (not in town bc of traffic)
- A small town that is accessible for living in by low income and well to do. I also hope it is a town that keeps pace with the needs of the residents and tourists and also one that has public transportation to and from Boulder, Longmont and Denver.
- Affordable  
Welcoming  
Pedestrian and cyclist safe!!! Walkable & bikeable  
Thriving local shops and restaurants with good-quality food  
Community gardens  
Solar-powered
- Improved non-auto infrastructure. Bike paths must connect to Boulder and Longmont. Still has a small town feel. Lives like a mountain town. Music and musicians should continue to be prized - one of our greatest resources. Downtown grid is better connected and pedestrian-friendly. Highway traffic is slowed to a crawl. A few higher density housing developments bring some younger and more diverse folks downtown.
- Less or better managed traffic to Estes Park; very similar to it's current vibe but with a stabilized housing market; more diverse in terms of people
- Less crowded, less traffic

- I hope we can continue creating attractive spaces to gather downtown and clean up the parking situation so more people can enjoy it without taking away from the small Main Street look. I hope we can either get the old doctors office rented out or redone into something else to make the OB parking lot/business area more lively.
- I like the direction it's headed downtown now and with all the improvements. Hopefully safer walking paths to connect the whole town.
- I'd like to see more diversity in the racial make-up of Lyons.  
I'd like to see all the streets re-paved and kept in better condition than they are now.  
I'd like to see more enforcement of the "rules" laid out by the board of trustees and TOL staff.
- a small quirky town, half-way between boulder and RMNP, that you have to stop and check out.
- Have affordable housing, parking for downtown area and open to new businesses
- More music. More wintertime sustainability for businesses, less traffic through town.
- Almost the exact same in size. More town beautification and clean-up (less clutter and building/infrastructure decay). More businesses that can sustain. Better pedestrian connectivity (improved sidewalks and in-town commuting).
- A vibrant town that is financially stable and has taken care of its infrastructure, traffic and safety issues.
- stop uncontrolled growth. stop the insane traffic and decision making by people who only want to develop it
- Less beer, more wine. Less pizza, more fine cuisine. Less of a western, cowboy feel, more cultured and upscale. All that, with more diversity, slower traffic through town, more adult-focused.
- I would hope it could offer more small town shopping to the locals so it is not necessary to leave town for necessities. I'd like it to have businesses that are open for business 6-7 days a week. I would like to see Broadway, Main and High streets used to access business and not be a parking lot for bikers, hikers and parking long term. The town needs a large, clearly marked parking lot for those uses (Bohn) and perhaps street meters to deter such use and gather some revenue.  
I think we need to support the creative and artistic community that resides here and keep chain businesses out. I know the tax revenue is good but could we have fewer Marijuana stores?  
Hopefully we can keep the system to reserve the parks for local use. I also like to see any open space or buyouts reserved for conservation of wildlife corridors and river quality protection instead of putting more money into more parks of which we have a very large % for the small population that lives in Lyons. An outdoor education plan for users of the river and parks would help preserve the quality of the environment and protect private property owners. I hope that Lyons will continue to be oriented toward fun, arts, music, social gatherings. Most of all, I hope Lyons exhibits a "spirit of service" to our entire community with kindness, charity and goodwill for all who reside here. Visitors should feel the positive vibe!
- A more inclusive community, with better biking trails, slower traffic, better utilities, and reliable public transportation to Boulder/Denver/Estes.
- The same as it is now, but with fewer cars, fewer people, and no tourists.
- Similar to it's current state only with RTD or other functional public transportation
- Similar size and feel to how it is now, but more independent. The town will inevitably grow and I hope it is done smartly with regard to infrastructure, support, and traffic concerns in mind.
- Same small town feel. Improved parks and trails along the river. Would love to see Main Street turned into walking mall - and re-route Hwy 7/36.
- less traffic and quiet
- stronger identity and destination for visitors and tourists, rather than some place you drive past on the way to Estes Park; a better place for businesses to thrive
- Roads repaired and major construction projects (especially flood projects) completed. Diverse residents representing various socioeconomic levels. Unique businesses in town along with basic services like small groceries, gas, and restaurants.
- Small with better transportation to Estes Park.



- More friendly to residents who want to use their parks and cross streets safely which are deadly dangerous the way they are now with tiny crossing signs, worn out paint on crosswalks, no speed enforcement and blind turns drivers going into pedestrians at the crossings. The mayor says he can't do anything about it yet the rest of Boulder County is set up with exceedingly safer pedestrian crossings and every time I go through town in Lyons I feel like my life and the life of my children is at extreme risk to be hit one of the million cars that speed through Lyons heading up to the mountains because clearly safety is not a priority for the town in regards to pedestrians and enforcement.
- Sustainable, clean, and safe town with good pedestrian paths and without dispensaries.
- Much the same, but with more bike trails, festivals, and child/elder care options. Maybe Mainstreet is a walking mall with thriving shops and restaurants.
- Maybe it will have an overpass for thru-traffic. I'm sure it will grow to a point that is unrecognizable and I'll move to Montana.
- More of a tourist stop for people going up to Estes. More restaurants, shops, etc.
- Pedestrian connections, thriving small businesses.
- Similar, yet refined. Continue what we're doing so great and make it even better. Commercial areas filled with the types of restaurants and shopping that really taps into the townsfolk and visitors and keep them thriving. Improved walkability to all areas of the town. Continued, and growing roster of events and recreational programs. Better bike connections to outside of town (ex. Longmont). Continued improvements to infrastructure (streets, sidewalks, water, sewer). More affordable to live in than Boulder. Small business driven. A destination where folks from other areas want to come, and folks going to Estes Park want to stop in.
- Financially viable with well maintained roads, sidewalks, parks and affordable for many different income levels.
- Sleepy, quiet, less traffic
- I hope we will have a plethora of businesses that have been around for more than 20 years. We will have concert series in every season, SUP and tube rentals in Lavern Johnson, and more events at Planet Bluegrass! Tourism will lessen in the Winter, but not to the same extent that it does now. Lyons will become a destination as opposed to a drive through town. Ideally, the highway will be shifted to High street so we can have a walking mall on Main. There will be a bike path that connects South St Vrain with town so you don't have to walk on the side of the Highway to get there. The East Corridor will also be included in this. I will be able to walk my dog to Cluck N Burger without risking our lives!!
- Not too much different but more thriving businesses, more restaurants, more trails & sidewalks. Affordable housing for all income levels.
- More access to open space, more bikeable, but mostly the same character.
- I hope Lyons recognizes that it is no longer a sleepy part of the world and decides to grow up and deal with the traffic that makes life pretty hard to navigate and disrupts this small community profoundly. From 210 Ewald Ave. my kids can't safely walk/bike to school. Highway 7 is posted as 25 mph but traffic routinely drives much faster. There are no bike paths along Highway 7 and getting from the south side of the river to the north side of the river one has to navigate a very narrow bridge with no pedestrian and only one sort of sidewalk on the east side that is awkward to get up on and does not particularly help us as it's on the other side of the street from the side we travel down unless we cross traffic, which is unsafe for our kids to do without us. The town has zero pedestrian bridges or underpasses over the principle highways in town (36 & 7). In my way of thinking there need to be several routes that allow for safely navigating town. Traffic routinely ignores cross walks. There are very few if any obstacles for traffic to navigate in order to slow down or roundabouts to slow traffic and keep it moving. I hope that Lyons will be a town that deals with the traffic in a way that makes being a pedestrian not stressful so that citizens and visitors can enjoy the music events, shopping on Main, hopefully lodging opportunities in downtown that will beget more shops and services. Traffic might be managed in such a way that channels all traffic along one corridor, what is now the east bound 36 with one big roundabout at the 36/7 junction near Lavern Park. Traffic going up highway 7 would spin off around the roundabout and traffic going up 36 would take the right. This would free up Main St. to be a walking mall. This design would also be a way for the town to have several bridges and underpasses over one major thoroughfare. Along with traffic



management, crowd management is important. There needs to be limits on the number of people that can use Lavern. In the summer the crowds are a bit much for locals if the quality of life is going to be sustained. The population is increasing so rapidly that we need to anticipate ways to manage the traffic before environmental and infrastructure and relationships are overly stressed.

#### ECONOMIC VITALITY

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- A little more diverse, with affordable housing and more job opportunities.
- More affordable housing, more businesses that are more than bars/restaurants.
- A welcoming affordable Town, with a housing stock and business opportunities that will attract and support a culturally and economically diverse population.
- Downtown needs to have more businesses that cater to family needs ... some more conveniences ... build up the eastern corridor where Gwens used to be ... still have a bit of small-town community feel, but embrace new comers even if they have jobs that provide a good income. You can be discriminated against for being a "professional" who works for the income to support your family and middle/upper income lifestyle. We need to have a "medical" clinic or urgent care, a pharmacy, somewhere that is open after 9 pm to eat or pickup food.
- Similar to how it is now. Small town feel, cute little locally owned eateries, more outdoor sports/music focused stuff.
- More politically progressive with a thriving downtown business area.
- Vibrant, maintaining the small town feel centered around the main street corridor. A place where a greater diversity of people of color (Latinx, Black, Arapho, Ute, Asian American) to feel welcome, want to, and are able to live. The unique ecology of the town and surrounding areas preserved and protected. Lyons becoming a model for similar towns and cities across the country in providing affordable housing, creating good and equitable jobs driven by local small businesses, attracting greater racial and economic diversity, and building resilience and regeneration in the face of the climate crisis.
- In 20 years, I hope to see consistency in our local economy so businesses can survive year-round and year-over-year with confidence. I hope that real-estate options become more attainable or accessible for families to remain/come in/to this little valley. I hope public transportation becomes a consistent option for Boulder and Longmont commuters. And I hope the community stays connected.
- Somewhat like now, but with a larger tax base and a more upscale feel.
- Throwback to where individual businesses thrived and neighbors were neighborly and not critical.
- A unique, thriving small town with kind people and a generous spirit.
- Same character with a bigger sales tax base. More retention of businesses with a mix of business and living in the Eastern Corridor.
- Refreshed and thriving with fun unique businesses and thought out, beautiful new community development near 36 and Ute Highway
- Small, vibrant, with lots of local small business supported by an ecologically based economy (and not a growth-based model).

- Have more diversity and say less on social media. To be a town which helps one other in time of need. To have more events, such a restaurant week or family discount. To support more the business. Provide coupons and incentives for current homeowners.
- A little better organized and realistic, with a stronger business base.
- vibrant
- Thriving while keeping its unique charm
- Have a thriving downtown of local businesses while providing access to great recreational opportunities.
- Economically strong, good place to visit, nice place to live, good schools and engaged community.
- Thriving businesses, small town culture with broad range of community services available locally
- Thriving Main Street, but still small and connected through community. NOT filled with people who would rather be in Boulder.
- a thriving destination with diversity and locally owned businesses with all of the charm and culture it has always had the potential for
- The line has been drawn in the sand for Lyons with the new hotel, blossoming retail district, & increasing value of locked-in housing stock; it is up to current residents, voters and leaders NOW to keep the character train on the tracks - with eyes peeled for ways to bolster diversity, kindling creative opportunities for affordable housing for our resident artisans & necessary work-force population, & all the while keeping hands on the pulse of Lyons' authenticity so that this 20 year mark reflects cautioned, pragmatic & eyes-wide-open planning in the forward 'roaring' 20s...
- A vibrant community with successful businesses that cater to local residents, as well as tourists. Connected to Longmont and Boulder with regional crusher fine trails, like those that exist in most of the other municipalities in the County. Recovering from the flood and getting a new library checked off some high priorities for me, so really, I would be happy if it was just like it is now in 20 years. Change can be overrated.
- I sure hope we have more economic activity in town in 20 years. More festivals - taking advantage of Planet Bluegrass. More trails and access to the open space we pay taxes for but cant use.
- Just as small, but with a thriving main street full of independent businesses. I hope our schools are inclusive and provide a rich diversity of opportunities for our children. I hope our town is funky with all sorts of music and art.
- I hope it retains its character, parks and beautiful surroundings, but also has more stores, amenities, medical care and conveniences.
- Still community, creativity, uniqueness, mom and pop shops, but also more nice places to hang out like Moxie and the food truck parks. Economic and racial diversity.
- Small quaint town. Restaurant areas. Very Laid back
- That the natural beauty if intact and thriving, the downtown is robust and creative, and the small-town connection is still a defining character.
- I would love to see more stable local retail, particularly in restaurants and other retail services.
- I hope that we still have a tight-knit community where there are good coffee shops, nice little restaurants, and everyone helps each other. I hope that our tourism and music scenes have continued to grow and mature without consuming the local culture..
- Much more clean and more breakfast options and more things to do.
- Big expansion. High end locally owned restaurants. A community driven, better version of what Boulder fails to be.
- I hope it is more or less the same but with a better, cheaper place to get some forgotten groceries. Like a Family Dollar or Dollar General.
- Enhanced downtown business district with better municipal path connectivity along the business corridor. Population growth will have remained minimal.
- Similar but with more small community offerings...farmer's market, community center, more diversity and relationship with the Latino population

- More commercial space and restaurant options, but still keeping within the small town feel. Would like to see Broadway developed.
- A more charming downtown.
- About the same with better dining options
- More thriving restaurants and a movie theater.
- Same as it is but with a population of 3,000 to support local business.
- A small, family-oriented community with thriving small, independently owned businesses.
- Similar to how it is now except fewer empty buildings
- Less discriminating, no 5G and more eco-friendly. More value to local business and support for community.
- I hope Lyons will continue to have a small town feel yet be attractive enough for people to stop and shop/eat at our local establishments.
- The same but with a more vibrant and sustainable business community aside from restaurants and real estate offices
- More diverse both culturally and economically
- Solvent enough in commercial tax revenue that it doesn't price out natives and other less-than-wealthy residents with outrageous residential property tax increases. Lyons needs to focus on its commercial and non-residential zone districts to encourage diverse commerce, not suppress it based on short-sighted fears and social ignorance. The amount of tax money spent fighting against the cannabis industry is embarrassing, unnecessary and ultimately unsuccessful.
- That there will be a real grocery store and an actual pharmacy. That things will be open later in the evenings, and that people will stop and enjoy things in Lyons not just drive through it to get to RMNP and Estes. That we can have outdoor dining.
- Vibrant, diverse (culturally and financially) but still a small town
- Still retain its natural beauty and friendly, caring people. I hope it will be a vibrant town with a highly successful Main Street where people go to shop and eat and enjoy one another's company. I hope the residents will continue to be caring, generous citizens who support their community.
- Similar to what it is today, but with a more stable financial base.
- More diverse, even more supportive of families, more focused on arts and culture as economic and social livelihood
- The unincorporated parts of the Lyons Comprehensive Plan (Apple Valley Road and Old South St. Vrain Road) remain unincorporated and rural and untouched. All future development is out along the Eastern Corridor. The flood buy-out properties remain in their natural state and are owned by Boulder County. Every downtown vacant commercial building has a business and there is a healthcare provider with a pharmacy.
- Similar to today but with some small businesses or year around destination offerings to support retail and restaurants
- More amenities so I don't have to drive to Longmont or Boulder
- Strong small town with character, tourist stop, not turn into Boulder/Aspen.
- Financially viable with well maintained roads, sidewalks, parks and affordable for many different income levels.
- I hope Lyons will be a sustainable community that thrives with minimal inputs from elsewhere and generates sufficient revenue and sales tax income to maintain amenities and create local jobs so residents of all income levels can work and recreate locally.
- I hope we will have a plethora of businesses that have been around for more than 20 years. We will have concert series in every season, SUP and tube rentals in Lavern Johnson, and more events at Planet Bluegrass! Tourism will lessen in the Winter, but not to the same extent that it does now. Lyons will become a destination as opposed to a drive through town. Ideally, the highway will be shifted to High street so we can have a walking mall on Main. There will be a bike path that connects South St Vrain with

town so you don't have to walk on the side of the Highway to get there. The East Corridor will also be included in this. I will be able to walk my dog to Cluck N Burger without risking our lives!!

