

Community Survey Results

Total Respondents: 87

1. Do you own undeveloped land in Hadley?	Yes	22	No	63				
2. Do you own residential property in Hadley?	Yes	74	No	13				
3. Do you think additional residential growth should be restricted?			Yes	59	No	19		
4. Do you think additional commercial/industrial growth should be restricted?				Yes	61	No	20	
5. How long have you lived in town?								
0-5 years		17						
6-10 years		5						
11-20 years		24						
>20 years		41						
6. Do you consider Hadley to be:								
o A farming community				70				
o A rural community				53				
o A bedroom community for Amherst and Northampton				37				
o A commercial and industrial center				21				
o A suburb of greater Springfield				4				
o Other SEE ATTACHED				20				
7. Which community goals are important to you?								
o Preserving historic buildings and sites				58				
o Protecting important farmlands				79				
o Protecting natural resources (wetlands, wildlife habitat)				66				
o Creating recreational areas/sites				42				
o Limiting development				48				
o Other SEE ATTACHED				6				
8. Why do you think Hadley should protect its open spaces and natural areas?								
o To provide wildlife habitat				64				
o To protect water quality and supply				68				
o To provide floodwater storage				38				
o To maintain the rural character				59				
o To encourage recreation and tourism				25				

- To preserve these areas for future generations 55
- Other SEE ATTACHED 3

9. What type of recreational facilities/areas would you want to see improved or expanded in Hadley?

- Football fields 2
- Soccer fields 10
- Baseball/Softball fields 9
- Parks/Picnic areas 47
- Canoe/Kayak access 44
- Snowmobile trails 9 2 NO
- Swimming areas 37
- Hiking and biking trails 50
- Hadley dike 35

10. What importance would you consider the following projects *in Hadley* ?

	Important	Neutral	Not Important
○ Develop new recreation fields and playgrounds	19	41	15
○ Purchase/maintain Connecticut River flood dikes	56	19	4
○ Purchase open space for conservation	66	9	4
○ Preserve areas for outdoor recreation	59	13	5
○ Preserve scenic vistas	60	10	5
○ Preserve Lake Warner and maintain North Hadley dam	38	26	12
○ Preserve natural habitats for fish and wildlife	66	13	3
○ Improve public access to the CT, Fort and Mill Rivers	44	29	14
○ Purchase land for protection of water supply	63	15	0

11. How often do you use these places *in Hadley* for recreation?

Place	Daily	Weekly	Monthly	Infrequently	Never
○ Mount Holyoke Range	2	10	20	36	11
○ Connecticut River	6	13	28	27	15
○ Lake Warner	4	4	11	29	27
○ Mt Warner	2	5	12	29	10
○ Rail Trail	6	14	16	25	10
○ Hadley dike	5	16	18	27	15
○ Conservation land	4	8	17	27	17
○ Town Common	4	4	9	40	19
○ Reservoir land off Bay Rd	0	7	5	29	33

o Playgrounds	4	8	8	13	43
o N. Hadley Town Hall field	2	1	1	28	48
o Soccer fields	1	5	6	8	45
o Baseball/softball fields	1	4	5	8	45
o Football fields	0	0	0	8	57
o UMass fields	2	0	2	13	48

12. How often do you participate in these activities *in Hadley* , and *where* ?

Activity	Daily	Weekly	Monthly	Infrequently	Never	Where?
o Hiking	10	19	17	25		2 SEE ATTACHED
o Running	4	11	5	27		5
o Bicycling	7	21	16	24		2
o Mountain biking	0	2	6	26		7
o Boating	0	7	5	27		5
o Swimming	2	3	6	27		7
o Fishing	0	4	2	25		6
o Hunting	0	2	2	23		7
o Canoe/kayaking	0	6	6	31		8
o Cross-country skiing	0	5	7	25		9
o Snowmobiling	0	2	3	20		9
o Riding ATVs	0	0	3	20		11
o Camping	1	1	3	23		6
o Bird-watching	13	9	9	21		4
o Outdoor photography	2	8	8	24		4
o Recreation Dept activities indoors	1	4	5	22		3
o Other						
Walking	4					
Rock Climbing	1					
Snowshoeing	1					

COMMENTS:

Question 6.

- Satellite to Umass
- A thru-way
- Both farming and commercial
- Other (but didn't check anything else)
- Home

- The best place to live in the valley
- Residential community
- Shopping destination
- Retail center
- A vibrant mix of rural agriculture, suburban residential, historic residential and commercial development- A Good Mix!

Question 7.

- Open space preservation
- Maintaining existing recreational sites
- I support planned development
- Silvio Conte NMR
- Moving toward self-sufficiency in food and energy for the future
- Creating recreational sites- beach on the CT river
- Building community- interpersonal and business
- All farmland is important- protecting agricultural way of life
- A town beach for swimming
- Not limit, but direct new development to areas with sewer and bus service- infill and more compact

Question 8.

