

**Years Residing in South Hadley: No Years Specified
(8 Responses)**

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

No Response

No traffic

Schools – kids are enjoying & learning

Sense of feel

Somewhat rural/but convenient

Sense of community

Small town

Easy access (2)

People

Competitive music programs at High School

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

Keeping kids out of trouble

Taxes (2)

Schools (2)

Parks

Libraries

Becoming "condo nation" (2)

Bring more entertainment business to town

Amount of development w/out concern for ample schools

Ledges

Condition of Beechgrounds park

Over development

Lack of affordable housing (2)

Need for Neighborhood Crime watch

Open Space

Decline of the Falls

Isolation of MHC

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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.)*

Indoor/Outdoor skating rinks
Enclose ice rink at farm fields
Revitalize Falls area
New schools
New "Plains" school
Get rid of Golf course dept.
More spaces for families to enjoy
A democracy (appt. of a mayor)
Community pool
Sprinkler park
A playground park similar to Dufrense Park or Look Park
Mixed income housing
New playground equipment at Woodlawn Park
More sidewalks
Bike path
No more big stores (unless Trader Joes)
YMCA, youth center
Buy the Castle
Columbus Day Fair
Less Division between "South Hadley and the Falls"
Combine Rec. Dept. & School dept. to expand use of school rec. facilities & conduct scheduling
New town center – w/updated Town Hall, Senior Center, Library, etc.

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

No Response (3)

Golf Course

Either turn Ledges to nature area or a private course

Taxes

Land Use (conflict between private property use & common good use)

Merge the Districts

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

Wider streets & intersections (Newton/Lyman)

Favoritism from Planning Bd. – Building Permits

Condos (2)

Lack of business tax base

The Castle

How to keep new development from ruining the character of South Hadley

Open space and Historic Preservation

Integrate Falls w/center w/comprehensive plan for whole town

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

No response

Short term & long-term goals for housing, taxes and public facilities

Good direction of development

Plan to implement improvements

Will there be a moratorium? Or a limit on the amount of development

Will Planning Board be able to regulate growth and consider impact on community services (schools, police, fire)

Can we get more sidewalks?

What will South Hadley look like in 30 years?

What will make it a nice place to live?

What will sustain the cost of government?

Where will people live, play, work, and worship?

Why would new people want to live here?

Why would current residents want to stay?

Who are the residents and business people at 30 years from now?

How do future residents connect with each other?

How do future residents make a living, connect to the past, and make a future for themselves?

How soon can 2 Districts become 1 town?