

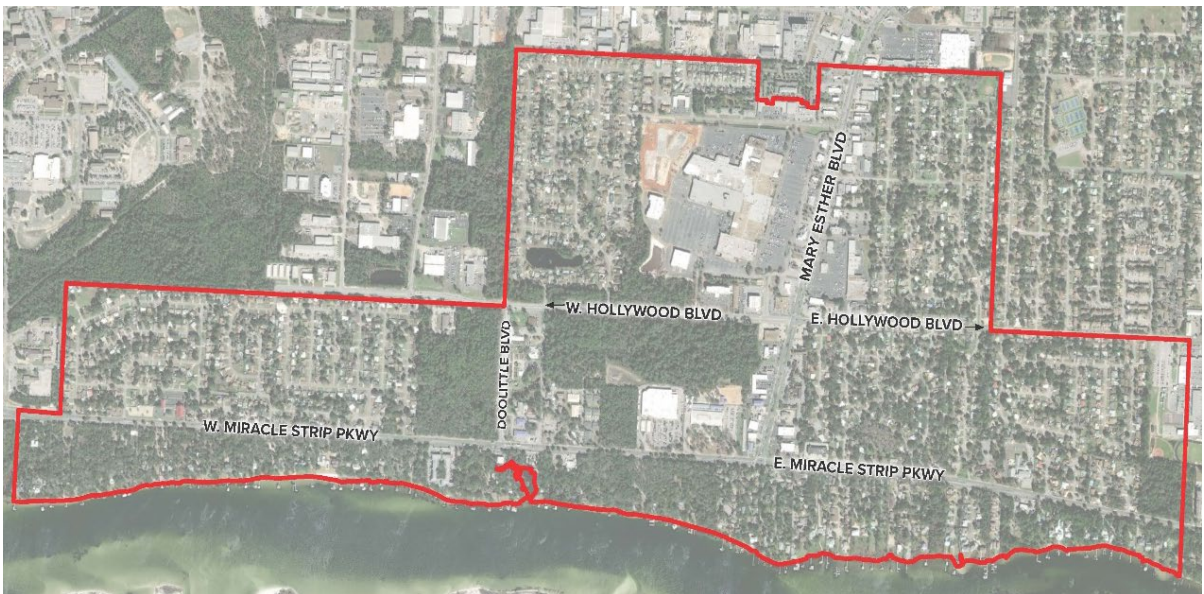


Welcome to the Mary Esther Vision Plan Survey

Your input is critical to guide the future of Mary Esther. Please take time to carefully and thoughtfully complete this survey.

Your participation in the survey is completely voluntary and your personal information will remain anonymous. Thank you for sharing your feedback!

Mayor Margaret McLemore
Mayor Pro Tem Aaron Bacchi
Councilmember Bernie Oder
Councilmember Susan Coxwell
Councilmember Larry Carter
Councilmember Chris Stein



1. Please mark all that apply to you.

- I live in Mary Esther year-around
- I live in Mary Esther during part of the year
- I do not live in Mary Esther (please specify where) _____

2. How long have you lived in your current residence?

- Less than 1 year
- 1-4 years
- 5-9 years
- 10+ years



3. How would you rate the following within the City of Mary Esther? Please check only one on each line.

	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent	Don't Know/ Not Sure
Housing affordability					
Access to shopping and other services					
Access to parks or open spaces					
Attractiveness of roads/streetscapes					
Public safety					
Sidewalk connections and quality					
Bicycle facilities (bike paths and lanes)					
Traffic signal systems					
Condition of road pavement					
Cleanliness of public spaces					

4. To help guide the City of Mary Esther, please tell us how the City should invest future public funds.

	Spend More	Spend Less	Spend Same	Don't Know/ Not Sure
Library				
Parks and Recreation				
Planning and Code enforcement				
Public Safety				
Transportation/Road Maintenance				
Water/Sewer Operations and Maintenance				

5. Of the items listed below, what would you change about Mary Esther? Rank in order with 1 being the highest priority.

- Provide more places to walk and bike (sidewalks, bike lanes, trails)
- Address infrastructure needs associated with water and sewer systems
- Organize more community festivals and events
- Provide new access to Mary Esther Elementary School from Hollywood Boulevard to address congestion on Highway 98
- Develop a centrally located community space/town center (Uptown Station or the Fort Walton Beach Landing Park)
- Address maintenance and cleanliness (make repairs, community clean-ups, more trash cans)
- Focus on public safety (more lighting, law enforcement, neighborhood watch programs)

6. Would you be willing to walk or bike to parks, school or work if it was safe and convenient?

- Yes
- No



7. If you are not willing to walk or bike in Mary Esther, even if it was safe and convenient, please tell us why.

- I have mobility constraints that keep me from walking or biking
- I am unsure of routes to use
- The weather makes it uncomfortable
- I do not have the time
- Other, please specify _____

8. Studies suggest there are community benefits when residents know their neighbors. Please tell us if you know your neighbors.