- Small town, two rivers, historically preserved, no big box chains or franchises, a recreation center with pools, a par three golf course and a small, under 60 rooms full service hotel.
- Retain its small town character by implementing policies that uphold Environmental Stewardship & Community-based businesses.
- same small town feel and beauty with the support of local businesses
- More of what it is now, but including more restaurants, hotels. A more sustainable town and not a bedroom community. I want to see a lot of public art and Lyons becoming more and more unique. Also hope it will be come more affordable for anyone who would like to live here.
- An entrepreneurial, outdoor mecca that values preserving and enhancing nature and community.
- Not too much different but more thriving businesses, more restaurants, more trails & sidewalks. Affordable housing for all income levels.

#### SUSTAINABILITY

- Affordable  
Welcoming  
Pedestrian and cyclist safe!!! Walkable & bikeable  
Thriving local shops and restaurants with good-quality food  
Community gardens  
Solar-powered
- I would hope it could offer more small town shopping to the locals so it is not necessary to leave town for necessities. I'd like it to have businesses that are open for business 6-7 days a week. I would like to see Broadway, Main and High streets used to access business and not be a parking lot for bikers, hikers and parking long term. The town needs a large, clearly marked parking lot for those uses (Bohn)and perhaps street meters to deter such use and gather some revenue.  
I think we need to support the creative and artistic community that resides here and keep chain businesses out. I know the tax revenue is good but could we have fewer Marijuana stores?  
Hopefully we can keep the system to reserve the parks for local use. I also like to see any open space or buyouts reserved for conservation of wildlife corridors and river quality protection instead of putting more money into more parks of which we have a very large % for the small population that lives in Lyons. An outdoor education plan for users of the river and parks would help preserve the quality of the environment and protect private property owners. I hope that Lyons will continue to be oriented toward fun, arts, music, social gatherings. Most of all, I hope Lyons exhibits a "spirit of service" to our entire community with kindness, charity and goodwill for all who reside here. Visitors should feel the positive vibe!
- I hope that as much open space and surrounding wild areas can be as protected as possible, that our stores and businesses and schools can support people who live here, that I can still know people at the market, park, post office, etc., and that my grandchildren who were born here might find a way to stay here and make a life if they so choose...
- I would love to see more stable local retail, particularly in restaurants and other retail services.
- Less discriminating, no 5G and more eco-friendly. More value to local business and support for community.
- More music. More wintertime sustainability for businesses, less traffic through town.
- Almost the exact same in size. More town beautification and clean-up (less clutter and building/infrastructure decay). More businesses that can sustain. Better pedestrian connectivity (improved sidewalks and in-town commuting).
- Sustainable, clean, and safe town with good pedestrian paths and without dispensaries.
- Thriving local businesses, world class parks and amenities including a connected trail system, affordable housing options, sustainable/renewable resources
- Smartly and sustainably developed, with a continued focus on access to community parks and natural resources, and a vibrant small town economy.

- More diverse, not relying on fossil fuel to provide electricity, more affordable housing, more public transportation, more bike lanes, having local health care services.
- Sustainable and still small.
- Still unique, edgy, diverse-full of music and creative folk, known for its Arts District and energy conservation.
- A safe and environmentally thoughtful place with a strong sense of community.
- I hope Lyons will still have a small footprint in 20 yrs- with a small town vibe that is more accommodating to residents of various incomes, vs the upper, upper middle to upper class that it is now. I hope Lyons will have more diversity of races in the future, as well.
- More sustainable
- A clean river, helpful town members and still that small town feel.
- Energy self-sufficient (solar farms strategically located); Vibrant culture, arts, music and food scene through festivals, events, and gathering places.
- Quiet, creative, inclusive, progressive, forward thinking and sustainable. Affordable and diverse.
- 100% green, not over crowded and somewhat affordable for average people.
- Very sustainable outdoorsy, music-oriented small town.
- Still a beautiful place to live and filled with caring people. Great schools, fun for everyone, progressive while caring about the environment
- That it stays small, that we make sustainable choices like solar, community gardens, less pesticides, more self sufficient and inclusive for those who live here.
- In 20 years, I hope that Lyons is the nation's leader in sustainable small towns and living. 100% renewable energy, super low CO2 per capita, and open space and recreation opportunities on all sides of the town. Lyons should have a cute, pedestrian friendly downtown, all interconnected with trails to the broader portions of Boulder County. The CEMEX plant and nearby mining should be a thing of the past, and converted into open space or eco-friendly development.
- Able to sustain itself
- I hope that Lyons continues on its path of reaching ever higher goals of being an earth and family centered small town.
- In 20 years, I hope Lyons will continue to be preserving the small-town environmentally-friendly feel, but be more culturally diverse and inclusive in all respects.
- People connected with the community and not just themselves. Respect for who has come before them. Slow pace of life filled with standing traditions, celebrations and music! Plus Storm sewers on All streets and a city staff that all live in town and help the residents better their properties and not push back against updating our homes, not necessarily bigger, just being able to improve on our old homes.
- I hope Lyons will retain a small town feel and be on the cutting edge of sustainable living with solar energy, fewer cars, less chemicals on our land, and more connections across the community to support one another through whatever climate crises we'll be experiencing.
- A steward in energy efficiency and clean air and taking care of those with less privilege.
- the same! DO NOT ALLOW BIG INVESTORS TO RUIN OUR QUALITY OF LIFE AND DESTROY THE LAND AVAILABLE HERE!!!! Allow residence to access their own solar power and panels on their property. I do not like that owning your own property, you are not allowed to choose better energy. harnessing resources. I think it's very disappointing that the town wants to build a monopoly on solar or wind energy that the tax paying dollars go to building. This should be an individual property owner's decision to pay for it then have the Town buy back excess. Also would like the Town figure out their own water source. It seems very silly and unproductive to pipe long distance to Longmont then back to Lyons.
- Retain its small town character by implementing policies that uphold Environmental Stewardship & Community-based businesses.
- A more sustainable diverse community with the same recreational attributes. MOVE THE WASTEWATER PLANT. The benefits on consolidating the wastewater treatment plant with Longmont far outweigh the costs. The decision to not move was a terrible oversight. Benefits include: economies of



scale and reduced costs and rates over time. The status quo of our plant is not self sustaining and is not a best practice. Please reevaluate the location and Town ownership and operation of plant. The new infrastructure bill will be passing out several billion of dollars to States for water/wastewater improvements. Plan ahead for some of those resources, please!

#### ARTS AND HUMANITIES

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- Still unique, edgy, diverse-full of music and creative folk, known for its Arts District and energy conservation.
- Very sustainable outdoorsy, music-oriented small town.
- I hope Lyons will have a vibrant, quirky business, artistic, and recreational community with opportunities for people to live and work in town, across the entire spectrum of income.
- Similar to how it is now. Small town feel, cute little locally owned eateries, more outdoor sports/music focused stuff.
- Economically strong, good place to visit, nice place to live, good schools and engaged community.
- I sure hope we have more economic activity in town in 20 years. More festivals - taking advantage of Planet Bluegrass. More trails and access to the open space we pay taxes for but cant use.
- Just as small, but with a thriving main street full of independent businesses. I hope our schools are inclusive and provide a rich diversity of opportunities for our children. I hope our town is funky with all sorts of music and art.
- Still community, creativity, uniqueness, mom and pop shops, but also more nice places to hang out like Moxie and the food truck parks. Economic and racial diversity.
- More diverse, even more supportive of families, more focused on arts and culture as economic and social livelihood
- - 1) still a small town with a unique character and strong sense of community
  - 2) vibrant music and arts scene
  - 3) mixed income, including affordable housing
  - 4) flourishing local businesses that serve the basic needs of Lyons' residents - grocery, bakery, hardware, pharmacy, barber/hair salon, gym, restaurants/cafes as well as cater to tourists
  - 5) good schools well integrated into community (facilities and events engaging residents)
  - 6) well-maintained parks and recreation areas
  - 7) flourishing library serving as community hub for events, activities
  - 8) good, safe access to hiking trails and bicycle paths
  - 9) bus connections to Longmont and Boulder
  - 10) small hotel/s providing 30 - 50 rooms



- Not much bigger, still have a strong music scene...non-functioning features in park removed. Less pavement in parks. True affordable housing. Attention to fire prevention. Continue to have a solid culture of helping/giving.
- Well, it's already changed from being the town I would like in 20 years. I would like it to be an affordable, funky, quiet, peaceful community & haven for people of all ages, colors & economic backgrounds. Where the natural landscape is honored & protected, along with all the critters we share it with. A thriving art & music scene with affordable housing for artists, musicians & those who work in town & serve the community & tourists.
- Same feel as now, expanded. I would like to see High St develop into the second street of downtown artsy shops.  
The remarkable environment will always be a draw to the adventurous.
- A music loving small mountain town with access to rivers and trails
- A prosperous community that continues to have a k-12, music and recreational opportunities.
- Still small, but also an established hub for the growing unincorporated communities that surround it, with vibrant local businesses that cater to locals and regional residents alike (e.g., Longmont, Boulder, etc.) in addition to tourists. A destination for those seeking outdoor recreation and musical entertainment.
- Still small and thriving but with even more small shops, programs, performances, and ways for the local artists to be employed and sell their work. I also hope we have a diversity of housing options, including lots of low income housing.
- I hope it will stay the same. Music, art, good people who are passionate about their community.
- Quirky, funky, music-filled, inclusive, loving, healthy
- An arts community and destination to see people At work in the arts.
- Hard to imagine but a place that remains small yet populated with a racially, economically, and socially diverse group of families, retirees, single, professional, blue collar, and artistic individuals
- Thriving art community that draws tourists
- I want Lyons to feel like it did 12 years ago- an eclectic combination of musicians, artists, scientists, families, retirees, hippies, ...a diverse people interested in a healthy , free lifestyle., one that is safe.
- Better connected and preserving our history plus moving into the future.
- More arts oriented not gift shops
- I would like to see mixed community that supports all economic levels and continues to hold space for artists.
- Still small artful and fun
- Eclectic, small town with a variety of local businesses and community events.
- Still a small town that appreciates one another and supports music and the arts.
- Hoping it stays small and continues its active arts and outdoor adventure culture.
- A local destination spot attracting music, art, culinary, and outdoor lovers to explore Lyons. Continued and expanded high quality services to the residents through Parks & Rec, Library, and it's schools. Supportive of those in and around our community who are in need.
- More of what it is now, but including more restaurants, hotels. A more sustainable town and not a bedroom community. I want to see a lot of public art and Lyons becoming more and more unique. Also hope it will be come more affordable for anyone who would like to live here.
- A beautiful and fun little town where mixed age groups hang out, and you can often find live music to listen to, and I would love to see more affordable housing so we can have all tax brackets. Who will work at the shops, restaurants and bars if we don't work towards that?
- I hope that the schools remain the same or better, that there continues to be events that bring the town together (Halloween and winter parades) and that we don't become a town like Boulder.
- A healthy, diverse community made so by keeping a fiscally and culturally diverse population (one that has no been homogenized due to mega-wealth pouring into town; one that boldly initiates policies which protect and honor the environment; one whose elementary, middle and senior high schools are well

supported by the families who are raising their children here (not sending them to "better" schools elsewhere) and making them better by supporting them with time and money.

