

Specific Ratings:	Excellent	Good	Needs Improvem't	No Opinion		Excellent	Good	Needs Improvem't	No Opinion
Mayor and Council responsiveness to community needs	_____	_____	_____	_____	Schools K through 8	_____	_____	_____	_____
Mayor and Council keeping us informed (Borough Newsletter, website etc.)	_____	_____	_____	_____	Northern Highlands	_____	_____	_____	_____
Borough Hall staff responsiveness	_____	_____	_____	_____	Quality of Library	_____	_____	_____	_____
Borough Hall staff effectiveness	_____	_____	_____	_____	Cultural Center programs	_____	_____	_____	_____
Borough emergency services (Police, fire, rescue, ambulance)	_____	_____	_____	_____	Historical Society Hopper-Goetschius Museum and events	_____	_____	_____	_____
Other services (garbage, recycle, snow removal)	_____	_____	_____	_____	Memorial Day Celebration and Parade	_____	_____	_____	_____
Borough environmental programs	_____	_____	_____	_____					

What else should we do to improve Government and Services?

OTHER

What else needs to be done to make Upper Saddle River an even better place to live?

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**PLEASE FOLD AND RETURN YOUR COMPLETED SURVEY
 BY NOVEMBER 1, 2011**

Mail back or drop off your completed survey at the
 Borough Hall or the Library

Place 44¢ Stamp Here

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S U R V E Y

Please take a few minutes to help guide the future of Upper Saddle River!

How long have you lived in USR?

Under 1 year _____ 1-5 years _____ 6-10 years _____ 11-20 years _____ over 20 years _____

What is your age range?

Under 21 _____ 21-35 _____ 36-45 _____ 46-64 _____ 65 and over _____

Optional:

Your Name _____ Phone # _____

Optional:

Email address _____

Do you participate in volunteer activities for the Borough?

Yes _____ No _____ If no, would you like to? Yes _____ No _____

WHAT YOU LIKE ABOUT UPPER SADDLE RIVER

What is most important in making Upper Saddle River a good place for you and your family to live?
Please select the 5 most important from the following list and rank them from 1-5, 1 being most important.

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| ___ Value (of living here vs. cost) | ___ Beauty: homes, trees, landscaping |
| ___ Quality of government | ___ People, neighborliness |
| ___ Town services (police, garbage, etc.) | ___ Community spirit |
| ___ Library | ___ Quality of schools |
| ___ Cultural center activities | ___ Recreational programs, sports activities |
| ___ Historic heritage of the area, museum | ___ Open space, parks |
| ___ Churches | ___ Safe, clean environment. |
| ___ Semi-rural atmosphere | ___ Other _____ |
| ___ Location, proximity to work, near NYC | _____ |

Comment: _____

VISION 2020 PROGRESS

The following were the six major recommendations from the original Vision 2020 study, in order of importance:

1. Preserve our Semi-Rural Character

What has been done since the original Vision 2020 Report:

- Elmers rebuilt with rustic look including a gathering space
- Historic Preservation Ordinance passed 2008: 19 of 42 historic homes and sites have received plaques.
- Size and bulk of new homes under study by Planning Board.
- Stronger Shade Tree Ordinance adopted 2010.
- Mt. Laurel plan for Round 3 submitted.
- Historic Preservation Commission formed and received 2010 Award from the County

Overall, how would you rate USR on preserving its Semi-Rural Character?

Excellent_____ Very Good_____ Fairly Good_____ Not Good_____ No Opinion_____

What should be done with the wooded property on the corner of West Saddle River Road and Lake Street?

Nothing, leave as is____; Preserve for future Borough use____;

Consider sale for development to reduce municipal debt____;

What else needs to be done to preserve our Semi-Rural character? _____

2. Ensure our Safety.

What has been done since the original Vision 2020 Report:

- Cut out on West Saddle River Road installed to ease turns into schools.
- OEM plan is now on Borough website at www.usrtoday.org.
- Changes at corner of West Saddle River Road and Lake Street completed reducing traffic congestion.
- Hydrants are being installed as road work is done.
- Signage on 25 mph streets installed.
- Control system installed allowing emergency vehicles to pass through quickly.

Overall, how would you rate USR as a safe place to live?

Very Safe_____ Fairly Safe_____ Not Safe_____ No Opinion_____

What are your main concerns in regard to safety in USR? _____

What else should we do to ensure safety in USR? _____

3. Protect our Environment

What has been done since the original Vision 2020 Report:

- A River Assessment program implemented to monitor water quality.
- water conservation, cancellation of catalogs, no idling and more.
- A Clean Water Act suit is in progress to protect our river from pollution emanating from across the state line
- USR was named NJ Healthy Town.
- Mayor and Council continue to represent the Borough's interest in protecting us from harmful overdevelopment across the State line.
- Green Team formed, second application for Sustainable Jersey certification submitted.
- Environmental Committee has launched programs including use of pesticides, composting, electric and
- Mayor and Council working with Rockland Electric to limit pesticide and cutting used in their maintenance program.

Overall, how would you rate USR as far as protecting our environment

Excellent_____ Very Good_____ Fairly Good_____ Not Good_____

Considering that we have private wells in most of the Borough, what should we do to protect the quality of our water supply? _____

The quantity of our water supply? _____

What are your main concerns in regard to protecting our environment? _____

What else should we do to protect our environment? _____

4. Control Cost of Living

What has been done since the original Vision 2020 Report:

- The Rt. 17 Corridor has been developed, only one parcel remains.
- Our Borough Engineer routinely applies for grants.
- School budgets have been adjusted.
- Sharing of services continues to be explored with other communities.
- Energy audit performed on municipal building and many cost saving recommendations have been implemented.
- Recycling now picked up curbside

Overall, how would you rate the value of living in USR vs. cost?

High value _____ Fairly good _____ Cost exceeds value _____

What are your main concerns in regard to controlling the cost of living in USR? _____

What more should we do to control the cost of living here? _____

5. Keep Improving Quality of Life Including Recreational Opportunities

What has been done since the original Vision 2020 Report:

- Lion's field renovation including field house with rest rooms completed.
- Well installed to limit water bills.
- Lighting along parking lot and electricity to well pump being installed.
- Tennis courts being refurbished.
- New events implemented: tennis clinics for adults, soccer and basketball clinics for special needs children, walking program for all ages, free school play for seniors.
- Volunteer opportunities are listed in the Borough Bulletin.
- Events sign at corner of West Saddle River Road and Lake Street will be upgraded and landscaped.

Overall, how would you rate the quality of life in USR?

Excellent _____ Good _____ Fair _____ Poor _____

Should the Borough continue to invest in enhancing our public recreational areas? _____
How? _____

What are your main concerns in regard to quality of life in USR, including recreation? _____

What seniors' needs would you like to see addressed? _____

6. Maintain High Quality Government and Services

What has been done since the original Vision 2020 Report:

- Twice a week garbage pickup in winter put in place.
- Web site expanded and improved.
- See also Quality of Life above.

Overall, how would you rate government and services (fire, police, service clubs etc) in USR?

Excellent _____ Very good _____ Good _____ Fair _____ Poor _____