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

1. Do you consider South Hadley: (please check most appropriate answer)
   ___ A rural town ___ A suburb ___ A bedroom community ___ A town in transition

2. How important are the following to you?  1= Very | 2= Somewhat | 3=Not at all (comments are optional)
   ___ Rural, small town character Comment:__________________________________________________________________
   ___ Agricultural lands/pastures Comment:__________________________________________________________________
   ___ Forests and wildlife Comment:_________________________________________________________________________
   ___ Scenic views and vistas Comment:______________________________________________________________________
   ___ Protecting natural resources Comment:_________________________________________________________________
   ___ Town recreation facilities Comment:____________________________________________________________________
   ___ Buildings of historical interest Comment:________________________________________________________________
   ___ Cultural/arts activities, events Comment:________________________________________________________________

3. Which conservation areas in South Hadley have you heard of, visited, or used?
   *Bachelor Brook-Stony Brook  ___ Heard of it ___ Visited/Used  LeBlanc Conservation Area  ___ Heard of it ___ Visited/Used
   *Bynan Conservation Area      ___ Heard of it ___ Visited/Used  *Mount Holyoke Range Areas ___ Heard of it ___ Visited/Used
   *Bagg-Pierce Wildlife Sanctuary ___ Heard of it ___ Visited/Used  Trompke/Stony Brook Area  ___ Heard of it ___ Visited/Used
   *Warner Conservation Area     ___ Heard of it ___ Visited/Used  Hawkins Bird Sanctuary  ___ Heard of it ___ Visited/Used
   Titus Pond Conservation Area   ___ Heard of it ___ Visited/Used  Gormally Conservation Area ___ Heard of it ___ Visited/Used
   Carver Conservation Area       ___ Heard of it ___ Visited/Used  Popp Conservation Area   ___ Heard of it ___ Visited/Used
   Jones Conservation Area        ___ Heard of it ___ Visited/Used  *Black Stevens Area    ___ Heard of it ___ Visited/Used
   Newton Conservation Area       ___ Heard of it ___ Visited/Used  Bachelor Brook East Area  ___ Heard of it ___ Visited/Used
   Laurie Avenue Area             ___ Heard of it ___ Visited/Used  *These areas have at least one trail

4. 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) ________________________________________________________________________________

5. What community facilities in South Hadley have you heard of, visited, or used?
   Judd Park                    ___ Heard of it ___ Visited/Used  Ledges Golf Course  ___ Heard of it ___ Visited/Used
   Bicentennial Canal Park      ___ Heard of it ___ Visited/Used  Council on Aging    ___ Heard of it ___ Visited/Used
   Butter Brook Park           ___ Heard of it ___ Visited/Used  South Hadley Public Library ___ Heard of it ___ Visited/Used
   Beachgrounds Park/Town Field ___ Heard of it ___ Visited/Used  Gaylord Library     ___ Heard of it ___ Visited/Used
   School Athletic Fields       ___ Heard of it ___ Visited/Used  Town Hall         ___ Heard of it ___ Visited/Used
   South Hadley Town Fields     ___ Heard of it ___ Visited/Used  Fire House Museum  ___ Heard of it ___ Visited/Used
   Ferry Street Town Field      ___ Heard of it ___ Visited/Used  Woodlawn Park Athletic Field ___ Heard of it ___ Visited/Used
   [ ] Other (please explain) ________________________________________________________________________________

7. 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:_____________________________________________________________
   ___ Aquire land for passive recreation  Comment:_____________________________________________________________
   ___ Aquire 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