- Still a small town, big enough to support itself; have a cultural\historic district; more support for the Museum, which is now half supported by the Town, with other half to be raised by Lyons Historical Society members., still have our schools;

#### LAND USE AND GROWTH

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- That it stays small, that we make sustainable choices like solar, community gardens, less pesticides, more self sufficient and inclusive for those who live here.
- similar to what it is now. Relatively small, owner operated businesses, great schools, and beautiful landscapes
- Big expansion. High end locally owned restaurants. A community driven, better version of what Boulder fails to be.
- Enhanced downtown business district with better municipal path connectivity along the business corridor. Population growth will have remained minimal.
- The unincorporated parts of the Lyons Comprehensive Plan (Apple Valley Road and Old South St. Vrain Road) remain unincorporated and rural and untouched. All future development is out along the Eastern Corridor. The flood buy-out properties remain in their natural state and are owned by Boulder County. Every downtown vacant commercial building has a business and there is a healthcare provider with a pharmacy.
- stop uncontrolled growth. stop the insane traffic and decision making by people who only want to develop it
- It will retain its small town character and preserve the open space and natural environment, with no more sprawl.
- I hope that it's not loved to death. I hope it still maintains its own character, independent of the Boulder corridor, and surrounded by open space and agricultural lands. I hope that the community will have some affordable housing options so that Lyons remains diverse and artist filled as much as possible.
- A thoughtfully connected Town that maintains it's small town character by resisting the urge to sprawl to the East. A town that constantly supports health and critical ecological protection while maximizing their existing ecological / economic engine which allows people to visit, recreate and see how growth pressure can be properly managed. Setting an example for other communities to embrace thoughtful connectivity, the environment, critical view sheds and protection of natural resources.
- Still a small town, affordable, welcoming to different viewpoints and opinions, not a tourist destination
- I hope Lyons will be more like it was before the 2013 flood and before it started being a Boulder bedroom community. 20 yrs ago it was much rougher around the edges; although there are a lot of things that are nicer now like the parks, library, etc. the loss of the "rougher around the edges" folks and flavor has changed Lyons negatively for me. The ever-increasing subdivision populations could all go away and things would be better.
- Hoping it is very much what it is like today, limit the sprawl .. a quaint little downtown with several housing options for those who live and work in Lyons.
- Be cheaper to live here and overgrown stop
- I hope it'll retain its small-town heart as it grows.
- Less people.
- As it is now; no growth, no annexations. We should treasure what we have here now and not sacrifice our smallness for the sake of (alleged) finance.

- We hope Lyons does not see uncontrolled growth in the next 20 years. We would love less traffic, fewer people, and more respect for our parks and open space. Less development, more nature!
- Not any bigger or busier. I hope we stop trying to emulate Boulder.
- Stay small
- Not much bigger.
- Still a small-town feel, but with at least as much socioeconomic diversity, if not more.
- Certainly not overgrown in keeping with its small-town flavor!
- Small...friendly...services available...
- Continuing to be a great little town.
- Small have thrived and we still have the small down feel
- I would like it to stay the same, but that is not possible in a country that considers constant growth the only way to survive.
- A small town to gather with friends and family and continues to support our locals and children.
- Small, but having dealt with the crowding.
- I would hope it retains it's character and doesn't manifest destiny its way into a sprawling overpriced bedroom community
- still small
- SMALL TOWN FEEL BUT THAT HAS CHANGED OVER THE LAST 9 YEARS
- same small town with an eclectic group of people living peacefully.....I hope that all diversity can thrive here...political, social, ethnic, economical, etc. I hope it retains its rough charm and does NOT BECOME BRECK.
- The same space-wise but more grounded
- I hope it will retain its small town feel.
- The same small town feel, no chain restaurants or stores. No hustle and bustle, it's great the way it is
- I'd like to see the town of Lyons remain small. I'd like to see a better solution to town utilities such as water, sewer, and high speed fiber-centric communications. I'd like strong area advocacy such as we have had with Lavern Johnson.
- The same, not a big tourist city like Estes Park
- I hope it will retain its simple nature.
- Hope it will retain it's character as a small town.
- Still a small town and not a suburb of Longmont
- We hope Lyons retains its small town character, and is not ruined by manic development.
- Similar to today. Small.
- I hope it will still be simple and have the small town feel. I love going out and knowing I'll run in to people I know but that I won't be overwhelmed by how many people are in the town.
- Small and quaint

#### UTILITIES AND ENGINEERING

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- Less discriminating, no 5G and more eco-friendly. More value to local business and support for community.
- More diverse, not relying on fossil fuel to provide electricity, more affordable housing, more public transportation, more bike lanes, having local health car services.

#### RESILIENCE

- Roads repaired and major construction projects (especially flood projects) completed. Diverse residents representing various socioeconomic levels. Unique businesses in town along with basic services like small groceries, gas, and restaurants.
- The same (maybe a little less drinking) but resilient and self sufficient to address the problems that are at our door as a result of climate change. We must localize to the greatest extent possible water, power and food.
- Unpretentious, thriving, loving community
- A community of people that care deeply for each other and the town.

#### HISTORIC PRESERVATION

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#### ECOLOGY

- Similar to what it is today with continued protections of open space, ecological health, recreational opportunities. I hope we can figure out some better affordable housing options to house people that would like to work in town.

#### OTHER

- Still a small town and not a suburb of Longmont
- I no longer hope, the future is inevitable. I am sad to see we will continue to become a community of people who wanted to live in Boulder but found it appealing to save a little bit on housing costs by living here.
- I hope it is thriving, beautiful, and community-minded, while retaining a pleasing small town vibe.
- Pretty much the same as it is today.
- I hope the small town community feel isn't lost. The town has lost a great deal of its diversity.
- Still small with residents from all walks of life and socioeconomic levels.
- No specific desires. I like what it is now and accept change is constant.
- (I won't be here. I hope not, anyway.)
- more diverse
- More understanding.
- Nor like boulder
- Like it was 20 years ago!
- Activated, intentional, charming
- Much the same
- I hope in 20 years it will be more diverse but with the same vibrant community who connects with one another and helps each other. It sounds like Lyons ten of twenty years ago was a fun and special place and I hope it's character doesn't die
- Small, intimate mountain community with some carefully added modern updates..
- Substantially the same as it is today.
- Similar: neighborhood feel where people are the most important asset.
- The same; don't change it
- The same.
- Same thing
- The same as it is now... a sleepy residential town with amazing scenery
- A good hearted, stunningly beautiful community.

- The same small town which is not like Boulder
- I would like to see Lyons become a more diverse community in terms of race/ethnicity, age, and wealth/income.
- Pretty much the same as it is now
- Acknowledge change and hear all sides. Transparent. Vote if needed. Everyone can not be present as trustees make decisions that are wrong.
- The same warmth from people that take the time to say hello to one another.
- I hope it will be like it was 20 years ago because it was awesome!
- The same.
- Nothing like Boulder
- The same
- The same.
- Less marijuana.
- More diverse
- Like it was 20 years ago
- Less like Boulder and more “mountain community”
- More conservative
- Friendly instead of snobby opinionated hostile
- I hope it will be like Aspen so I can sell my house for a ton of money and live here 3 months of the year
- Quiet.
- The same
- Like it was 20 years ago.
- Mayberry on acid
- I hope it will be more diverse but still community oriented
- no comment
- A thriving small, quaint community with diversity of population.
- Quiet, quaint and scenic
- Small and laidback and we'll cared for
- My family and tax dollars won't be here, I shutter to think what Lyons will be like on it's current path.
- Much as it is now, but with a more welcoming and diverse population.
- Eliminate the pot shops
- Won't be alive in 20 years
- Probably pretty similar. Maybe friendlier, more accepting of other views.
- more diverse
- Honestly the exact same
- More like it was in the 90's and early 2000
- Very similar to how it is now. Not become another boulder.
- i won't be here 🙄
- The same.
- The same but with more diversity
- I hope that Lyons will continue to have the small-town feel that I have grown to love. I come from a big city, and I have found that Lyons and its community is my refuge.
- Same great small town
- The same - that it will preserve it's character.
- The same as it is now

- I believe that Lyons will retain its small town feel, even if occasionally something new is inserted, built, added, enhanced, etc.; first because it is trapped in a valley and can only expand so much, and second because the community's voice is active and loud in wanting to keep it that way. But it won't be a junky decrepit old small town, but a mix of loving cared for history buildings and fresh modern buildings -- including things like the offerings of businesses (because they are locally owned).
- More or less the same size, but with more people of color/nationalities
- The same
- Similar as today
- Less gentrified, whitewashed, and rich. The more money that comes here the more this town loses it's homey, connected, charm.
- Just as it is
- Not too different from now.
- Blue collar small town
- Directed more towards everyone regardless of income
- Nice place to live regardless of income or race
- as close as it is today
- I hope Lyons will be the same as it is now. I hope that as new people move in, they will be just as friendly as those who are here now.
- Inclusive and weird!
- Same
- Similar vibe
- Slightly more like Estes Park but not as crowded.
- the same
- I have no expectations. I
- The same :) I hope time and change bring us more of the same and improved wonderfulness.
- Pretty much the same as it is now.
- About the same as now.
- Smaller, less liberals
- Joyful and prosperous for ALL the LOCALS.
- Much the same as it is now.
- a giant commune full of diversity and inclusiveness
- Accommodating to people of all economic brackets
- Same as it used to be without so much Boulder and US government rulings. Let Lyons residents decide!!!!

## Q20: WHAT DO YOU FEAR LYONS WILL BE LIKE IN 20 YEARS?

### HOUSING AND HUMAN SERVICES

- Too much like Boulder.
- I would worry if we allowed larger corporations or chain stores in town. I also worry that it is becoming too expensive for younger people, families, communities of color.
- Rich bedroom community
- Suburbia
- Overdevelopment, too expensive for many to live, become North North Boulder
- It will become a town where the under 25 and the over 75 cannot afford to live in. It is losing its character and during the summer, it is difficult to use the River, parks and even roads. I also fear that the small businesses will continue to struggle to set up business here.
- Too expensive
- The Californians and Boulderites will keep making it a more yuppie town it'll just get so expensive we will have to sell our house.
- Over run, too expensive, crowded.
- Overly gentrified.
- North North Boulder -- too pricey and trendy for average people. And too many VRBOs instead of affordable apartments.
- Too gentrified.
- Large, big box businesses, wealthy folks
- Aspen (mega-wealthy, unattainable, soulless)
- I fear that Lyons will become a town not meant for the middle-class...and I worry about the trickle-down into our economy and community or lack thereof.
- A town of haves and have nots, with no affordable places to live and no jobs to work.
- A snobby, rich community that fears diversity and uniqueness. Housing too costly for any 'working class' people to afford to live here.
- Rich bedroom community with no diversity of character.
- North Boulder neighborhood with zero amenities that the average person cares about
- It will be too expensive to live here and be 100% geared towards tourists.
- Lack of affordable housing resulting in too few full time residents and families.
- Full of expensive boutiques and multi-million dollar homes.
- Unaffordable for working families and families with children
- a bedroom community without enough local (non-chain) businesses and gathering places to maintain a strong sense of place and unique character
- Too gentrified so only wealthy people will be able to afford to live here
- I fear that Lyons will become too expensive to live and/or overrun with new development, including business development that focuses on being a tourist trap on the way to Rocky Mountain National Park.
- The town will grow to the east and lose its small-town atmosphere. And no one will be able to afford housing in this area.
- Lyons could become a town where housing has become so expensive that only wealthy people can afford to live here.
- Bigger, more expensive, more traffic
- homogenized, void of differentiation, too much gentrification, unattainable for many, stuck in red tape processes that don't allow small businesses to thrive or for character and quirk to persevere



- Lots of expensive houses, filled with wealthy people who don't understand that we need to care about one another in order to have a community, more houses, and more houses, filling up every last wild place, and putting up fences and no trespassing signs...
- I fear that Lyons will be way too expensive for normal folks and become an enclave of upper, snooty white people- it's heading there now :-(
- I don't fear that Lyons will be overpopulated or experience overblown growth, because geographically, it can't. My only fear, and I think it is already on its way to reality, is a town that loses its lower income population, that only rich, white, people who can work in high paying jobs will be able to afford. The same story in much of the country.
- North, North Boulder -- too expensive for most people and will lose its small town and rural character. Just another expensive suburb of Boulder.
- Congested, conservative, negative, and uncaring. So expensive that only rich people have part time homes here.
- Insanely expensive.
- Too much traffic on 36 and 7. Tourist junk shopping, not enough essentials shopping. Parks that are too crowded to enjoy. Too many tourists.
- Too expensive for lower-income residents to live in the town. This will be detrimental for our culture, businesses and town staff.
- Property values will make living there unaffordable for all but the highest income levels
- Even more expensive to live in, and too many manicured Disney-esque amenities that are not needed with larger towns nearby.
- Gentrified
- Too much regulation like Boulder. Impossible to build a home, get anything done. Wasted money on artwork and statues, etc. around town.
- I fear it will never have a rec center or a medical clinic or amenities us townies need to be able to stay at home to do the things that are necessary such as shop, eat out, workout, be healthy. I fear we will never have a dedicated police force that can enforce traffic and keep us safe at off-hours
- A thriving community with signs of low cost, multi family, multi story buildings starting up.
- Just another blown out front range town that has no room for diversity due to insane housing costs.
- That it will grow too big and lose its charm. It'll allow more giant neighborhoods to be built. Or that not enough shops will stay open on the main drag. I don't want it to become the next Boulder.
- too expensive
- I'm a multi-generation native to Colorado. I will already never be able to buy a house due to insane prices, I'm terrified I won't be able to continue to rent within the next 5 years let alone the next 20.
- An unaffordable bedroom community.
- That only the wealthy can live here and our small business can't thrive.
- No affordable housing, boarded up shops, same terrible sidewalks
- All wealthy retirees or part timers with many houses vacant all or part of the year. Communities require people.
- Built out, unaffordable, even less diversity
- There's a balance of the right kind of development versus suburban sprawl. I worry about out-of-control housing prices.
- Unaffordable for families - so fewer kids for our local schools. (Or too many people moving here - and then sending kids to school elsewhere.)
- Even more expensive.
- Just another bedroom community. Friendly, neighbors
- A place for only those with higher incomes who wish to be another Boulder