- To improve quality of life
- Natural spaces and recreational spaces
- For farming
- Protected open space increases the tax base

Question 9.

- Basketball at Hopkins (outside)
- Riverfront beach at CT river
- Bike lanes that lead to rail trail
- Would like to see more access from near the Elementary School- make the town more walkable
- More sidewalks
- Tennis courts

Question 11.

- Would love to use these more but access and knowledge of available space is limited
- It would be great to have events at the Town Common

Question 12.

- You can camp in Hadley?
- Mountain biking off Shattuck Road
- Naked eye astronomy- need dark skies- reduce light pollution
- Boating- would if there was more access
- These things I would love to do with more frequency but have no idea where to go or how to access. Please make trail maps and trail markers.

Question 14. What is your favorite outdoor place in Hadley? Why?

- Little beach on CT River- it's so peaceful
- Town Common- it is the people's place!
- Dike
- Mount Warner- close to home and good hiking trails/wildlife
- Conte NMR Fort River Division-very excited about new trail under construction
- My front porch- the view
- Mount Warner environs and Umass stadium grounds- ease of access, natural environment
- Lake Warner- peaceful, birds, natural habitats
- Skinner, Lower reservoir
- Skinner State Park- scenic views
- Dike-hike/bike to get there
- The dike, Mt Warner, Mt Holyoke trails, Skinner Mtn- all very peaceful
- Hadley dike, Skinner Mtn- beautiful, restful, good hiking/walking
- CT River and Lake Warner- beauty, recreation and solitude
- Dike- access, river views
- Lake Warner- beautiful, relaxing
- CT River- grew up along it
- My farm- it's nice to work the fields, get away from traffic and crowds
- Ct River- nice recreation
- Holyoke range- easy access from house, lots of hiking
- Bike path, Holyoke Range-Silvio Conte NWR
- We really need more sidewalks in town for kids to walk and bike to school
- Mount Holyoke range
- The Common- history and nature together, great vistas
- Bike path
- Hadley Dike- the openness, view by the river and bird habitat
- Rail trail- tranquil, pretty, useful for getting places
- Reservoir- not crowded, multiple uses

- Mt Holyoke Range- scenic vistas, great hiking
- Top of Skinner Mtn- simply beautiful view
- Rail Trail
- The dike off the CT river- walking and beauty
- Dike-view of river
- Several
- Goodwill Library- is the only one that good here in Hadley
- Dike- view
- Hadley Garden Center
- Hard to choose: Lake Warner, Holyoke range, Rail trail, Hadley dike, Mt Warner, Moody Bridge Road- vistas, wildlife and plants, quiet
- Farm fields and mountains- they are beautiful, historic, always in view
 - Hadley has a lot of potential, but that outdoor potential is difficult to put to use if you don't know where to go or how to find it.
- All of Hadley (except sometimes Rt 9)- the view of the mtns, farms, trees, rivers
- Hadley meadows
- Lake Warner- peaceful, beautiful
- CT River- boating/swimming
- Holyoke range
- Behind our house on Spruce Hill- location, location, location
- View from Skinner Mtn
- So many- Summit house, Lake Warner- love nature
- Mt Warner- looking north to CT river toward Sugarloaf
- Lake Waner- it is peaceful and filled with birds. It brings people together
- Dike
- Town Common- we live on West Street! And so much possibility there. Would love to see common more widely used!
- Mt Holyoke
- Holyoke range- low population density, relatively quiet, cool
- Area behind Mitch's marina- Honey Pot- bird hunt
- North Hadley, ball field and Zatyarka Park- I love pocket parks! They are the future!
- Holyoke range- trail running
- Would like to see public access to the River
- The "Wild West" in North Hadley- peaceful and quiet
- Honey Pot- highest quality of loam in the US
- Skinner State Park, Hadley Dike
- Lake Warner- perfect location for kayaking, birdwatching. Important historical significance
- Rail trail- accessible and it is safe
- Seven Sister trail Mt Holyoke- view, quiet, nature, uncrowded
- Summit House- vista

- Rail trail- convenient, beautiful, can walk or bike
- CT River beach- wading, swimming, picnicking
- Rail trail- biking, walking, easy access, a flat place to walk
- Hadley Dike- beautiful spot
- Moody Bridge Road-west end
- Hockanum- good view, access to state land
- Bike trail- beauty, outdoor exercise
- CT river below Lake Warner Dam- fishing, bird-watching, hiking trails
 - We need more safe, legal access to CT River
- Mt Holyoke Summit
- My yard- quiet
- Senior Center- exercise, yoga
- Summit House at Holyoke range- very peaceful and beautiful view
- Rail trail- to walk (PS- did not know about Lake warner and Reservoir land off Bay Rd were available for recreation)
- Common- for walking
- Huntington Road- scenic view, open farm land and woods
- Lake Warner- It's the essence of N. Hadley, plus it has important historical significance- SAVE THE DAM!
- Mt Holyoke range- hiking trails, Summit house- picnics