



Vandemere, NC



2025 Community Survey

This survey was created to collect feedback from residents, stakeholders, and citizens (school-age to adults) who are interested in and care about Vandemere's future development. The community voice is important to understand when planning ahead. Thank you to everyone who took the time to answer the survey questions!



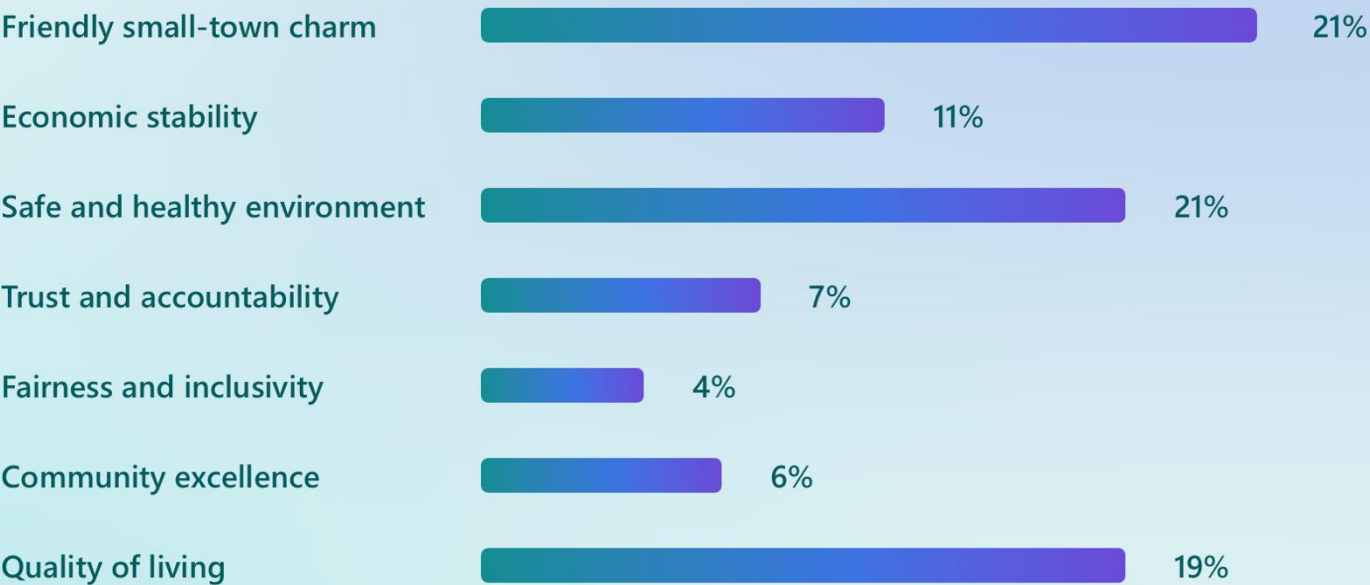
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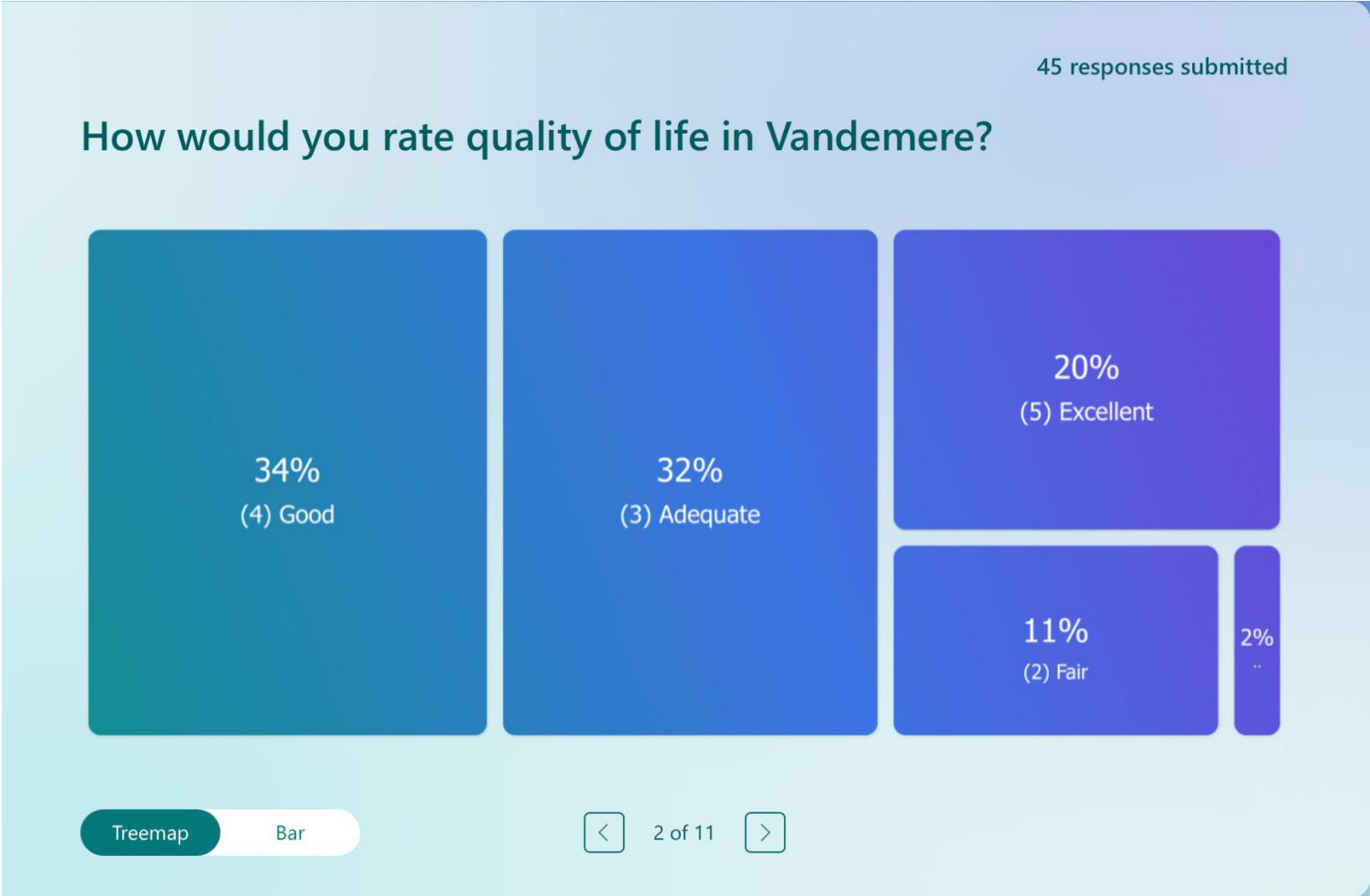
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Which 4 values are most important to you?



