

2023 Master Plan Survey Written Responses to the Question: What is your ideal Marble Look Like?

"We have love Marble's uniqueness (out of the way, OHV uses in town, Beaver Lake, the Loop) Maintaining its uniqueness while bringing in opportunities for businesses, long term residence, or Airbnb with community events and maintain the small-town community feel."

"Continued use of outdoor recreation vehicles all over Marble. Thankful for the many community events."

"Limit light pollution and sound pollution."

"Like it is now just regulated ATV traffic."

"10 years ago. No restaurant."

"A small mountain town with tight-knit community and some small businesses in town area. (Coffee stores, restaurants, etc.)"

"It's incredible as it is and know all involved need to thrive and feel nurtured safe at home and on hiking trails."

"I would be close to what it is now, but with less people, traffic minimal government interference. I believe most of the people that moved here did so for these reasons. Police, increased taxes, more businesses will only make it difficult for many to live here, I don't want it to turn into just another mountain destination town in which nobody can afford to live in – sadly it seems we are headed that way."

"Just like it is now only with more Arts and cultural entities. I think the arts is the only thing that marble would benefit from expanding."

"As small town with basic amenities. Keep its rustic appeal and not become another Redstone."

"A place where you can be outside in a beautiful area and be alone. I think a permit system would accomplish that. It should be a fair system so that everyone could have a quality experience in nature's beauty."

"Less ATVs"

"More housing – not controlled growth."

"Much like it is with a little more respect for our neighbors."

"All dirt roads. Outlaw 4 wheelers and razor vehicles – Summer only create alternate pedestrian trail next to Daniel's hill. Improve protection for the crystal river. Develop plan to address negative aspects of drainage at bottom of serpentine."

“More restaurants, public spaces like playgrounds, outdoor workout equipment, pathways, picnic tables, pavilions.”

“Social media has destroyed this town. A great restaurant but it brings thousands with their ATVs and we have to put up with it.”

“Quiet like it used to be. I can’t even take my dog for a walk without almost getting run over from the traffic zooming by. The number of vehicles on the roads have destroyed them. They were never designed for such heavy traffic.”

“Like 25 years ago.”

“It would be like 1984 when I moved here. It would look like a quiet, peaceful place to live. Pre – Slow Groovin, Pre – need for speed bumps, pre – deconstruction of beaver lake. A place that I used to live with all my heart but now avoid if at all possible because it makes me so sad to see what it has become.”

“It would look like a clean, quiet, peaceful place, to live with a fishing lake.”

“The way it is, is fine. No cops, no commercial, let people build as they want to, have money, have more “affordable” housing.”

“I live here because it’s pretty amazing already. It could improve if the OHVs had a place to park near Daniels Hill. We need better fire mitigation as a community. Last year was ok but things will dry up again and the beetles are coming”

“Like it does now without ATV’s”

“Had to identify another community to evaluate as everyone has challenges and issues. Marble is unique with its wilderness access and vertical terrain. Let’s not spoil this.”

“Keep the small, quiet feel, but growth is inevitable. So maybe spread out the masses of people across more areas of interest so it doesn’t all compile at areas like one restaurant, the lake and the one parking lot. More points of interest = possibly fewer people at each one at a time.”

“I’d love to see a few more businesses in town; for example, a general store that’s open year-round where you can get some basic things. However, I do want marble to keep its sleepy, “end of the road” feel and not become a resort town.”

“Surround the town with conserved property. A safe and historically preserved Mill Site Park. An expanded professional staff to shepherd the town into the future.”

“I am considering a second home in marble. I would like a town where year-round activities could be enjoyed. With some modern conveniences such as restaurants and markets.”

“As it is.”

“Quiet, peaceful, and quaint area of respite.”

“Small, quiet community where people know each other and take care of each other.”

“Stay a quiet little town.”

"A small town where you can live year-round with some access to necessities. Internet and cell service would help. Not too big but large enough to have a year-round community."

"Year-round fun small mountain town with focus on non-motorized outdoor recreation."

