

Your input is needed to help South Hadley plan for the future!



Survey responses will help inform and guide our Comprehensive Plan

South Hadley Natural Resources, Open Space, Park and Recreation Survey 2009

Please return surveys by April 15, 2009 to: CPAC Survey
Town of South Hadley Planning Department
116 Main Street, Room 204
South Hadley, MA 01075

- Do you consider South Hadley: (please check most appropriate answer)
 A rural town A suburb A bedroom community A town in transition
- How important are the following to you? 1= Very | 2= Somewhat | 3=Not at all (comments are optional)

<input type="checkbox"/> Rural, small town character	Comment: _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural lands/pastures	Comment: _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Forests and wildlife	Comment: _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Scenic views and vistas	Comment: _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Protecting natural resources	Comment: _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Town recreation facilities	Comment: _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Buildings of historical interest	Comment: _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Cultural/arts activities, events	Comment: _____
- Which conservation areas in South Hadley have you heard of, visited, or used?

*Bachelor Brook-Stony Brook	<input type="checkbox"/> Heard of it	<input type="checkbox"/> Visited/Used	LeBlanc Conservation Area	<input type="checkbox"/> Heard of it	<input type="checkbox"/> Visited/Used
*Bynan Conservation Area	<input type="checkbox"/> Heard of it	<input type="checkbox"/> Visited/Used	*Mount Holyoke Range Areas	<input type="checkbox"/> Heard of it	<input type="checkbox"/> Visited/Used
*Bagg-Pierce Wildlife Sanctuary	<input type="checkbox"/> Heard of it	<input type="checkbox"/> Visited/Used	Trompke/Stony Brook Area	<input type="checkbox"/> Heard of it	<input type="checkbox"/> Visited/Used
*Warner Conservation Area	<input type="checkbox"/> Heard of it	<input type="checkbox"/> Visited/Used	Hawkins Bird Sanctuary	<input type="checkbox"/> Heard of it	<input type="checkbox"/> Visited/Used
Titus Pond Conservation Area	<input type="checkbox"/> Heard of it	<input type="checkbox"/> Visited/Used	Gormally Conservation Area	<input type="checkbox"/> Heard of it	<input type="checkbox"/> Visited/Used
Carver Conservation Area	<input type="checkbox"/> Heard of it	<input type="checkbox"/> Visited/Used	Popp Conservation Area	<input type="checkbox"/> Heard of it	<input type="checkbox"/> Visited/Used
Jones Conservation Area	<input type="checkbox"/> Heard of it	<input type="checkbox"/> Visited/Used	*Black Stevens Area	<input type="checkbox"/> Heard of it	<input type="checkbox"/> Visited/Used
Newton Conservation Area	<input type="checkbox"/> Heard of it	<input type="checkbox"/> Visited/Used	Bachelor Brook East Area	<input type="checkbox"/> Heard of it	<input type="checkbox"/> Visited/Used
Laurie Avenue Area	<input type="checkbox"/> Heard of it	<input type="checkbox"/> Visited/Used	<i>*These areas have at least one trail</i>		
- If you do not visit or use South Hadley conservation lands, why not? (Check all that apply)
 Do not have information about the areas and their locations Lack of parking
 Do not have information about trails, where to go, what to do No interest
 Other (please explain) _____
- What community facilities in South Hadley have you heard of, visited, or used?

Judd Park	<input type="checkbox"/> Heard of it	<input type="checkbox"/> Visited/Used	Ledges Golf Course	<input type="checkbox"/> Heard of it	<input type="checkbox"/> Visited/Used
Bicentennial Canal Park	<input type="checkbox"/> Heard of it	<input type="checkbox"/> Visited/Used	Council on Aging	<input type="checkbox"/> Heard of it	<input type="checkbox"/> Visited/Used
Buttery Brook Park	<input type="checkbox"/> Heard of it	<input type="checkbox"/> Visited/Used	South Hadley Public Library	<input type="checkbox"/> Heard of it	<input type="checkbox"/> Visited/Used
Beachgrounds Park/Town Field	<input type="checkbox"/> Heard of it	<input type="checkbox"/> Visited/Used	Gaylord Library	<input type="checkbox"/> Heard of it	<input type="checkbox"/> Visited/Used
School Athletic Fields	<input type="checkbox"/> Heard of it	<input type="checkbox"/> Visited/Used	Town Hall	<input type="checkbox"/> Heard of it	<input type="checkbox"/> Visited/Used
South Hadley Town Fields	<input type="checkbox"/> Heard of it	<input type="checkbox"/> Visited/Used	Fire House Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Heard of it	<input type="checkbox"/> Visited/Used
Ferry Street Town Field	<input type="checkbox"/> Heard of it	<input type="checkbox"/> Visited/Used	Woodlawn Park Athletic Field	<input type="checkbox"/> Heard of it	<input type="checkbox"/> Visited/Used
<input type="checkbox"/> Other (please explain) _____					
- Would you support a central community center for recreation, classes, group gatherings, and general community use?
 Yes Possibly No Comment: _____

6. How satisfied are you with South Hadley community resources and activities? 1= Very | 2= Somewhat | 3=Not at all

- Park facilities Comment: _____
- Athletic facilities Comment: _____
- Access to natural resources Comment: _____
- Community gathering places Comment: _____
- Youth programs Comment: _____
- Adult programs Comment: _____
- Other (please explain) Comment: _____

8. Please check your TOP FIVE recreational priorities: (comments are optional)

- Walking and hiking trails Comment: _____
- Natural areas/nature centers Comment: _____
- Canoeing / kayaking access Comment: _____
- Bike paths Comment: _____
- Wildlife viewing/bird watching Comment: _____
- Outdoor playgrounds Comment: _____
- Smaller neighborhood parks Comment: _____
- Basketball courts Comment: _____
- Tennis courts Comment: _____
- Skateboarding Comment: _____
- Multipurpose athletic fields Comment: _____
- Swimming Comment: _____
- Golf Comment: _____
- Park shelters/picnic areas Comment: _____
- Outdoor spray parks Comment: _____
- XC skiing/snowshoeing Comment: _____
- Ice skating Comment: _____
- Community gardens Comment: _____
- Fishing Comment: _____
- Organized youth sports Comment: _____
- Organized adult sports Comment: _____
- Youth classes/activities Comment: _____
- Adult classes/activities Comment: _____
- Other (please explain) Comment: _____

9. How important should these priorities be over the next 5-10 years? 1= Very | 2= Somewhat | 3=Not at all

- Expand walking/hiking trails Comment: _____
- Long range vision/planning Comment: _____
- Improve information delivery Comment: _____
- Maintenance of town parks/facilities Comment: _____
- Quality of recreational facilities Comment: _____
- Develop parks/playgrounds Comment: _____
- Expand/increase adult programming Comment: _____
- Expand/increase youth programming Comment: _____
- Plan multi-purpose resources Comment: _____
- Develop bike trails Comment: _____
- Develop sports fields Comment: _____
- Improve water access Comment: _____
- Acquire land for passive recreation Comment: _____
- Acquire land for active recreation Comment: _____
- Encourage private preservation of open space Comment: _____

10. How old are you? 18-25 25-35 35-45 45-55 55-65 Over 65

11. How many people, including yourself, live in your household? (include number of household members for each age group)

Children, Birth to 11:____ Teenagers 12-17:____ Adults 18-64:____ Seniors 65+: ____

12. How many years have you lived in South Hadley? 0-2 3-10 11-20 21-30 30+

THANK YOU! For more information about the South Hadley Comprehensive Plan, visit: www.vhb.com/southhadley