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Mark the best answer for each of the age groups:

Disagree Neutral Agree

Vandemere has adequate recreational activities for Children age 1-11 years



Vandemere has adequate recreational activities for Adolescents age 12-17...



Vandemere has adequate recreational activities for Young Adults age 18-25...



Vandemere has adequate recreational activities for Adults age 26-64 years



Vandemere has adequate recreational activities for Seniors age 65 years and older



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What are the top 4 things you love about Vandemere?



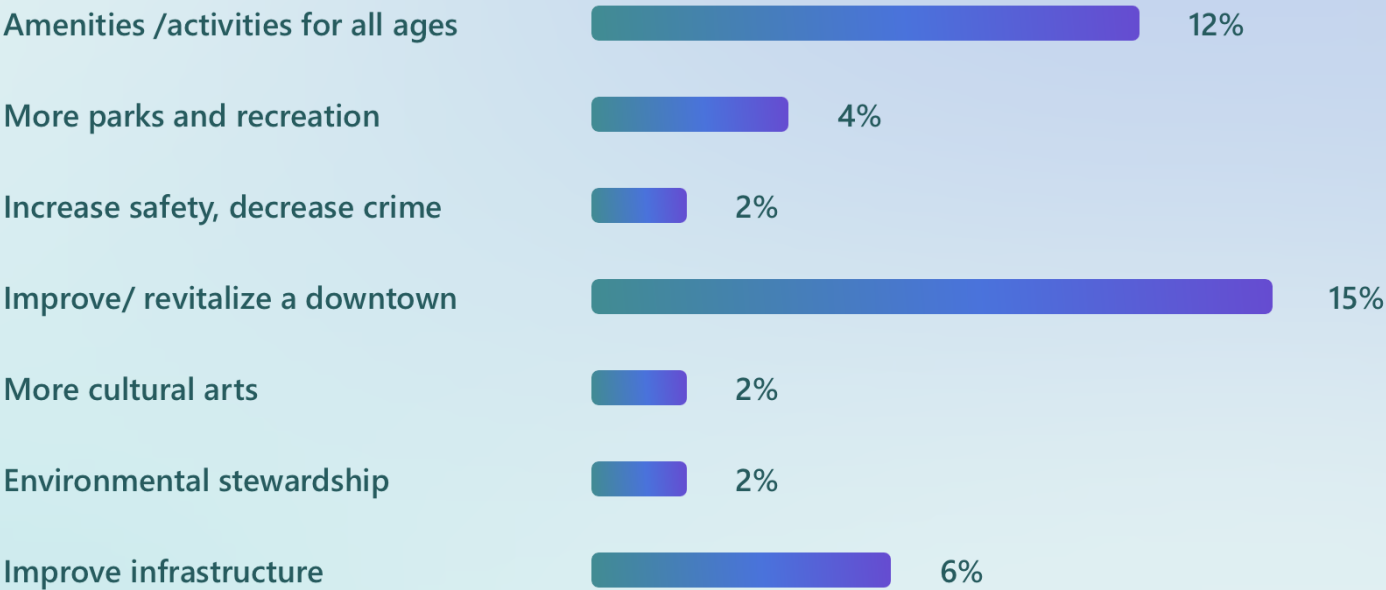
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What are 4 top things you want to see change in Vandemere?



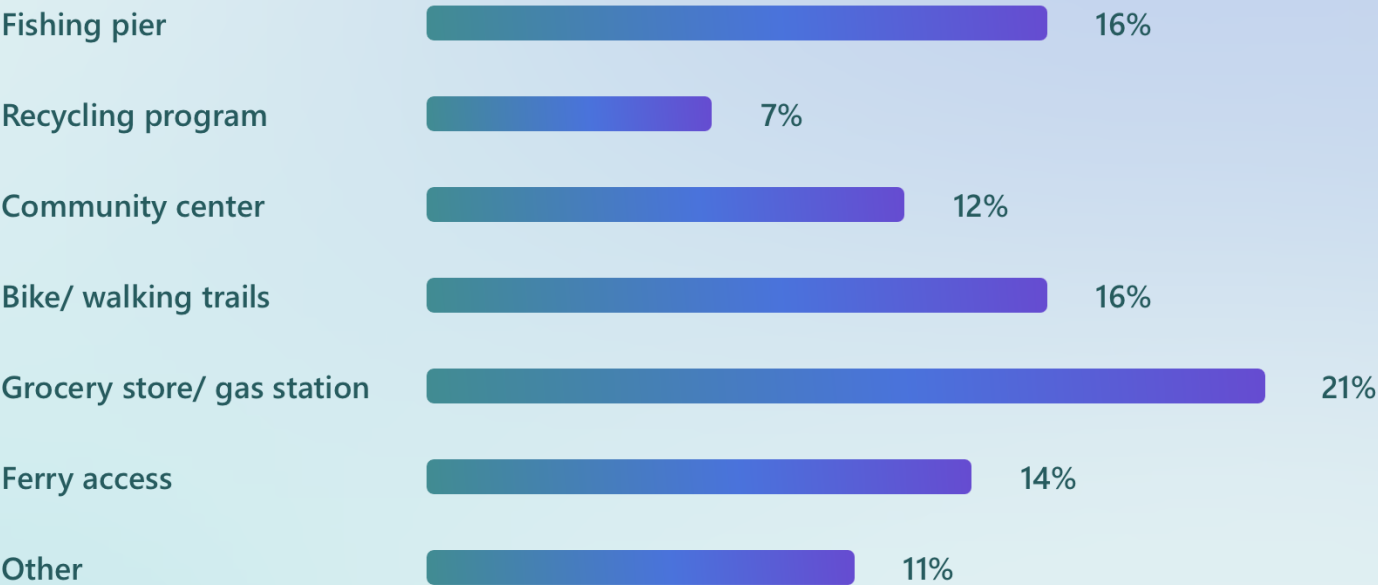
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What top 4 things would you like to see created in Vandemere?