- I worry Lyons will become very expensive and not accessible to a diverse population. I worry the laws that are preventing growth will get overrode and too many homes will scar the landscape and negatively impact the town. I also worry that the threat of global warming could bring other natural disasters ( fire or flood to our fragile landscape.
- Expensive, exclusive town.
- A huge suburb of Boulder with astronomic housing prices and self entitled people.
- Overpriced, snobby and ruined.
- Boulder. Unattainable for normal folks who are not millionaires.
- Way too much building in what was once our quiet getaway valley makes me fear the increase in so many wealthier folks moving into the area and all the associated destruction of the land for more and more massive houses will lead to more and more strip malls and less and less of the population lost after the flood. There are already too many people from out of tow who come to the events Lyons has to offer that should be intended for town and area residents. In 20 years I fear I won't even want to live here anymore as it will all be subdivisions, strip malls, and probably even big box stores...ugh!
- More of a bedroom community than it already is.
- Small town with lots of welfare families and big crime problems
- I fear what it is already becoming....another Aspen or Boulder....unaffordable playground for the white affluent with expensive restaurants & boutique stores, nothing with any true character. I fear Lyons is losing its soul. Lyons is becoming a community where locals of many years are getting squeezed out due to exorbitant property taxes and cost of living.
- A smaller version of Boulder where all the interesting, creative people have been priced out.
- a bedroom community for the rich
- Gentrified
- It will be overpriced, undiverse, unwelcoming, self interested
- A place for only rich white folks
- A high income bedroom community that's lost its working class character.
- Overpriced and pretentious, and yet still not able to provide consistent, affordable public services. Weak, self-interested leadership unable or unwilling to make impactful decisions for the town's future benefit has left Lyons without a long-term plan for sustainable governance.
- Bedroom community for Boulder
- I fear that it will become another overdeveloped, overpriced, north boulder. We're already seeing those changes and even more so since covid.
- Just rich people and Airbnb's.
- Aspen or Crested Butte, overtaken by out-of-state second homeowners, VRBOs, and too expensive for locals to live there.
- Boulder .. pricing out those who want to work and support the current Lyons
- Boulder, Estes park
- A bedroom community where people don't know or talk to each other, with vacant downtown storefronts and restaurants catering only to tourists, too many homes serving as short term rentals, and with parks overcrowded every weekend by people from Denver who don't spend a dime in town. Oh...and with smoke-filled skies ruining any notion of outdoor summertime fun. [man...that's real dark. Sorry.]
- Too expensive
- Too expensive for folks to live in. Residents who don't spend money in town which leads to failing businesses. Taxes too high for small businesses to afford to operate. Storefronts filled with offices (realtors, etc.) and low-value businesses to residents/tourists (like the new glass pipe shop in one of the most prime corner spots). Not striking the right balance of bedroom and tourist community where locals can't enjoy their own community, or tourists feel like they aren't welcome.
- Unaffordable.

- The rich will squeeze out the middle class
- Too many HOAs..
- I fear it will be a bedroom community where only the upper middle class can afford to own homes. Most business owners, town staff, teachers, firefighters and the workforce must commute from Longmont. Multi-modal and mass transit may improve access, but ownership will become more difficult. Another disaster, such as a Paradise-like fire event would only accelerate the gentrification.
- Not too fearful. The updates that happened after the flood have been excellent. It is becoming a rich, exclusive community, unaffordable for many. This has benefited me, but will prevent our community from being as diverse
- Overcrowded and overly expensive with Audi drivers everywhere
- A very high end bedroom community.
- I fear Lyons in 20 years will be 1. unaffordable 2. less diverse
- Overly social conscious at the expense of paying attention to its valuable infrastructure and unaffordable for large majority of people.
- Over priced
- Too expensive and full of people who don't care about each other anymore.
- Too crowded with limited options for affordable living
- Pretentious, no low income housing, too expensive
- I don't want it to be filled with any chains or big box stores. I also fear that it will become too expensive for the average person.
- So expensive that a diverse population of people can't afford to live here.
- I fear the trails will become overcrowded with people who recreate and then don't come to businesses in town. Highway 36 will become overcrowded with folks heading up to Estes, and there will be bumper to bumper traffic throughout town. I worry it will become too expensive to continue to live here. I already feel concerned that I won't be able to afford to buy a house when it's time. I see things trending upward, and that concerns me.
- Not accommodating to the working class and people who bring quality and character to the community
- Too expensive and the same. Not enough to go around to those who want to live there. And not changed to imitate the growth of the front range.
- Overtaken by people with money
- The next Boulder. Good people being priced out by people moving from out of state or buying second homes.
- A town where property has become so expensive that I cannot afford to pay the taxes on it, where rents for those not fortunate enough own. are so high that all those who love and make Lyons what it is, have to move out, making room for only those who can afford \$11,000/month rents (such as those on the Hill in Boulder), can live. A town where outside investors buy up the homes and businesses and don't actually invest their heart and time in the town itself.
- Overuse of sensitive lands, loss of protections of open space and parks, loss of family community due to second home owners, exclusive home prices, lack of amenities in town.

#### PARKS AND RECREATION

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- Downtown area shuttered up, parks you can not frequent because unsafe and/or unkept, no local community events ... people complain about live music before 10 pm??
- I fear that the Town will work with Boulder County to partially develop the CMEX property as a way to get additional revenue. This would irreparably harm the Town and reduce the quality of life for its residents. I fear that the Town's Board of Trustees will continue to take an activist approach that attempts to constantly try to take the dog park, Bohn Park, and other public amenities for their pet social projects. The current mayor has done a great job but past mayors and board members have relentlessly pushed agendas that did not enjoy wide spread support and were divisive. I fear that the Town's budget and staffing will continue to expand and there will be an unquenchable thirst for increasing revenues to support these ballooning budgets. Fix pot holes, maintain the parks (for locals, not RVs) and manage basic Town business--run it lean and mean and stay out of trying to achieve a vocal minority's "vision".
- More division, elitist, no place for local workers to live, local businesses only cater to rich or tourists, trashed/overcrowded parks.
- Boulder North, high taxes, too many regulations, too much business turnover, no recreation center or gym.
- Very few trees and disjointed with not much hope with no trace of our history.
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- I hope it will not be overcome with traffic and growth, an economic downturn, or disharmony.
- a catch all for the stuff boulder doesn't want - shooting range, low income housing developments, etc. Feels like if they don't want it they try to stick it out here. Worry about traffic as well.
- If the roads in town aren't re-paved soon, it will be impossible to get around safely!!
- Stagnant, over run with cars going to Allen's park/Estes
- Overgrown with too many people, too much traffic a loud noisy town with overcrowded parks. Where town has developed more housing into existing neighborhoods and open spaces. Lack of concern for other species. Unsafe because of traffic, thefts, and larger city problems

- That it will have not changed significantly and still has all of its current challenges with infrastructure, traffic, safety and financial issues. If the fire safety issues are not dealt with, the town has a high likelihood of being severely impacted by a wildfire(s) and facing much more serious issues for rebuilding and recovery than what the flood created.
- overrun by cars.
- Horrible traffic issues through town
- Much like it is right now, which is crowded, horrible traffic and City dwellers who don't know what it means to live in a small rural community and that the city dwellers have decided we should be more like the town of Aspen rather than the town of the locals who care about their community.
- Traffic Jam Spot with overdevelopment in terms of housing and the center will have lost its charm. Ugly utility style buildings, cheap construction, and no feel for the mountain environment.
- Too congested
- More traffic and tourism
- A highway, that will serve those going to somewhere else, and not the residents of Lyons.
- I fear that it will grow to be too large or congested.
- Even busier with more traffic.
- That St. Vrain will no longer offer public schooling in Lyons. The traffic is horrible and it is only getting worse. The town is already chopped up by the 66/7, what will traffic look like in another 20 years? While the recreational opportunities are wonderful. Locals go elsewhere during the summer due to traffic, music festivals and tourists. Lyons was a rural town and now it is an urban town. That trend will continue. I can't tell you whether it is good or bad.
- A congested, even more egregious speedway or slowdown annoyance for aggravated drivers between Boulder/Longmont and Estes Park.
- Unaffordable congested town with a focus on tourism instead of its residents
- That we will have to pay for parking, that water will become even more expensive, that businesses will be gift shops and not places of substance.
- Mega-traffic jam to Estes Park.
- Congested
- Gridlock traffic and too many businesses
- Tall buildings, heavy traffic to Estes, overpopulated parks for the water access causing down-stream litter and reduced water quality
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- So many tourists that I can't get around town.
- A town that is overrun with traffic and crowds that makes Lyons feel like a massive traffic interchange surrounded by beauty but with trailheads and parks that are overrun with visitors making the quality of life much less than desirable.

#### ECONOMIC VITALITY

- No affordable housing, boarded up shops, same terrible sidewalks
- a bedroom community without enough local (non-chain) businesses and gathering places to maintain a strong sense of place and unique character
- Boulder North, high taxes, too many regulations, too much business turnover, no recreation center or gym.
- A town of haves and have nots, with no affordable places to live and no jobs to work.
- Full of expensive boutiques and multi-million dollar homes.

- homogenized, void of differentiation, too much gentrification, unattainable for many, stuck in red tape processes that don't allow small businesses to thrive or for character and quirk to persevere
- That only the wealthy can live here and our small business can't thrive.
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- filled with real estate offices and art galleries and too expensive for most people to afford
- Affected adversely by global warming. Too small for businesses to thrive. Boulder County needs to allow development of housing on a portion of open space. Is that a pipe dream?
- A bedroom community where residents haven't supported the independent local businesses, losing the town's unique character and instead being overrun by the sprawl and suburban growth mindset of the rest of the front range. Politically divided, unhindered and unchecked racism, economically unequal, too expensive for people to live here, and perpetuating development, shooting ranges, and mining in the surrounding area. Surrounded by wildfire burn areas that contribute to worsened flooding
- A bedroom community with no services in the town proper. Looks nice but doesn't have any substance.
- Move backwards and revert to a more rundown ramshackle appearance with lower tax base and no way to fund anything.
- Rich white people pushing out everyone else, high end hotels and shops, tourist drive through instead of a home.
- A ghost town...full of empty shops
- I'm worried about corporations bringing high rent prices for businesses and housing, and that Lyons will just become spill off from Boulder
- Divided in wealth, gentrified.
- I fear that Lyons will become a much-to-busy tourist town.
- Dry, downtown still struggling, and filled with tech-money.
- Chain stores, too exclusive, rich white people only shopping and boutiques
- I don't want it to become too tourist-focused and tourism-dependent.
- I fear that the tourism industry's voice will become louder than the locals'.
- No businesses and not clean
- All real estate offices downtown
- Continues to be a "pass through" town.
- A shabby downtown
- some place you drive past on the way to Estes Park where local businesses can't survive
- I'd be sad if Lyons became a clone of any other town. I don't want it to lose its charm and quaint feeling. I'd like to preserve our downtown and see our local businesses thrive.
- Ghost town
- I don't believe Lyons can change drastically due to the land constraints. I would be disappointed if chain businesses took over downtown or out east. The independent businesses give our town its unique character.
- Boulder bedroom community with weak business presence, with antagonism between the 'townies,' tourism and rural communities
- Like it will become another tourist trap, and the town will cater to the tourist and not its residents
- I fear Lyons will continue on the track it is headed, and that is a wealthy bedroom community that doesn't support a wide range ethnicity and economic diversity.
- Minimal business. Too affluent. Loss of open space. Loss of river flow.

- That it will give in to short term profit pressures and development that benefits the few and is irreversible.
- Town will flourish with many dispensaries and drug-related activities.
- So crowded that those of us who live in town are discouraged from visiting our downtown shops and parks on the weekends.
- More real estate offices, fewer in-town services for locals
- A town with rundown houses, junk yards, rough apartments.
- To become a suburb of other cities with no local character with too many chain restaurants etc.
- I fear it will be too cost prohibitive for small businesses to succeed in Lyons.
- Commercialized(ex. Safeway or Chipotle) and main st of Real Estate store fronts. Lets keep the mom and pop shops and natural feel of Lyons.
- A tourist trap filled with chain stores and chain restaurants.
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- Business and large corporations buying property and putting up chain stores that will take away from the natural beauty of this town. It ruins animal's habitats, and people's wages decrease. Corporate greed and excessive wealth has no place here!
- fear sustained drought and wildfires threatening the town, and loss of businesses and residents due to unsustainable local economics
- continue loss of services that make a community a community. little to no economic development.
- A missed opportunity. I would love to see new visionary leadership for economic development. Smart growth will not remove the small town character and feel...it will only improve it. Our town has a lot of potential to exploit it's natural resources.

#### SUSTAINABILITY

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- An over developed bedroom community for Boulder; killing the connection to the local environment.
- Flooded again or burned by wildfire.



- More of what it is - lots of young guys with beards, obsessed with pizza and beer, work hard pay hard mentality, and having more children than any of us should given the impending horrors of climate change.
- That the air quality will continue to worsen, that fires and drought will continue to threaten us, that it will be so expensive my children won't be able to stay in the place they were born and raised.
- Another Boulder---expensive, elitist, overregulated  
Under water / flooded out again  
Catering to tourists more than residents
- I fear that Lyons will continue to have mining and industrial operations nearby, and be too dependent on 20th century industries, never fulfilling its promise as a town living in harmony with the wonderful natural beauty in the surrounding area.
- Environmentally unsafe?
- Burnt to ashes and flooded to bedrock
- Flooded.
- Under water
- Drought-stricken with rivers turned to trickles. Having our very own fire season. Unprepared to take care of the basic needs of our community when larger, outside systems fail.
- fear sustained drought and wildfires threatening the town, and loss of businesses and residents due to unsustainable local economics
- Tall buildings, heavy traffic to Estes, overpopulated parks for the water access causing down-stream litter and reduced water quality
- Flooded or burned due to climate change. (more zero emission projects like the solar array, please!)

#### ECOLOGY

- Business and large corporations buying property and putting up chain stores that will take away from the natural beauty of this town. It ruins animal's habitats, and people's wages decrease. Corporate greed and excessive wealth has no place here!

#### ARTS AND HUMANITIES

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- Even more out of touch, artsy fartsy where the rich make up reasons to be pissed off and have absolutely asinine pet projects
- My biggest fear would be a decrease in the quality of the schools and education system here. Schools are a barometer of the health of the overall community.
- We fought 40 years for our M\Sr High school to stay in Lyons, and we want to keep it. Although now the District is supporting our small school, I fear they might change; however, at the present I have no fears. Also, we are always in fear of the threat of them building Coffintop Dam, which seems to be settled at this time; however Water District alays have "Dams" in their eye. (You can tell that I have been in years of fighting for the Town of Lyons, Colorado.)