"A bit cleaner and no trucks and trailers."

"Our town is unique and from living here for 30 years, let's try to remain as such. Don't let B16 come into town (aspen) or we have lost our town! We are unique, not to be found anywhere."

"Small business such as a small grocery and perhaps another small restaurant/gathering place, perhaps an art center for exploring crafts, painting, etc. Small hardware store and medical/paramedic business."

"What it looked like 30 years ago or what it looks like from October to May."

"Small residential community, paved streets, fewer shacks."

"A bit quieter on weekends, without OHVs. Maintaining a rustic lifestyle, retaining/enhancing our natural inter-personal respect, and conserving the environment."

"2007 pristine quiet clean one of the last historic and operable mining towns in Colorado."

"Permitted or no OHVs."

"Well planned growth, respect for quiet and dark skies, stay a place to get away from noise."

"Cap growth now – no more businesses. Allow a certain amount of tiny homes. Keep upgrading parks."

"Wider community involvement. Expanded but limited commercial presence (realistically, how many businesses does a 4-month season support). Protection of natural resources takes precedence over tourism."

"Small community supporting residents and local businesses."

"Preserved history, but growing."

"Grocery, gas, PO, more restaurants, paved roads with parking, a parade, less signage that's restrictive, city hall, police, grass to picnic on, expanded camping, consistent museum hours, the hub become a viable business, more indoor seating at slow grooving, jeeps, bikes, horses, UTV's all mixing it up on the town road."

"One gas station, a market store and backup power station on the river build with red brick."

"Would not change it. Even Kurk's junk town lost that battle!"

"Not so much new kids, large quantities of low-quality people. ""Those who trade their freedoms for safety shall have neither – Benjamin Franklin.""

"Maintaining its rural historic mining culture."

"Like it did in 1973. Small and remote. But that is long past. Now keeping it a very small town with history emphasized and OHVs restricted."

“A town where we are allowed to live in peace with each other and pursue what we would like to do if it does not bother our neighbors or break any laws. We need to give respect just as we would like from them.”

“Some differences, but not many. I’d like better options to eat and drink, and an area to ski that is managed to protect me from avalanches. If the year-round options were better, the area could support more people. I would like to keep the tranquility intact at all costs, and have no need for cell phone service to distract from the splendor of Marble.”

“Small town Marble charm, small houses for locals and serve as bedroom community and vacation homes. Keep trailer parking at Mill Site and or NF lands.”

“Marble back in early 2000’s. No loud OHV traffic. No parking issues at Beaver Lake.”

“I like it as it is now except for the ATVs.”

“Quiet, environmentally sensitive community. It seems we cater to loudness! More hikers, fewer ATVs (actually none).”

“Pretty much a cleaned-up quieter, better managed version of what Marble looks like today. Growth is inevitable, what is currently happening is not controlled or managed growth – trailers full of ATVs making noise, dust and driving out the wildlife, permanent port-a-potties popping up, campers and trailers parked long-term or permanently around town, containers and structures located on town street right of ways. The Town Council fails to manage or resolve most of these issues while only a few benefit and instead seeks to acquire a water company that is working well and wants to limit and regulated short-term rental which add to the quality of life in Marble. July in Marble is exactly what it shouldn’t look like. It seems like the TC would like the July version of Marble extended from June – September. Ugh!”

“A small quiet bedroom community. Banning OHVs. We appreciate all efforts to control overuse and Beaver Lake. Thank you!”

“Small community with seasonal tourism, where people look out for each other and the land. A quiet enclave Rocky Mountain paradise.”

“Just like it looks now but with the addition of a general store and maybe a couple other businesses. A plan or permitting system in place to regulate visitors who recreate here. (There are towns that limit use to visitors with overnight reservations or reservations through a local business). Creation of nature’s bill of rights. We are all here because of the natural remote surroundings not in spite of them. This is our greatest asset and we should protect it. Thanks!”

“Funky, like it was 20 years ago, a more quiet mountain town. Let us live in peace in our beautiful mountains without a lot of manufactured events (i.e., music festivals). Don’t want it to become like Carbondale with music in the park every weekend. Ugg – we escape Carbondale and go to Marble.”