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What outdoor recreational or cultural arts activities are important to you?

"Art exhibits; Kayaking"

"music"

"Boating, fishing, arts in the community, music in the town"

"swings and basketball"

"Food"

"boating and fishing"



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What outdoor recreational or cultural arts activities are important to you?

"music and entertainment / Yard sales, Flea market/ cook outs."

"safe place to play frisbee, paint, tennis for the active, fishing, pleasureable enjoyment"

"hunting and fishing"

"walking and boating"

"Sports and fishing"



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"Basketball Tennis"

"Water access"

"Playgrounds and Splash Pads; Live Music and Performances in the Park"

"A cultural and diverse mingle"

"Fishing, gardening. And I'd love to see a bingo night created here."

"Riverfront boardwalk and fishing tournaments, sidewalks and biking , allowing golf carts on the roads is important to keeping small town village feel, ice cream shop, boutiques, theater for shows and plays, ymca or similar with a really nice gym and large pool with slides & concession stand, food truck vendors featured at Squid-ders each weekend, small grocery store at least or maybe a dollar general. Nice Fireworks every year! Party at the park for 4th of July with food trucks and a band and maybe throughout the summer. "

"Gas station "

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What outdoor recreational or cultural arts activities are important to you?

"Fishing, gardening. And I'd love to see a bingo night created here."

"Kayaking, boating, art facility promoting nature, connect with a university, such as ECU's coastal program and find out how to keep the wetlands and waterways we love and promote growth in the town without too much impact on why we are here."

"Sustainable energy, hydrogen, solar."

"Biking"



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"Good with what we have for now- Boating and fishing"

"restaurant"

"kids playground"

"fishing, walking, talking with neighbors"

"Low cost of upkeep recreational areas (disc golf, playground, bike trails)"

"Fishing pier, local artist and creative venue or a small farmers

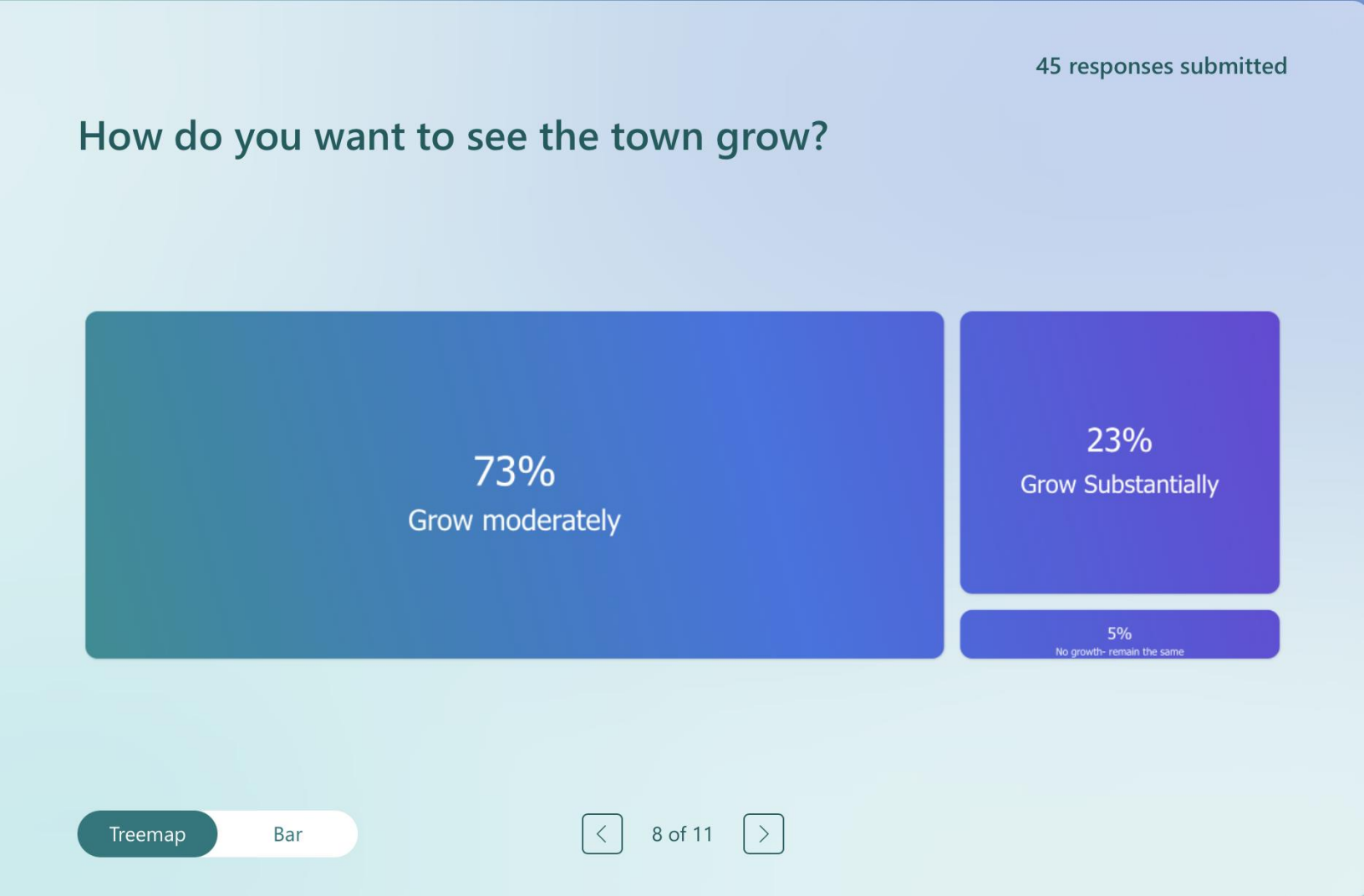
"Festivals with food trucks and vendors and live music"