#### LAND USE AND GROWTH

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- I fear that it will grow to be too large or congested.
- Congested
- I would worry if we allowed larger corporations or chain stores in town. I also worry that it is becoming too expensive for younger people, families, communities of color.
- Suburbia
- Over run, too expensive, crowded.
- I fear that Lyons will become too expensive to live and/or overrun with new development, including business development that focuses on being a tourist trap on the way to Rocky Mountain National Park.
- The town will grow to the east and lose its small-town atmosphere. And no one will be able to afford housing in this area.
- Built out, unaffordable, even less diversity
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- Overcrowded and overly expensive with Audi drivers everywhere
- Longmont or Boulder ... too commercialized, no sense of place
- It will be noisier and more crowded. Just like the beach towns I knew and avoided as a kid. I know many folks who simply avoid Lyons.
- My fear is a reality - too many people
- I hope we can keep the beautiful mountains surrounding the town clear of houses. I would rather not look at them and just see a bunch of development that obscures or interrupts the mountain ambiance. I'm not anti-growth at all, just hoping it doesn't impact the overall aesthetic of the town
- Too much pavement, development, and essentially a wealthy, virtually gated community
- Like every other surrounding town; Longmont is exploding and Loveland and Mead not far behind
- Commercial annexations and residential growth have sprawled out and we've lost the small town feel and natural surrounding lands.
- We fear Lyons will grow too fast and be ruined.
- Larger, busier, more crowded, noisier
- North Boulder. Which we left in 2012 for a reason. Over developed, exclusionary, cold.
- I fear that Lyons will not thrive and expand due to the lack of vision. In addition, if comments on social media continue, it would make this town less desirable because people are unkind when they are commenting on others.

- Overcrowded, too busy, loss of intimacy.
- Not enough growth and not enough people here to support our small businesses.
- Overcrowded; we need to stop trying to grow. Treasure what we have
- Over developed.
- Unfortunately, I am worried that it will mushroom like so much of the Front Range.
- I fear it would lose its small-town charm.
- Overcrowded...wildlife gone...
- like it is now, overpopulated, out of control growth, too many pot stores,
- that Lyons will become part of the Boulder / Longmont extended urban areas. I fear large annexations and development to the east that will change the Town.
- More houses with little attention paid to placement and aesthetics, maybe a little rundown.
- That we will become too big, both in population and in "big city" attitude. That businesses no longer place the needs of the year-round residents above the need to draw in tourists.
- Commercial and people who do not care about keeping the town small.
- Overpopulated accommodating more to the tourists than the community.
- Bigger and louder.
- A suburban feel
- Sacrificed for the sake of profit, open areas developed
- The corridor from 66/36 to downtown business district will have become glutted with business infrastructure that detracts from the quaint appeal of the downtown district.
- Hopefully not all the hills will be covered in more housing
- Over aggressive in unplanned growth without thinking of the future.
- Blown up with residential and commercial/corporate development.
- Boulder or Longmont, either or both would be heartbreaking. Unsafe for children to walk down the block alone to a friend's house during the day. Neighbors not knowing or caring about neighbors. Big businesses coming in and only caring about making a profit and not supporting the local community. All of the natural untouched spaces being bulldozed and turned into homes or manicured with pathways made through them to let tourists take over the remaining spaces we can still access without being overcrowded by tourists. The people of Lyons are Real, not fake demonstrating how they can do fancy pretzel yoga poses, or suburbia Longmont where there is no sense of community. The people of Lyons are authentic, appreciated for the natural gifts they bring to their neighbors and the community. The local wildlife still has wild spaces around Bohn Park near the river where they feel safe and few tourists bother them. We are the local wildlife. We thrive together with nature here. We wave to each other with a smile, even if we don't know each other in passing. We go out of our way to help our neighbors. We care about the small businesses in town. We are authentic and that is rare in this chaotic world. The parks that have been manicured since the flood are gorgeous, but that is enough, please do not disturb the remaining natural spaces, and please do not let big business move in.
- Sprawling. But we are blessed to be surrounded by open space that hopefully will never be developed.
- I would hope that Lyons does not get overrun by the tourism aspect of being 'the gateway to the Rockies'.
- Overrun with tourists and mountain bikers on the weekend
- Super populated, bigger town
- Bigger.
- Sprawling community that's lost its character and it's way due to the temptation of unbridled growth. Please don't ruin what makes Lyons so special. Protection of view sheds and St. Vrain Valley's critical resources.
- Stagnant or declining due to an unsustainable pace of improvement and development based off the 'one-time' influx of recovery money post flood.

- A mess of building developments around the town. Feel like the town should slow down on building or allowing developers to build. We don't want to be another Rock Creek.
- Overbuilt
- Crowded
- It will get overbuilt.
- overgrown
- I worry about Lyons growing too big.
- I feel confident that our open space will keep it from getting too crowded in terms of housing, but overcrowding would be a concern.
- Overpopulated
- More residential with growth affecting the open space which makes Lyons unique.
- Gridlock traffic and too many businesses
- Build out every available lot and choke out gathering, exploring, and restful places. A place to fill up with gas on the way to Estes Park. We have more marijuana and marijuana related shops than restaurants.
- A missed opportunity. I would love to see new visionary leadership for economic development. Smart growth will not remove the small-town character and feel...it will only improve it. Our town has a lot of potential to exploit it's natural resources.

#### UTILITIES AND ENGINEERING

- A bedroom community with no services in the town proper. Looks nice but doesn't have any substance.

#### RESILIENCE

- I worry Lyons will become very expensive and not accessible to a diverse population. I worry the laws that are preventing growth will get overrode and too many homes will scar the landscape and negatively impact the town. I also worry that the threat of global warming could bring other natural disasters (fire or flood to our fragile landscape.
- Overcrowded...wildlife gone...
- Flooded again or burned by wildfire.
- Burnt to ashes and flooded to bedrock
- Flooded.

#### OTHER

- Like every other surrounding town; Longmont is exploding and Loveland and Mead not far behind
- North Boulder. Which we left in 2012 for a reason. Over developed, exclusionary, cold.
- A suburban feel
- Even more out of touch, artsy fartsy where the rich make up reasons to be pissed off and have absolutely asinine pet projects
- More of what it is - lots of young guys with beards, obsessed with pizza and beer, work hard pay hard mentality, and having more children than any of us should given the impending horrors of climate change.
- Move backwards and revert to a more rundown ramshackle appearance with lower tax base and no way to fund anything.
- Rich white people pushing out everyone else, high-end hotels and shops, tourist drive through instead of a home.
- Divided in wealth, gentrified.
- I fear that Lyons will become a much-to-busy tourist town.
- Town will flourish with many dispensaries and drug-related activities.
- Too gentrified.
- Aspen (mega-wealthy, unattainable, soulless)
- I fear that Lyons will become a town not meant for the middle-class...and I worry about the trickle-down into our economy and community or lack thereof.

- North Boulder neighborhood with zero amenities that the average person cares about
- I don't fear that Lyons will be overpopulated or experience overblown growth, because geographically, it can't. My only fear, and I think it is already on its way to reality, is a town that loses its lower income population, that only rich, white, people who can work in high paying jobs will be able to afford. The same story in much of the country.
- Congested, conservative, negative, and uncaring. So expensive that only rich people have part time homes here.
- Gentrified
- too expensive
- Gentrified
- A place for only rich white folks
- I fear that it will become another overdeveloped, overpriced, north boulder. We're already seeing those changes and even more so since covid.
- Just rich people and airbnb's.
- Boulder.
- Boulder.
- Boulder
- Too many republicans.
- More politically conservative with super low school enrollment.
- No fears.
- I don't.
- Breckenridge
- Petty.
- Like boulder
- Like Boulder
- Like Boulder
- The same as it is now
- No fears
- Disconnected and polarized
- All the reasons people left Boulder for.
- boulder
- Boulder
- A whitewashed neighborhood with an HOA.
- More like Boulder
- A gentrified community that looks down on outsiders.
- Too much like Boulder.
- Filled with people who would rather be in Boulder and don't connect with nor plants their roots here.
- I do not fear for Lyons. I believe it is headed in a positive direction.
- It risks the duplicity & sell-out feel of other itinerant-populated CO mountain towns where community-mindedness has fallen by the wayside & authenticity / uniqueness has been trampled by the whims of tourists...
- I fear the wealth of Boulder and the entitled attitudes that you see there will dominant our sweet town. I want to see more doers and less complainers.
- Battle battle division
- Like Boulder.
- Status quo with medical mandates and Fear-based philosophies.

- I fear it will become North Boulder and filled with only pretentious jerks who don't care about the good of Lyons.
- A small Boulder
- Don't have any fears, as I feel it's already baked in.
- A bunch of upper income, middle aged, privileged white people and Boulderites. A place where there's no place or welcome for the 'have nots'
- Exclusive, monocultural and snobby.
- A quiet bedroom community of Boulder.
- The same as it is now. It looks kind of run down with too many real estate shops and dispensaries on the main thoroughfare.
- a built-up suburb too much like parts of Longmont, Erie, Broomfield, Lafayette, or too expensive like Boulder.
- Too commercial too much noise on the western side of town.
- Too many bad effects from the Town bringing in recreational marijuana.
- I don't have a good idea.
- Boulder bedroom community
- Becoming little California.
- Boulder
- More like Boulder
- More Boulder liberal. I fear it will just be another Boulder.
- Boulder
- Too exclusive
- Erie or Westminster
- Boulder and/or California.
- BOULDER
- It becomes overrun by money ....becoming another Breck, aspen, cookie cutter wanna be old school but could resist all the money that was banging on its doors...
- Boulder
- Boulder on acid
- I fear it will be narrow minded
- the new boulder
- All these people move to this great little town because they like it. Then they immediately want to change it so that it has the same hell hole crap you experience in Boulder and Denver. The do gooders just can't help themselves, they have to keep changing stuff.....they can't leave well enough alone.
- Another Superior
- Too homogenized.
- My fear is already realized, just read the FB groups on how people in this town view conservatives.
- Busy and overrun for locals even worse
- Radical racist
- Boulder
- more conservative, more racist
- Boulder
- it will lose its homelike feeling
- Far North Boulder.
- Too many similar people with large amount of money
- I think it will always be nice.

- Like Boulder...full of rich assholes
- I deeply fear poor and weak leadership.
- I don't really fear it changing dramatically, or for the worse. See my comments about "hope for..." It's important that the residents vote in people who represent the people who want what the majority wants and NEEDS.
- Estes Park!
- I worry we'll lose the kindness here that I so appreciate.
- Apsen or Vail
- A tourist destination that over runs residents - ex: won't be able to access the things that I find beautiful/the reasons I moved here
- We fear Lyons will be less like Lyons, and more like California in 20 years.
- North Boulder
- Disconnected community because most town employees don't see us as individuals. And they don't live here! Obviously, they don't understand small town vibe.
- A bigoted, self-interested, white privilege cess pool
- All rich folks that don't give a shit about the working-class community that makes Lyons great.
- All white and rich
- In the same place it is.
- All white rich inhabitants
- Side arm of Boulder
- Boulder
- North North Boulder where only fully-vaccinated, communist party members of the People's Republic of Boulder may live. Papers will be checked to confirm the social credit score is acceptable to use Hall Ranch and other recreational areas.
- Still somewhat divided against itself with perceptions of new vs. old over-emphasized around false issues bleeding in from the national culture wars
- I have faith that my fears will not be realized
- No fears.
- I have a fear of what the world will be like in 20 years. Not Lyons
- Satellite town of Boulder
- Boulder
- An enclave for the wealthy. As beautiful as Lyons is, it may be inevitable.
- A lifeless town full of second homes and jewelry stores.
- More liberals.
- That the super-rich will try to change this town into wherever it is they came from...
- I don't worry about it.
- Commercial
- I fear we will become like Boulder where development and money are the only priorities. I don't want to see Lyons lose its small-town appeal.
- North Boulder.
- That the people born here will not be welcoming to people new to town
- A suburb of Boulder. Maybe we would be better in Larimer County
- Commercialized and generic
- Even more white
- Golden.
- Aspen. Gentrified. Not diverse, no music or magic left.



- Boulder or Longmont
- FEMA FEAR will have eroded the character & feel of this small town
- commercialized
- I am working on not fearing the future.
- Cabal of rich pricks
- Rich town with no character
- Boulder. Competitive and cutthroat
- I fear that Lyons' quirkiness will be inauthentic and the result of affluent white folks simply playing at quirkiness. We've already lost too much of our blue-collar past.

## Q 21: WHAT DOES “SMALL TOWN CHARACTER” MEAN TO YOU?

### HOUSING AND HUMAN SERVICES

- no big box stores and many ‘mom and pop store’ including several good restaurants.
- It means historic with not a lot of people
- No big box or chain stores or high rise buildings  
unique homes and businesses
- Variety of local businesses with employees that can afford to live in town, great community events to bring everyone together
- Quiet and peaceful, and certainly not a town that zones ADUs in old established residential neighborhoods like Connie Sullivan did - and she lives in a covenant-controlled neighborhood that can't get crowded. Do you people think at all? Do you respect the concept of quiet and peaceful neighborhoods? You better get used to the truth about the direction Lyons is headed. I've lived here through/and helped construct many Comp Plans and I've never seen one that the town paid any attention to. Now you want to built Lyons Village East east of the Hwy 36 light. Just what we need -- more traffic out there on top of Cemex haulage traffic and the haulage traffic that will be created by Martin Marietta if it achieves its agenda of gravel mining the valley east of the Cemex property.
- Not being a liberal enclave of super rich people
- Fun small events, outdoor activities...no more building!!! Stop with the new homes! We are FULL.
- walkable, neighborly, affordable
- SMALL TOWN CHARACTER IS NOT HOUSING THAT IS APPROACHING SEVEN DIGITS. A COMMUNITY THAT IS NOT BEING OVERRUN BY OUT OF STATE PEOPLE.
- For me, small town character is being given an "IOU" when forgetting my wallet at the local grocery store because the owner recognizes me as a regular customer. It's programs, like LEAF, the Food Pantry, library programs, local art & music programs, Halloween & Christmas parades. FB groups reaching out to the community to help those in need due to illness or job loss, etc. Always seeing someone I know to chat with while on a walk or enjoying the river.
- Small town character means the ability to stop and help a neighbor carry their garbage can out to the curb or make them some ready to eat meals if they are sick. It means stopping and talking to a stranger at the post office or while walking in the park.
- No sprawling growth with cookie cutter development. A small town that shares simple values. The utopian Mayberry of the West. A place where people know and work with each other and the environment.  
KISS - Keep it simple stupid. Don't screw up a great thing!
- Connection. Inclusion. Amenities of a town - grocery, hardware, pharmacy, parks, activities, art, restaurants, business, post office, library/community center.
- A place where artists, cooks, stone masons, quarry workers, teachers, and other people who earn less than \$100k a year can live.
- There's enough kid and family activities, restaurants, grocery store etc, that families do not have to drive to Longmont or Boulder as often. This keeps people and \$ in town and fosters stronger friendships and

relationships between people and families. With this comes a sense of trust and security that your kid is not lost in a crowd and that they have a strong support network.