- Yes, I know most of my neighbors and their names
- I know some of my neighbors and their names
- I have met my neighbors, but don't know their names
- No, I don't know my neighbors

9. Would you be willing to attend a meeting to give input on potential improvements and programming on a park space near your home in Mary Esther?

- Yes
- No
- Not applicable

10. Please tell us to what extent the following are meeting your needs in Mary Esther. Please check all that apply.

	<i>Not Enough</i>	<i>Almost Enough</i>	<i>Enough</i>	<i>Too Many/ No Need</i>
Parkland and natural areas				
Places to walk and bike				
Sports fields				
Indoor courts/gym spaces				
Boating and fishing facilities				
Community gathering spaces				

11. If funding was available to create a new community space/town center, what elements should it include? Please check all that apply.

- Library and activity spaces
- Community center (meeting rooms, indoor event space)
- Outdoor community gathering space for public festivals and events
- Splash pad and park space
- I do not support a new community space
- Other (please specify) _____



12. Please indicate if you and/or members of your household would be interested in the following activities. Check all that apply.

	Please Add
Adult basketball, volleyball, and other intramural programs	
After-school programs/out-of-school camps	
Art classes (pottery, painting, drawing)	
Bicycle lessons and clubs	
Fishing lessons and events	
Community gardening classes	
Community festivals and events	
Fitness and wellness programs (yoga, Tai Chi)	
"Friends of the Park" organizations	
Performing arts programs	
Programs for people with special needs	
Running events (5K, 10K, marathons)	
Senior programs and services	
Walking, jogging, or running clubs	
Youth sports (soccer, baseball, softball, etc.)	

13. Which of the following ways do you currently learn about community activities in Mary Esther, and how would you like to learn about activities? Please check all that apply.

	Current	Preferred
City of Mary Esther website		
Chamber of Commerce		
Local television news		
Newspaper(s)		
Friends and neighbors (word of mouth)		
Temporary signs or flyers		
Emails from City		
Print newsletter		
Social Media Platforms (Nextdoor, Facebook, Twitter)		

14. What stormwater improvements would you like to see? Select all that apply.

- Improved streets, curb, and gutters to improve drainage
- Additional stormwater infrastructure (retention/detention areas, pipes, drains)
- Increased maintenance of stormwater ditches
- Increased maintenance of stormwater drains and pipes

15. Please tell us what you love about Mary Esther.



Optional Demographic Questions

In order to determine if we have captured input from a representative cross section of the community, we ask that you please tell us about yourself by answering these demographic questions below.

16. What is your current housing?

- Rent
- Own
- Other

17. How many registered motor vehicles are in your household? Check only one.

- One
- Two
- Three
- Four or more
- None

18. What is your gender?

- Female
- Male
- Prefer to self-describe

19. Which of the following describes your employment status? Check only one.

- Work for pay OUTSIDE the home
- Work for pay INSIDE the home
- Looking for work
- Unable to work due to disability
- Homemaker/stay-at-home parent
- Military
- Student
- Retired
- Other (please specify) _____

20. Which race/ethnicity best describes you? Note: this information helps us determine if we are reaching a representative cross-section of the community.

- Asian or Pacific Islander
- Black or African American
- Hispanic or Latino
- Native American or Alaskan Native
- White or Caucasian
- Multiracial or Biracial
- A race/ethnicity not listed here



21. What is your approximate household income?

- Under \$25,000
- \$25,00-50,000
- \$50,001-75,000
- \$75,001 and up

22. What is your age?

- Under age 14
- 15 to 19
- 20 to 24
- 25 to 34
- 35 to 44
- 45 to 54
- 55 to 64
- 65 to 74
- 75 or older

23. How many children currently live in your household? Please list the total number of children in each age group below. Please skip this question if none or not applicable.

	<i>Number of Children</i>
5 years of age and under	
6 to 12 years of age	
13 to 17 year of age	
18 and older	

24. Do you have any other comments, questions, or concerns?

25. Please provide your email address if you would like to be contacted about upcoming public meetings.