“A town with less government, less restrictions other than limiting OHVs and their illegal driving. What other county or town allows unlicensed vehicles – none that I know of.”

“We are a bedroom community. Most of us commute so we can live and enjoy the wildlife interface that is Marble. We are “end of the roaders”. We respect the wildlife, the flora and fauna, that share our home. I am disappointed that there is nothing in this survey on how to preserve the wildness, the nature

of Marble or how to educate the visitor to respect this beautiful valley that we share with the animals and plants. I believe growth is limited by water needs, septic use, the Wright water study and the Colorado geological survey. We are a bedroom community and need to remain one."

"Ban Pickleball"

"A quiet community that I can live out the rest of my life here."

"Physical – beautify entrance, roadways, build parking. Strong volunteer mentality. Strong, transparent leadership with goals and plans. More sidewalks and bike paths. Community events and opportunities for folks to come together."

"Like it does right now. We should be proud."

"I would like to see less semi-trucks (quarry) using our road. Limit 2 per day would be nice! A playground area in the Mill Site Park Area. Small houses allowed to keep area from being developed into another Aspen with huge houses/McMansions. Educate people with requirements to live 30 miles from "town" before the move here. Winter driving conditions, skiing, heating option, water, gasoline, food, etc. A library or free book box in town."

"Quiet mountain town. I don't like all the tourists but I know we can't limit them, so we should provide places for them to stay (STRS) and places for them to park."

"Enough parking for the tourists, especially at Beaver Lake."

"Marble back in early 2000s. No food OHV traffic. No parking issues at Beaver Lake."

"A small town feel with modern amenities. Respecting the Historical Nature of the Valley with an emphasis on walk-ability and community."

"A pleasant community offering "small town" amenities. Preserving the unique Historical charm and culture."

"Just like it is now. Please don't change it."

"Beautiful streets and walking trails, trails throughout Marble. Beautification."

"Busy little town, new growth."

"A town council that works together for the better good of the town and not argue for months/years over the same topic and nothing ever getting accomplished. Also, not for town council members/husbands to spray paint and vandalize city streets and still be able to stay on town council. Make Thompson Park more family friendly. Clean up Beaver Lake. Get rid of alley ways that go through people's property. There are people's shed, etc., in the alley's that town council has given permission for property owner to build. Alleys haven't been used for approximately 100 years."

"Unregulated mountain town, free enterprise, less government, more and better parking and Beaver Lake."

"A unique and quiet destination to get away from hectic places in Roaring Fork Valley. Limited quality growth (not quantity). Dark skies, silent night, peaceful, respect for wildlife and sacred lands."

"It's pretty close to ideal, need more low impact tourist and quieter ATVs."

"Marble as a town and beautiful setting is not "broken". It's a treasure that should be protected and cared for. I feel for safety and basic communication that Marble and the CR3 corridor should have cell phone coverage. Arts, music, recreation and other low impact events are also a positive. Thank you for creating this survey."

"Like it as is. But need to allow for inevitable change and expansion. No radical changes."

"Don't make it too easy for everyone to move to Marble... One of the last places left in Colorado... Not sure there is anything you can do. Here comes "progress". We would love to annex (W. Village Dr.) and have sewer and water since it seems Marble is improving anyhow."

"Quiet by users."

"Like a small German town. Houses, services and minimal businesses."

"Please do not bring affordable/employee housing up here."

"Public access to swimming/boating in Beaver Lake, a couple more commercial offerings."

"A little more life and businesses but not too much. Les ATVs."

"Not sure, but I know what I wouldn't like: sidewalks, street lights, town houses/condos. Not like Aspen, CB, Telluride, Steam Boat. Quiet but alive, vibrant but low key, neighborly but not nosey- that's what I'd like to see."

"We love the way Marble is right now! That's why we are there. We are respectable OHVers but the "bad apples" need to be controlled."