#### PARKS AND RECREATION

- People are friendly and frequent local businesses, use the parks regularly, use the library and love the music and art.
- A low population and high local use of retail and public facilities.
- Knowing your neighbors, community events, bustling downtown
- Streets are quieter, people say hi to one another, people respect the natural environment and do their best to support local volunteer, governmental, and business efforts.
- Where groups of local residents know each other by name, well-established business cater to local needs and tastes, and events and activities bring people together.
- Mom and pop shops where people come to shop, eat or go biking/hiking.
- Rave to the grave, golf carts, coffee, dog park!
- Small, walkable downtown with various shops. Locally organized events at public venues. Public parks.
- Friendly neighborhoods outdoor activities for all ages
- I think it means that places like the St Vrain Market, Barking Dog, Stone Cup and OB etc help create community staples. That people use the local parks, instead of them going unused and that people are friendly and acknowledging in the streets even if they may not know each other. The town brings about a desire to connect with others rather than to ignore or separate from those around us in town.
- Many people are longtime residents, so you get to know your neighbors. The town is very "walkable," so that also makes it easier to meet other residents. The town also has nice meeting places (Post Office, Library, coffee shops, restaurants) that lend themselves to casual and unexpected encounters with friends and neighbors.
- Where people know and care about their neighbors. Where many people engage in all the local activities that are offered by the locals, town and school.
- That we are friendly, welcoming of diverse beliefs, support one another, care for our community and open spaces.
- People know and care about each other - there are enough unique local events and gathering places to connect people to the community
- What makes a place truly its own. Here it's the quirky folks, the artists/musicians, the spirit of the festivals, the history - the folks that are still here that were born and raised here, those that share their passion fully, the outdoor access and spirit of nature, the fact that it can really never get too big.
- “Small town character” means I can count on seeing someone I know and can chat with anytime I go into the market, library, town hall, the parks and on the sidewalks. It means going to the summer concerts series, ice skating and bonfires in LJP. It means working with volunteers at the food pantry and serving chili for free at the parade of lights. It's mostly about the social engagement with people doing good things.  
Small towns support the arts and we get to enjoy them displayed about town and best of all we know the artist. Attending fundraisers at, Riverbend, the Farmette, PB & Lionscrest Manor means we have buy in for the needs that exist in our community. “Small town character” means being able to walk unencumbered down my street and enjoy the wildlife that frequents the path. It means engaging in meaningful conversation at Library discussions or my local book club. It means knowing and being known by the Mayor and many of the town staff. Most of all it means being part of a community that serves all and "sees" everyone as valued and loved.
- Getting to see our friends every week. Taking walks on all our beloved trails Happy hour in town. Walking distance to everything. Enjoying our parks without 1000 extra visitors every weekend in the summer
- It means a stable place that isn't at risk of some hit and split developer type who wants to build 80 houses on Apple Valley and destroy the natural beauty characteristic of this tiny town.
- Walkable, affordable and neighborly with plenty to do for amusement right here or close by.

- Lyons is unique in its population, income levels & varied recreational opportunities.
- It means being able to go to a local park without having to deal with wall to wall out of towners taking them over every day of the summer
- Small town is where you know folks you see on the street, in the parks, at events intended for locals. It's where people of all financial status, race, religion, etc. live in harmony, are accepted, and contribute equally to the town's future. It's where growth is limited to only what is necessary to make that happen.
- Smaller population, open spaces that are undeveloped and left alone, space to roam and people who communicate in real life and help one another out.
- That people know each other, people help each other, that there are community events, etc.
- See above two comments.  
Plus, being able to feel safe about kids on bikes and walking to the park. Helping a neighbor in need. Coming together to help the elderly. Folks pitching in and working together during crisis. Making some weekends locals only in our parks!
- Friendly people who care about one another and their community. People who are willing to help their friends and neighbors. Parades, sporting events, concerts, beautiful gardens, public art, assistance for those who need it, Beautiful parks,.  
People supporting one another!
- Surrounded by nature, wildlife corridors, and undeveloped land
- local businesses, open parks, trails, great music, restaurants, safe to have families, walk and ride bikes around town, etc.
- Neighborliness (looking out for and taking care of one another) local businesses & Town policies that support our Environment (beautiful parks) families & diversity.
- Connection. Inclusion. Amenities of a town - grocery, hardware, pharmacy, parks, activities, art, restaurants, business, post office, library/community center.
- Small town - small enough to get acquainted with everyone. It is nice to go to Football, Basketball , plays, concerts, etc. and know people.
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- walkable, neighborly, affordable
- Walkability, friendly, amenities that are not chain or big box stores.
- A place where you see people walking a lot, kids on bikes, friendly locals and business owners where you run into folks easily and can catch up.
- Friendly, mom and pop businesses, walkable, safe
- Active Main Street, easy parking, know everyone
- It means that there is a sense of pride, a sense of community, a sense of ownership. It means that the community should be pedestrian friendly, and that we support our local businesses (restaurants, retail, etc) that really give it the character it needs.
- All locally owned business. Feels safe for kids. Golf cart town. So many friendships. High Quality physical spaces - not overrun and trashed by people.
- Knowing your neighbors, events that are walkable, absence of chain restaurants and stores
- Walkable, friendly/connected, quirky, distinct
- Walk/bike to amenities
- Everybody is still nice and kind. You can walk/bike everywhere safely. Not too many big parking lots! (I have nothing against parking garages if well done...)
- People walking everywhere, visiting, waving, places to share a coffee or a bite, lots of small- town activities: parades, live music , outdoor movies in the park, tubing and fishing on the river, clubs. Definitely not a focus on bringing in thousands of tourists.
- Walking to the post office and chatting with several folks I know along the way. Being able to walk or bike from one end of town to the other. Uniting to face adversity like we did in the flood.
- Where kids can walk to the library, to dance, to school, and to the market safely. Where we gather at the concert in the park and know everyone.
- My neighbors are always lending a hand. My kid can play in the street without worrying too much. Halloween parade, xmas parade. Less reliance on cars would make everything better. The entire town should be connected by bikeable / walkable trails
- When I first moved to Lyons more than 20 years ago, the first month I was annoyed by the people that stopped their cars in the middle of the street to talk..... One day, I realized that that was precisely why I loved Lyons. You try stopping in the middle of the street elsewhere, you'll get honking and road rage.
- Walkable and close knit.
- We feel safe to be our authentic selves without being scared of being threatened for being unique and outspoken. We know that our children are safe walking down the street to their friend's house during the day. We help our neighbors. We walk into the local shops and know the people who work there who are friendly and care. Our dogs walk with us to the market and wait outside while we get our groceries. The community helps get wandering dogs home. Someone can lose their wallet or cell phone at the park and someone else will find it and help get it back to the person who lost it. We care about - and help - the local wildlife. We relocate rattlesnakes instead of killing them. We help get bear-proof trashcans installed to help keep bears safe. We can call in to the Board of Trustees meetings and be heard. We can work with the Town to help serve our community. We can be who we want to be, safe and free.
- Usually friendly, but also nosy.
- It means being better connected. i.e.: where you walk into stores and clerks recognize you, & your neighbors care and take care of each other.
- Everything is. within walking distance.
- Lyons might be small due to the build out issues, but it is well situated being only 15 miles from major towns and just an hour away from an international airport for travel. It is a wonderful place to raise children and live in. It is a gateway to the mountains.
- Knowing people, ease of access to amenities

- You can walk, ride, or quickly drive where you need to go. No traffic or lines. People know each other and meet at community events or gather spaces such as restaurants, concerts, or shops. People support the local school and town events.
- Literally only a couple of stop lights, a small school district, local sports teams, bands, music venues .. a place where people know and recognize each other.
- You can walk around the entire town and recognize everyone you see. People look out for one another and check in on their neighbors frequently.
- Not crowded, low traffic, able to easily park on main st, tight knit community where people know one another
- It means everything is walkable
- local businesses, open parks, trails, great music, restaurants, safe to have families walk and ride bikes around town, etc.
- Where everybody knows your name. And walkable AF.
- Small town character is what Lyons was. I know, I have been around Lyons as a native of Colorado since 1974. It is not what it is now. We need to recognize that traffic and crowds are now dominating the town and the small town feel is no more. Lyons is a small town that needs to deal with huge numbers of visitors and passers through. Small town character, quiet and serene where people can be out walking and biking and knowing one another in safe and calm streets and parks, can only be achieved if we deal with what seems to be the ignored element: traffic and crowds.

#### ECONOMIC VITALITY

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- no big box or chain stores or high rise buildings  
unique homes and businesses
- Variety of local businesses with employees that can afford to live in town, great community events to bring everyone together
- Businesses run by locals, supporting locals. It is welcoming to guests of all kinds but feels unique and particular to our town.

- I see it as a place where people matter to each other and slow down enough to interact with and support one another and contribute to a healthy community.
- People of all ages, economical diversity and a place where locals can start up businesses and succeed. There is so much disagreement among people that I don't feel it is as friendly as it used to be.
- independent owned businesses, people are kind and considerate to all people in the town, we know our neighbors well and offer help when asked
- Cute local shops that (hopefully) prosper. Great music scene, beautiful surroundings, easy access to hiking and biking trails, friendly and community-minded residents.
- Small, independent businesses, seeing the regulars while grabbing a cup of coffee, mutually supporting one another, and running into friends around town at the post office or a concert at Sandstone Park
- Folks say hello, people know one another and pitch in when needed. No big box stores.
- Locally owned businesses, no chain stores, no spreading subdivisions, ability to walk to downtown
- You know your neighbors. You help them unconditionally. Everyone waves and smiles at each other. Walkable. Small business oriented. People get involved for the betterment of the community.
- Fun events and a vibrant Main Street
- A small town mean that the community comes together often during the year and come together to support business.
- Sense of intimacy and fellowship.
- It means exactly what we have now and what we don't have now. It means independent businesses, not national chains. It means a few small places to stay, motels--not hotels. It means small elementary, middle and high schools. It means low traffic in the neighborhoods. It means knowing or recognizing most people you see in Town. It means not turning the parks into highly manufactured and landscaped artificial environments with camp hosts and RVs. It means a small, reasonable Town staff and not "sustainability coordinators" and consultants from Boulder that are getting paid large sums to conduct studies and make recommendations.
- Community events, parents connecting over their kids in school with each other and thrive small businesses.
- Supportiveness among neighbors and comradery in local businesses, caring for others' children, families, pets, watching out for others' safety, needs, showing up in hard times, community events and outreach, celebration of the gifts we have here.
- Friendly neighbors in a town where folks mind their own business. It is (and was) possible to have both. "Small town character" does \*not\* mean trying to attract more visitors to town via events, etc.
- No major chains in the area. Being on a first name basis with business owners, insightful elected officials
- Knowing/helping neighbors, supporting local, independent businesses, participating in school/community events.
- Small town character means to me is knowing your neighbors and the faces in your community that help make the town what it is, the volunteers, the town staff, the educators and business owners.
- It means, exactly that. A town of less than 5,000 people, full of diverse, locally owned businesses, with minimal or no chain stores. Local music, local art. Because it is a small town, folks know each other more intimately than a larger city, and in doing so, we are more accepting and open, and would chip in to help anyone in need, regardless of their beliefs.
- It means knowing and enjoying your neighbors. It means supporting your neighbors and their businesses. It means sending your kids to the schools in town and having pride about it. It means accepting Lyons for what it is and not try to “make it better.”
- Close knit community, friendly folks, a clear buffer from other towns, local independent businesses. Funky.
- Small, close knit school community. Close knit business community and locals feel.
- Small businesses and a thriving Main Street. No national chain restaurants or stores.