"Walking and biking trails are critical to tourist sites and we are small enough to make that a focus to attract folks."

"Kid clubs, Skate board arena, Latino Food truck festivals, Community day, "

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What kind of land use developments would best support Vandemere’s future? *Low Density The number of dwellings per given unit of land in a pa...



Treemap Bar



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What is your overall vision for Vandemere?

"To maintain overall growth."

"A place to rear children and those children have the ability to rear their children without moving away. A heritage town for young and old."

"Very Friendly atmosphere; peaceful"

"A peaceful town."

"Building forever home- retirement"

"more growth"

"Focus on passenger ferry and food"

"Small town charm with a few more businesses"

"Great Potential"

"keep the small town feel, but encourage growth"

"Slow steady growth with the same sense of community"

"Safe living environment"

"See Town Plan"

"Maintain history and grow with small businesses"

"slow but continual growth-low impact and with respect for our history and culture"

"Unity within the town and its residents, town, and people"

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What is your overall vision for Vandemere?

"I see Vandemere as a place I would like to vacation or retire to. I would like to see the town be self-sufficient so that I could stay on my property and bike to get almost anything I need. Right now I would need to get in my car and drive further away, which would be fine from time to time, but having some of the basic life necessities nearby would be fantastic."

"To see a thriving and growing community with increased growth in residents and small businesses and increased tourism "

"Small grocer, bakery, ice cream shop, gas station"

"Staying "small" is good, that is, I don't want to see a bunch of "small" businesses like Dollar General. Let's focus on small coffee shops/restaurants, a cute waterfront, more of an Oriental vibe. Let small business owners have a chance, not huge corporations that care nothing for the area, just their profits."

"There's no reason Vandemere couldn't be similar to Oriental. "

"For this community to incorporate more cleanliness + provide ditch upkeep for sufficient drainage"

"keep small town coastal charm. Promote real estate sales and breakfast/ lunch needed"

"pride in yards- people need to clean up + declutter yards- mow when needed"

"Keep the small town feel. Growth, if necessary, to be controlled and studied"



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What is your overall vision for Vandemere?

"An economically stable town; desirable place to live; resilient; honoring its history and small town charm"

"Really promote it as a fishing village and do more to draw people for fishing tournaments and events such as 4th of July. With a large fireworks show and celebration with food trucks etc. Try to develop a riverfront with some shops and restaurants /ice cream shops. Help Squidders expand since we all really need it to stay open and to thrive! Take care of your residents and help to improve their properties. Be friendly to Airbnb's so people can have places to stay when they come to visit! Offer funds for small business owners who want to do things that will enhance the Town- such as an RV park where fishermen can stay. Always allow golf carts in the village on the road. Maybe have some bike lanes and sidewalks. "

"moderate growth "

"A small business district with shops and a restaurant would be nice. Also a small organic grocery store with local produce and gas station. A rec center offering yoga/pilates etc. as well programming for young children and teens. Would love to see Vandemere emerge as a community of health and wellness ... a Blue Zone type of place."