"A quiet small town with slow steady growth and infrastructure to sustain and protect its citizens year-round."

"Wilderness"

"Go back 30 years."

"A small community with small year-round restaurants and businesses."

"Steady controlled growth. Clean up/enforce restrictions on piling junk on vacant lots."

"Cooperative, helping each other. Humble, not greedy."

"Marble is so stunning, so wonderful, such a treasure. Preserving its natural beauty is the most important thing. A trail along entirety of Crystal River from airport to town of Crystal. No old, rusting vehicles in yards -no junky appearance, no abandoned junk in yards. Good air quality, much less noise from vehicles "less emissions. Land preserved as open space in around town. Small downtown commercial are that provides necessities and small medical clinic. On going community events around the year to build community. Not too much development on hillsides that are steep and not more roads. Much less activity on Beaver Lake – some restrictions. The water quality/trash situation there has become so bad! Too many SUPs. Trail around Beaver Lake and through new wetlands area that reduces social trails and habitat denigration. Multi-family housing (for affordability and business support) close to or along Main St."

“Small sustainable community – inclusive, accessible to all and environmentally protective. Small town center with general store for supplies/groceries. Small outdoor shop for recreators with information. Expanded coffee/bakery at HUB. Small office space structure for town administration, FS, to manage LKL and co-working space for visitors. Collection of small single family detached duplex/triplex structures for year-round and seasonal occupants. Small houses – no mansions please. Center for biking/hiking in summer and Nordic/backcountry skiing in winter. Trail to avoid Daniel’s hill for pedestrians. Nordic trail from Mill Site to Ute Meadows. Slate creek wash out cleaned up with low bridge for road safety. 6 Marble blocks spelling out MARBLE at town entrance.”

“Actually, much like it is today! A community that supports its members and values them as individuals with each person’s unique beliefs and abilities. A place of trust.”

“An outdoor recreation alternative to aspen, telluride, etc. Lots of tourism, lots of businesses, lots of housing.”

“We like Marble for it’s remoteness and not being overrun or over built for the resources.”

“Allow people to be here and live free w/o limiting how they build, work, or play. Marble is great the way it is. Stop meddling in others’ lives. No police here.”

“More housing availability – allow modest/small homes on smaller town lots when waste systems can be safely engineered and built.”

“Would love to see an open space and parks initiative that could help fund those amenities. Allow Marble to grow sustainably and provide housing for employees.”

“I gave up on Marble’s council being reasonable with the “Lawrence court decision”. I put \$5000 into assessments of lot and plans from Sopris Engineering for modern septic for my lot size and they are listed as your city’s engineer. The council not keeping their promises in writing when members are replaced. Marble should be a free town of political influencers and have their decisions follow ethics, not “good old boys” philosophy. My personal slur is calling it “Deliverance”. Am I bitter? Yes, due to the fact that my retirement home money went for naught. Not all council members are part of the problem, some very understanding, but not willing to object.”

“A loved cared for town. One that shows our love for the nature, the environment, walking our dogs, clean property, no junk, outdoor activities, beautiful park with amenities, arts and culture oriented.”

“Pretty much as it is. That’s what makes this place special and desirable.”

“More long-term rentals for families. More funds for MCS. Less traffic in town. Water meters – no flat rates. More land zoned for both residential and commercial use.”

“A quiet, small community not easily found with a google search!! We are not Aspen, Telluride, or CB – keep it that way!!”

“I like it just the way it is, but I would like to see some affordable housing and employee housing.”

“25 years ago: quiet, private, wildlife flourished. You could walk to Crystal or ride a horse.”

“Small, quaint, safe mountain community that has a reputation for beautiful natural geography. Not over commercialized. Has adequate infrastructure for areas outside of town and provides road maintenance to ensure safety.”

“Like it does now but with improved infrastructure and good quality town water for all and enforced privacy code.”

“Running professional meetings. Require each trustee to invest at least an hour preparing for each meeting. We could pay trustees (\$100/month?) Meetings are not productive and take many times longer than they should. A bustling small community of mainly year-round residents.”