

**Years Residing in South Hadley: 10 – 29 Years
(11 Responses)**

1. *What do you like most about living in South Hadley? (i.e. schools, parks, people, etc.)*

No response

Buttery Brook Park

Small Town (3)

Open Space (2)

College environment

Natural beauty (2)

The people (2)

Public Library

Recreation Dept.

Public Schools (2)

Neighborhood

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2. *What is your biggest community concern? (i.e. housing, taxes, economic development, etc.)*

Housing Projects

Condos (2)

Poor attention to spending

Housing for the elderly

South Hadley will lose its open spaces, beautiful undeveloped land to development

Taxes (2)

Lack of affordable houses

Not having a mayor

Poor condition of schools – physical plant & curriculum

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3. *Assuming you had no constraints, what is your greatest wish or vision for South Hadley? (New schools, outdoor pool and other public facilities, historic and natural preservation, etc.)*

Get Buttery Brook Park finished

Preservation of open space, forest, fields, and farms (2)

Historic & natural preservation

Trails (2)

Expansion of River access

Facilities for children

Good school

New schools

Expand, building new, schools

Incentive for young adults to move here

Affordable apartments and houses

More parking for schools & library

More public facilities & town events

More playgrounds, parks

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4. What are the most politically sensitive local issues and how do they relate to the Comprehensive Plan?

Getting a mayor

Tax increase without benefit

Golf Course/Clubhouse

The Golf Course (can it be used for other recreational uses?)

No new condos

Over development

Have a more conservative agenda on public schools

Old people vs. young people

Need to look at this as one town

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5. *What are the most important development and zoning issues facing South Hadley?*

No Response (2)

The Golf Courses

Need to ensure we do not become a strip mall community

Preserving natural areas and farms

Lack of affordable housing

Develop more retail businesses

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6. *What questions would you like answered by the Comprehensive Plan?*

No Response (2)

What are we going to do about housing?

Would like to see a non-town official on the committee – more than 1 preferred

What are long-term plans for preserving natural areas?

What can the group do about taxes, lack of affordable housing, hiking trails,
incentives for young adults to move to S.H., multi-use of golf course, and lack of
affordable housing

Will we be building more schools to accommodate the children?

Or will we be enlarging existing schools grounds or parking lots

Will we be able to vote for mayor in the future?