- Many people know each other, the shops, the owners, people look out for one another. The community is small, the school is small, but there is a sense it's a big neighborhood rather than a standard suburb community.
- People know each other, public art projects, locally owned businesses
- Friendly, pride, local schools that rate high in the U.S., recreation-centric, art, music and culture-rich, no chain stores and only independent businesses.
- Less people and not taking up any open space to build another town and local businesses
- No corp stores or franchises. Community that cares about each other. Safety for kids knowing adults watch out for everyone., Good old days.
- Carrying community mixed economics able to still own business
- Literally when you know your neighbors and neighbors want to know you. People are friendly, helpful in nature, town is eclectic because its small and it can be!! Yay!!
- It's been taken over by uber rich people; they do not embody "small town character", and are only killing this characteristic on an accelerated basis.
- Welcoming, connected to one another, friendly, safe to leave your house/car/bike unlocked, safe for children to walk/bike to school/the park by themselves, local businesses, community traditions (parades, music, etc.)
- You know your neighbors and there are no chain restaurants or stores
- Kind, authentic residents and equally the businesses that call Lyons home.
- Where people say hello to everyone and help each other. Where businesses are owned and operated by locals.
- Independent businesses vs. big box or chains. Unique architecture of old buildings with fun colors vs. uniform design.
- That kids have a good environment to grow up in, that people look out for each other and that when someone from the community walks into a business, it's like stepping into your living room.
- Friendly, down to earth people who help one another. Mom and Pop businesses where they know your name.
- Opportunities to meet your neighbors (i.e. dog park, events, etc.), locally owned businesses and a feeling of being safe.
- Having individual and unique shops, restaurants: keeping in touch to the residents and the local businesses. Having community events and not always trying to rely on tourists for our vitality.
- Small town character means everyone is buzzing about the upcoming Halloween Parade and the next music event planned at Planet Bluegrass. It means you find interesting art along Main Street and in the parks. You feel safe walking to restaurants and school. You know the owners of the local market, coffee shop and auto shop. The built environment looks like the surrounding landscape of the mountains. People smile and wave when you drive by.
- Great little shops
- knowing many of the residents. Knowing the business owners. engaging in town activities [parades, fund raisers, etc.]
- Good restaurants, retail stores, community events, without people smoking marijuana.
- You know your neighbors, you support local businesses and you stay engaged in local issues
- Small population, not crowded, no big apartments, no big box stores, residents are close and proud to be part of a great community.
- Where I can go into the market and be recognized by the staff there, where I go to the Tuesday night pick to watch them play and drink a beer and I'll likely find a friend there to catch up with at the same time.
- Caring about one another and shopping local.
- Maintain the character of a 1500 person town. People are friendly, will help their neighbors. Small shops.



- Businesses are locally owned. Kids can be out playing without worrying. Everyone looks out for each other. Sense of community
- No big box stores, no massive loud manufacturing or companies, slow speed limits, outdoor seating at restaurants, teachers looking out for their students no matter how many years ago they were in their class, parents helping parent everyone's kids, looking out for each other, sharing resources, treating each other like family.
- A variety of locally-owned businesses and community involvement in local governments.
- Literally small - the fact that we're ~2,000 people, and have no room to grow beyond that. A cute, old-timey downtown area filled with shops and restaurants. Local mom-and-pop businesses vs. large chains (no fast food restaurants, etc.). Outdoor recreation where folks gather at parks. Events that bring folks in the community together (ex: music in the park). Walkable all around town.
- Folks know each other. Business are self supporting and run by locals
- No big box or chain stores. Less than 5000 people. You have so many opportunities to meet other residents that in 5 years, you'd feel like you know half the town. Volunteer opportunities that you feel make a real difference to the town.
- Local businesses, owned and run by and large by people who live in the community are the foundation for small town character. If you leave your house you WILL run into other members of the community. This forces us to look each other in the eye, and perhaps be more friendly and respectful and have a sense of shared ownership and destiny. Without small locally owned businesses it would not have 'small town character'. We must prioritize the health of our business community.
- Knowing neighbors and business owners and supporting them
- Knowing your neighbors, small but strong business community, unique quirks specific to the town/people/sights around it.
- Supporting Small, local businesses. Small town Has the community's interest at heart and valued above greedy, rich, old, white dudes that want to pay employees slave wages and think the Earth's natural land belongs to them so they can justify their destruction.
- local businesses, open parks, trails, great music, restaurants, safe to have families walk and ride bikes around town, etc.
- Neighborliness (looking out for and taking care of one another) local businesses & Town policies that support our Environment (beautiful parks) families & diversity.
- I know my neighbors. People take time to connect. Locals goals & art are supported by local businesses. We show up for each other.
- Local businesses, love everywhere
- Local stores, opportunities to gather with others in the community, small population size.
- Primarily made up of local shops, businesses, makers on the Main st and a welcoming place w/o commercial or corporate chains/businesses.

#### SUSTAINABILITY

- Knowing people in the community. Citizens actively involved. Sustainable growth.

#### ECOLOGY

- We feel safe to be our authentic selves without being scared of being threatened for being unique and outspoken. We know that our children are safe walking down the street to their friend's house during the day. We help our neighbors. We walk into the local shops and know the people who work there who are friendly and care. Our dogs walk with us to the market and wait outside while we get our groceries. The community helps get wandering dogs home. Someone can lose their wallet or cell phone at the park and someone else will find it and help get it back to the person who lost it. We care about - and help - the local wildlife. We relocate rattlesnakes instead of killing them. We help get bear-proof trashcans installed to help keep bears safe. We can call in to the Board of Trustees meetings and be heard. We can work with the Town to help serve our community. We can be who we want to be, safe and free.

#### ARTS AND HUMANITIES

- Cute local shops that (hopefully) prosper. Great music scene, beautiful surroundings, easy access to hiking and biking trails, friendly and community-minded residents.
- No big box stores, no massive loud manufacturing or companies, slow speed limits, outdoor seating at restaurants, teachers looking out for their students no matter how many years ago they were in their class, parents helping parent everyone's kids, looking out for each other, sharing resources, treating each other like family.
- Where kids can walk to the library, to dance, to school, and to the market safely . Where we gather at the concert in the park and know everyone.
- What makes a place truly it's own. Here it's the quirky folks, the artists/musicians, the spirit of the festivals, the history - the folks that are still here that were born and raised here, those that share their passion fully, the outdoor access and spirit of nature, the fact that it can really never get too big.
- Friendly people who care about one another and their community. People who are willing to help their friends and neighbors. Parades, sporting events, concerts, beautiful gardens, public art, assistance for those who need it, Beautiful parks,. People supporting one another!
- Neighbors taking care of one another, art and music spilling out of quaint little restaurants and bars, friendly waves and hellos, children feeling safe wherever they go!
- To me, it means diversity, characters, artists, musicians, smart folk who want to live in a unique place and do what it takes to support that-serve on a board or committee, volunteer, participate!!
- To me, small town character is laid back, relaxed, friendly and neighborly. My son goes to the high school and I love that everyone seems to know everyone there, or at least know of people.
- Artistic, good food, community gathering and offerings regularly.
- Quiet town with a lot of art and culture. Nice, friendly people too.
- Parade of lights, summer concerts, Oskar Blues, etc...
- A safe community that homes people and families who watch out for each other, help each other out no matter how well we know each other, and where I can go out and see familiar faces. Also small town events that feel exciting to attend every year because everyone gets excited to be together, like the parades we have, and the live music at Planet Bluegrass.
- Strong community support, close connections, creative & colorful culture.
- Small town - small enough to get acquainted with everyone. It is nice to go to Football, Basketball , plays, concerts, etc. and know people.
- Connection. Inclusion. Amenities of a town - grocery, hardware, pharmacy, parks, activities, art, restaurants, business, post office, library/community center.
- Well supported schools, town parades, neighborhood gatherings and environmental and social stewardship projects. Having a son in kindergarten now at LES, I see what a hub LES is for the community and how crucial the continued support of the schools in Lyons is, as well as support for affordable housing so that families CAN raise their kids here.

#### LAND USE AND GROWTH

- Less people and not taking up any open space to build another town and local businesses
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(no fast food restaurants, etc.). Outdoor recreation where folks gather at parks. Events that bring folks in the community together (ex: music in the park). Walkable all around town.

- Usually friendly, but also nosy.
- It means a stable place that isn't at risk of some hit and split developer type who wants to build 80 houses on Apple Valley and destroy the natural beauty characteristic of this tiny town.
- Small town is where you know folks you see on the street, in the parks, at events intended for locals. It's where people of all financial status, race, religion, etc. live in harmony, are accepted, and contribute equally to the town's future. It's where growth is limited to only what is necessary to make that happen.
- Smaller population, open spaces that are undeveloped and left alone, space to roam and people who communicate in real life and help one another out.
- Surrounded by nature, wildlife corridors, and undeveloped land
- Fun small events, outdoor activities...no more building!!! Stop with the new homes! We are FULL.
- No sprawling growth with cookie cutter development. A small town that shares simple values. The utopian Mayberry of the West. A place where people know and work with each other and the environment.  
KISS - Keep it simple stupid. Don't screw up a great thing!
- When I moved here there was roughly 500 people in town that was a small town. Now they've let people build all over the mountains and there's over 2000 of us that's not a small town
- To keep this character, Lyons must stay small, literally, and transition away from town budgets that are dependent on development permits, etc. Small town means that we know our neighbors and say hello, and help them when need be.
- Maintaining the charming historical buildings while encouraging redevelopment utilizing local sandstone, wood and steel products. Continuing growth while encouraging tourists to stop & enjoy the town while fostering the current vibe
- A town that values it's smallness and sees it as an asset. A town where people know their neighbors. A town where people are friendly, residents are safe, quiet and has some amenities like a grocery store, coffee shop, Free of too many loud noises, congestion and traffic.
- Small town means a limit to growth
- A small population
- Small town character means a great deal to us . A great deal!
- Not being able to build more
- I don't see much of a small town character anymore. It's just an extension of Boulder.
- A simple town that resembles the stereotype of a movie from 50s and 60s not the cookie cutter California suburban city with a conglomerate of city facilities and the typical corporate retail.
- There's no small town character any more
- Friendly and first name basis with many in community. Not too big.
- size? not sure because I am concerned about this meaning to stay the same and not improve or grow.

#### RESILIENCE

- Where people say hello to everyone and help each other. Where businesses are owned and operated by locals.
- See above two comments.  
Plus, being able to feel safe about kids on bikes and walking to the park. Helping a neighbor in need. Coming together to help the elderly. Folks pitching in and working together during crisis. Making some weekends locals only in our parks!
- It means we have each other's backs when times get tough. It means we wave and smile at each other in public. It means we can put aside our differences for the greater good (somewhat aspirational there). Overall, we take care of each other.

- It should mean you embrace new comers regardless of their income and if you were connected to Lyons prior to the flood. What it seems to mean is if you were not here preflood you're not wanted here now. Small towns should have a strong community that supports each other and comes together to celebrate.
- Everyone knows everyone. Everyone helps everyone. Now I see so many people I don't have any idea who they are or if they live here. I constantly see people who I have never seen before
- Neighbors helping neighbors
- Know and help/seek help from your neighbors
- It's easy to know your neighbors and local merchants. It's walkable. People pull together when it's necessary.
- To me it means recognizing and greeting people in passing, pulling together in times of catastrophe and fun, looking out for those amongst us who may be in need without a sense of superiority.
- It means knowing who's struggling is & keeping an eye out for them... it means sharing things plentiful with those in need... it means a two-way street of empathy, altruism, consideration, respect, generosity, patience, communications, explanation, listening, tolerance, contribution, kindness, & frequent celebration of being lucky enough to live here; it's a rare kind of a town that seems to choose who gets to live here through timing, circumstance, opportunity, & serendipity between people & actions...
- People know and care about each other, not only when disaster strikes, but as a community.
- It used to be something we saw pre-flood and immediately after, a welcoming community.
- People smiling and welcoming others and staying out of the current clicks that have and continue to form.
- A community with generous people.
- The love and caring for one another. Feeling safe walking around at any time.
- It means that neighbors talk to and support each other, and our elected officials and town staff are approachable and genuinely want to help.
- Friendly people willing to help others and be inclusive.
- People having your back in crisis
- A strong sense of community
- The sense of community that encourages folks to help one another and act in the interest of the towns residents.
- Most people are within 1 degree of separation and we look onto for each other.
- It means being a part of something where you know your neighbors, you know they will help anyone in the town in a time of need.

#### HISTORIC PRESERVATION

- Maintaining the charming historical buildings while encouraging redevelopment utilizing local sandstone, wood and steel products. Continuing growth while encouraging tourists to stop & enjoy the town while fostering the current vibe
- Independent businesses vs. big box or chains. Unique architecture of old buildings with fun colors vs. uniform design.
- Storefronts in historic buildings; walkability; welcoming; knowing people as you walk around town.
- Historical buildings preserved, remodeled and new should stay in character

#### OTHER

- Usually friendly, but also nosy.
- I don't see much of a small town character anymore. It's just an extension of Boulder.
- There's no small town character any more
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local wildlife. We relocate rattlesnakes instead of killing them. We help get bear-proof trashcans installed to help keep bears safe. We can call in to the Board of Trustees meetings and be heard. We can work with the Town to help serve our community. We can be who we want to be, safe and free.