"Moderate growth similar to Oriental but no bigger. One or two restaurants, convenience store, and maybe passenger ferry. Slow growth."

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What is your overall vision for Vandemere?

"To see more residential building, more "new blood" people in Town, more small businesses developed, and to be able to bounce back more efficiently after a storm because of better infrastructure."

"See above. It is difficult to change without impacting the environment negatively unless the change is done slowly and thoughtfully. Thank you for asking."

"U and coming community with a vision for hydrogen and healthy food."

"A town with small eating establishments like a grill or diner and maybe a restaurant for finer fare, along with convenient shops like a grocery mart and a gas station, inviting local character and community spirit. Vanedemere was once the county seat and could still be a hub for social engagement."

"To grow slow and be like a little Cape May"

"A resilient, welcoming waterfront town that honors its heritage, fosters strong community ties, and promotes sustainable, low-density living with opportunities for local businesses, outdoor recreation, and cultural enrichment for all generations."

"Affordable housing and amenities to attract moderate growth"



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Additional Comments / Other topics would you like to see discussed:

"New name for the Town- "Vandemere Bay"! Pamlico County Fair in Vandemere!"

"Too many big town ordinances (zoning)"

"Town rules are too strict for residential home owners."

"Zoning."

"Bring in a small grocery store! Would like to support economic growth. I love the friendly community; people are very interested and care for one another."

"That we all come against division and diversity within the body of Christ in Vandemere. Community out door prayers to keep the storms away. Led by the community for the community. Thanking God openly for allowing Vandemere to still stand after so many storms."

"Community excellence and quality of living are also important values for me."

"multi-residential living"

"I would like to also see the promotion of small businesses and support economic growth"

"Enforcement of Town ordinances on Camp Vandemere Bull Horns at 11 PM; it is not acceptable in a small town. Thank you for a thoughtful survey."



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Additional Comments / Other topics would you like to see discussed:

"I think Vandemere should really evaluate and discuss the possibility of allowing "tiny homes" (under 400 sq ft). There are other towns in NC that have become accepting of these smaller homes and they are seeing very big growth. This would be something that would really make Vandemere stand out as the village by the sea. They could be kept to a certain zoned area with strict rules on appearance and build. Additionally, I think Vandemere should invest in the internet infrastructure. Remote work is only going to become more and more popular, residents need incredibly fast and reliable connections. Even better, if the city could access the viability of a Municipal Broadband Network. There are grants and

viability of a Municipal Broadband Network. There are grants and funds available that could maybe help with the cost. If Vandemere offered their own internet service it would be incredible for growth. The town could become a place for remote workers, which would bring highly paid people to the town to live as they would not need to be near their place of employment."

"I love the amenities, walkability, and safe biking in Vandemere (4)"

"remove condemned buildings; remove trash from yards etc (3)"

"Eating establishment on First street is a bad idea- Road is not wide enough for cars to pass. (2)"

"Why are the town taxes so high in relation to other towns in Pamlico County? (1)"

"Love Vandemere!"



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Additional Comments / Other topics would you like to see discussed:

"Excited that the town will get more development. We bought property decades ago expecting a boom, only to have Port Vandemere collapse in 2008. Would love to be able to develop our property and leave it to our grandkids "

"Needs more growth in the area. "

"Allowing Camp Vandemere to extend appreciation to the community by making an offering to them. We have already opened the doors to free visits and walk arounds. We have talks of more to help our community in special offers to come spend time with us. "

"Keep the trash pick up affordable. Promote local businesses in the Town newsletter. "

"I miss my town"

"Thank you for all you do for Vandemere!"

"Would love to see the blight in Town gone, more people cleaning and clearing their property, so the Town is more eye pleasing to draw in new residents, and an eating establishment or two."

"It would be nice to see a store or restaurant. We used to have 2 stores many years ago. And one cooked hamburgers and small food items. It was nice not to go somewhere. However in today's market, enticing food trucks once a weekend might be a better option. Thank you again."

"State maintenance of Vandemere creek & shell castle lane."



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