- “Small town character” means I can count on seeing someone I know and can chat with anytime I go into the market, library, town hall, the parks and on the sidewalks. It means going to the summer concerts series, ice skating and bonfires in LJP. It means working with volunteers at the food pantry and serving chili for free at the parade of lights. It's mostly about the social engagement with people doing good things.  
Small towns support the arts and we get to enjoy them displayed about town and best of all we know the artist. Attending fundraisers at, Riverbend, the Farmette, PB & Lionscrest Manor means we have buy in for the needs that exist in our community. “Small town character” means being able to walk unencumbered down my street and enjoy the wildlife that frequents the path. It means engaging in meaningful conversation at Library discussions or my local book club. It means knowing and being known by the Mayor and many of the town staff. Most of all it means being part of a community that serves all and “sees” everyone as valued and loved.
- Not being a liberal enclave of super rich people
- For me, small town character is being given an “IOU” when forgetting my wallet at the local grocery store because the owner recognizes me as a regular customer. It's programs, like LEAF, the Food Pantry, library programs, local art & music programs, Halloween & Christmas parades. FB groups reaching out to the community to help those in need due to illness or job loss, etc. Always seeing someone I know to chat with while on a walk or enjoying the river.
- Strong sense of community and place. People who care about the town and neighbors and are tolerant of one another's differences, political and non-political differences.
- Folks know each other and participate in planning and ideas
- People coming together.
- I can go into stores and know the shopkeepers. I'll see folks at the coffee shops and on the street who I know or at least have a chance to know. People caring about each other.
- Close community, friendly neighbors, laid-back lifestyle.
- Everyone is connected and looks out for each other and the town.
- People leave you alone.
- As a resident, it means knowing my neighbors, and running into friends wherever I go. It means people look out for one another and take care of one another.
- Slower pace, no chain stores, people doing their own thing
- knowing my neighbors, seeing them around town enjoying themselves.
- When I hear small town character I feel like the underlying meaning is “I have mine and no one else should be allowed to get theirs” or Not in my backyard.
- Negative connotations.
- Knowing people through cycles of life or even entire lifetimes. Knowing each other and looking out for each other.
- Small town means that we know each other and each other's families, we support each other through our actions and the activities that our town produces. We create a town that has a plan and vision not just a set of rules for boards and staff to hide behind.
- Small town character is something I think of when I first started spending time in Lyons. It's visibly small, people are generally kind and welcoming. But once I spent more time here and became rooted that phrase doesn't give us enough credit.
- Community
- Where one voice can make a difference and not everything was built from the same template. Unfortunately, that also means that only about 100 people are responsible for accomplishing just about everything that occurs here.
- People you know and can count on to help out in a jam. Safe from crime and pot

- People know and support each other regardless of religious or political affiliation or non-affiliation. Most people volunteer to make the town better.
- Friendly where people live and let live
- It means a small community where you know many people, which creates a sense of community.
- I recognize people on the street, or hear of them, or know about their efforts in the community.
- Community helping each other not being clicky
- Small town character means that we can trust our neighbors, and have known them for many years. We love living around good people we can count on, and are happy to reciprocate any time we can.
- People who know each other, greet each other, care about each other, able to walk anywhere you need and see people you recognize all around you.
- Recognizing and waving at acquaintances when you go out, seeing the regulars at the coffee shop, having block parties and supporting one other
- You know people everywhere you go. You can get almost everything you need right here in town (albeit with a premium).
- You pretty know or recognize everyone you see. And they smile and recognize you in return.
- People seem to know each other well and support one another.
- Friendly people that are involved and vested in the town, where people know one another, and subdivisions are outlawed.
- Friendly, open and helpful, warm and accepting
- small and safe with lots of gossip
- Families, welcoming atmosphere, community togetherness.
- We know all our neighbors, we smile, say Hi, and work on improving our neighborhood. There is local art and culture, and all within walking distance.
- every time i go to any of the local coffee shops, they know my name and my coffee order. it means the world to me.
- Safe, friendly
- Everyone knows everyone
- Small town character is present when a town welcomes newcomers, gives everyone a voice and celebrates diversity. In a small town with character, you get to know your neighbors and you have an opportunity to contribute to the community in your own way.
- I know many people in town and even the ones I do not know, if I need to borrow something I can usually find a local resident I trust to help.
- Strong sense of local
- People are interactive and involved in each other's lives as well as the life of the community itself
- Small town character means a limited number of citizens who have a bond with each other by living in a small area. Ideally, they would support each other, but what I've learned in the years that I've lived here is that instead small town character means citizens feel entitled to force their opinions on others with little room for caring enough to listen to another's point of view.
- Friendly and helpful people
- Neighbors looking out for each other.
- To me that means we have a diverse population and people from all parts of the community are friendly and welcoming.
- Knowing your neighbors and recognizing other members of the community. Being able to walk around town easily. Having local places to eat and shop. Having trails to walk and bike without getting in car to get to them.
- A small community of sharing warm hearted folk who treat community as family.
- Peace and live and let live. Thrive that way. Stop fighting.



- It's easy to get to know and interact with your immediate neighbors and other long-time residents. You know almost everyone you see on the street, or at the post office, library, coffee shops, etc.
- A place where people can congregate and discuss issues without fear of differing opinions. A place to stay, play and enjoy living.
- People being pleasant, greeting and smiling at one another, and looking out for others.
- Everybody knows their neighbors and everybody is willing to help their neighbors.
- it's a joke at this point. the only people who say that are from large cities like Denver. small town character used to be Lyons but only out of towners say that now. Ask anyone who has lived here more than 5 yrs.
- Friendly greetings on the street, seeing people you know or at least recognize.
- It used to mean we did our own thing but now we're just like every other front range town - overrun with liberals
- A community that looks out for one another, and cares about our mutual well-being.
- Friendly
- Waving at each other as we drive by in cars; Driving golf carts to get our mail; Everyone knowing who LaVern is.
- respect for each other, putting community over nimby-ism, and trying best to leave each other alone. A community that isn't 'perfected' and is okay with beat up cars, trailers parked on the street, and being okay with funkiness
- Small town means mail at the post office, knowing most of the parents in your kids' class, knowing your neighbors, volunteering in Lyons, walking to restaurants, coffee, and diverse shops. It means a community garden, a library that goes the extra mile, a town staff that really listen and care, and seeing our kids enjoy and use the parks (sports, skate park, playgrounds, dog park, etc.). It means not being 100% anonymous...
- Knowing many/most people from being around town. friendly conversations. Many kinds of events where people can mingle and enjoy each other.
- A community that cares about its locals, not about living in a community that cares more about status symbol Of living in a small rural community. This includes everyone, not just the wealthy which is what it feels like it's turning into now post flood of 2013.
- I know friendly people when I go anywhere in Town.
- Cute, but not much to it.
- It is nice to see someone I know whenever I go out, whether here or Longmont. I enjoy seeing people out and about outside.
- Knowing your neighbors.
- People know and care for one another, even "strangers" see each other often enough to smile and greet one another warmly, and the children are safe.
- Friendly, welcoming, non-corporate, quiet, peaceful.
- It means that I know lots of folks when I come into town and I'm not anonymous - the librarian and postal workers know me on sight, for example. It means that people are willing to trust and help each other. And it means that the locals' interests are always the first priority for town leadership.
- Being in a community that is small enough to identify with it and the people you know.
- Easy to know each other and participate in local activities; take care of each other.
- It looks like a small town which can feel very inviting and make you think of a simpler pace of life. However, small towns don't usually have much room for diversity, differing income levels, and you can feel like an outsider if you don't think like everyone else.
- It's a very small town most of us know one another
- Everyone knows everyone and we all help each other out.
- You feel and are safe being who you are here and that we look out and care for one another.
- Everybody in everyone's business.



- Caring and compassionate, non judgmental. From the Lyons FB page everyone is so judgmental. I never participate for fear of rebuttal.
- It means you know many of your neighbors, your kids go to HS school with the same kids they went to elementary school with and you feel safe and secure.
- Friendly people that know their neighbors and would gather together in times of need and have room around themselves to breath and enjoy nature.
- Friendly, supportive of each other, looking out for each other, everyone is your neighbor
- Quiet. People caring about each other. Safe.
- It is the first thing I hear from everyone. People who have lived here for years and people who just stop by on their way to Estes.  
To me it means there isn't a lot going on here but there's enough to intrigue you and make you wonder as you drive through it. It has random quirks that you only find out about if you live here. It is fun living in such an over populated feeling state and working in Boulder but coming home to a town where strangers greet each other and the people of Lyons actually know each other by name. It's fascinating that a town can stay so small in this area.
- Small town character means that I know my neighbors, and although we may not always think alike, I trust them. Integrity and character over politics.
- People know you and care about your well being. A tight knit community.
- You know people and have favorite places in town
- Where you know your neighbors and shopkeepers by name, where you can easily ask friends or neighbors to watch your house, pets or children (in the street). Where you can raise a family without having any family around to help because your community steps up.
- I know many people when I'm around town and we say hi
- Knowing your neighbors, caring about neighbors, and having some 'weird' around
- Knowing your neighbors, having kids who play outdoors and not having to worry about crime.
- People at the market, library and stores know you and are friendly.
- People care about each other, know each other and are kind to one another
- Every time you go out somewhere you bump into people you know.
- As a resident you know or recognize a good portion of the other town residents. There is a sense of community where we come together when somebody needs something. We all have each other's best interest in mind, but not in a overbearing way.
- Quiet, safe, friendly.
- Bumping into people you know around town.
- That you are likely to know many people that live in the community; friendly, welcoming, and accepting culture
- Few people with limited amenities
- Friendly, neighbors helping neighbors.
- People who are friendly and care about each other
- Waving to every car when I drive up my street.
- Only look out for themselves
- The small town vibe is a get to know your neighbors and willing to provide help in making the community succeed kind of town.
- It means friendly, inclusive, safe, quiet, respectful, welcoming, and more.
- What Lyons was 30-40 years ago
- Knowing and trusting your neighbors, feeling welcome in your community
- to me it means that people are welcome to be as they are and that there can be a great diversity among the townspeople. I think people go to small towns so that they can get away from the pressures and busyness inherent in larger cities, and where they can have more relationship with their community.

- It means seeing people you know everywhere you go, everyone being friendly
- People know and care about each other.
- I know everybody AND their dog
- Safe, peaceful, chill pace.
- Townies and “the others”
- Friendly residents who contribute to the community
- I love that everyone knows everyone else. I also love the town events that involve every resident. The Halloween and Christmas parades are especially favorites of mine.
- Friendly
- Everybody know everybody
- Neighbors knowing and caring for neighbors. Pride in your community events and the natural beauty of your area.
- I think that we are outgrowing the "small town character"
- Low population, diverse population with regard to income.
- A caring and collaborative community of individuals and families who listen to one another's points of view and collectively chart our path forward.
- It is a place where you can get to know a lot of people first hand... like shop keepers, or people who do the same activities as you, or eateries, etc. You go shopping or eat or volunteer or attend an event and always find someone to say "Hi" to. Not a place where you barely know your neighbors within one block of your home, and that's it. It also has lovely charm, especially in the downtown, that makes you proud and want to show it off to friends and visiting relatives. You can get involved in activities, like sports, or volunteering, etc. and feel you are actually doing something good for your town... which is hard to do in a big city. You can start a project or store or group etc. and feel like you've done something big and appreciated.
- Everybody knows everybody, it feels safe, and everybody is so helpful!
- Knowing your neighbors, helping your neighbor, charming, welcoming
- People give a nod or hello whether or not they know you, and it's easy to make friends.
- Community. People know one another and genuinely care for one another.
- Being kind. Accepting of different types but banding together to look out for everyone.
- It means a place where people know each other and have an interest in their town.
- Small town character comes from a variety of diverse types of people who live together in tolerance. If you try to chase "character" you will lose the meaning and the origin. Small town character cannot be manufactured by a government or a group of people trying to define it. It is not a fancy label that can be awarded or bestowed.
- people smile at each other and say hi.... people know each other because the place is you know, small
- Warm, welcoming community where you know and look out for your neighbors. Safe.
- Clean, caring, know your neighbor. Unfortunately that is changing for the worse
- Quiet. Friendly. Safe. Communal.
- People know and care about their neighbors
- Lyons character is knowing every one when you walk down the street. Unparalleled generosity, kindness, friends on every corner. Parties and sweet music echoing throughout the night. Feeling invited and safe. Never locking your doors.
- Small town character means we know many of our neighbors, and trust them.
- Friendly, helpful people who care about each other. Lots of interesting personalities and a sense of equality among the community members.
- Quiet
- It's a mix of pride and responsibility, it's a great place because people love it here and take care of this space.

- Blue collar. Less bureaucracy
- Everyone knowing each other, everyone is like family
- Kind, open minded folks that take care of one another and the land. Parades, stores within walking distance, spending time with neighbors, the stores in town know the locals.
- Slower lifestyle, familiar faces, most everyone works to make community better
- You will always run into a friendly face anywhere you go in town and everyone is willing to lend a hand
- That you know almost everyone as you walk the streets
- Slow paced, stress free, friendly, healthy.
- friendly people and fun things to do
- Community, clean, supportive.
- Friendly, open, trusting.
- You know your neighbors
- It means recognizing that we are all in this together, and that people you may oppose on one issue are your neighbors with much in common on other issues.
- A friendly place where you people are eager to interact, family friendly, and tolerance to others.
- Safe and friendly. “ if you don’t know what your doing , your neighbor does”
- People know each other or still smile/say hi because we have the instant bond of like mindedness and love for where we live.
- Friendly, unique, calm & quiet
- People know almost everyone else in town.
- Knowing most of your neighbors and being familiar with many town residents. Adequate facilities for food, dining, gas, hardware. We currently have too many out of town visitors overcrowding our parks on weekends. We are missing a medical facility and a pharmacy.
- People say hi when I walk down the street, in the coffee shop I often know people. We dance together (when the live music is happening), music in the park in July/august, I even love the Planet Bluegrass festivals. I miss the music at Oskar's because that was truly how you "met" the neighbors. The Holiday Parade, the polar bear club jumping in that cold river...
- Small town charm. Not making more rules do not turn our town into where you just moved from. There is nothing wrong with the way it is or was
- People look out for each other regardless if where they are from. Lyons has gotten very judgmental to outsiders and it is sad.
- People who have each other's back, loving and caring for each other, supporting community
- When you walk down the street and know friendly people, when you can walk into a store or restaurant and everyone knows a lot of people. When it just "feels good"!
- Be a good neighbor, a kind neighbor, an involved neighbor. We choose to live away from big city services, glaring lights, corporate greed & land rapers
- Community involvement and kindness.
- People are really there for each other. This town can feel like a big extended family at times and that is a gift beyond measure.
- You run into someone you know every time you leave your house. The barista at the local coffee shop knows your name, and you make all your friends on your daily walk at the dog park. You recognize people from their golf carts.
- Rules and Laws but not much enforcement
- Small town welcoming everyone
- I know the owners of the businesses and see someone I know from the community every time I go into town.
- That you have a chance to meet your neighbor and really get to know them.
- Lyons 40 years ago

- Knowing people by name or face when you walk around town. A feeling of support for and from your neighbors.
- It means that you likely know your neighbors, and you see people that you know around town regularly.
- Small town means to me it can be friendly and, alas, sometimes gossipy
- Small town character is what Lyons was. I know, I have been around Lyons as a native of Colorado since 1974. It is not what it is now. We need to recognize that traffic and crowds are now dominating the town and the small town feel is no more. Lyons is a small town that needs to deal with huge numbers of visitors and passers through. Small town character, quiet and serene where people can be out walking and biking and knowing one another in safe and calm streets and parks, can only be achieved if we deal with what seems to be the ignored element: traffic and crowds.
- It means knowing people as you walk down the street - being able to find a friend in every shop in town - feeling welcomed in town.
- For me, it's knowing the majority of who I see when I'm out and about (and it's someplace I can BE out and about--walking places) and Mayberry-style waving and saying hello to people I genuinely consider neighbors.