

WHAT SUGGESTIONS DO YOU HAVE TO IMPROVE LIVINGSTON? HERE IS YOUR CHANCE TO HAVE YOUR OPINION HEARD!



Statement of Purpose

“Some communities allow the future to happen to them. *Successful* communities decide the future is something they can create. These communities take the time to produce a *vision* of the future they desire and employ a process that helps them achieve their goals.” National Civic League Handbook.

The purpose of this town-appointed committee is to create a long-term vision for the Township of Livingston that will improve the quality of life for the community, its residents and businesses.

BUILDING A BETTER LIVINGSTON.... TOGETHER

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COMMUNITY QUESTIONNAIRE

- A. From the following, select the areas that are of the greatest overall importance to you. Rank them from “1” to “11” with “1” being the **most** important and “11” being the **least** important.

_____ Economic Development
_____ Transportation
_____ Public Safety
_____ Preserving Open Space
_____ Youth and Social Services
_____ Recreation and Parks
_____ Education
_____ Arts and Culture
_____ Senior Citizens
_____ Volunteerism
_____ Conservation and Environment

- B. From the following, select the areas that you think are priorities for improvement in Livingston’s future. Rank them, from “1” to “11” with “1” being the **most** important and “11” being the **least** important.

_____ Economic Development
_____ Transportation
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_____ Preserving Open Space
_____ Youth and Social Services
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_____ Adult Education
_____ Arts and Culture
_____ Senior Citizens
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_____ Conservation and Environment

For the following questions, please circle one number (1 to 5) with "1" being the **most** effective and "5" being the **least** effective.

1. How effectively do we support **arts and culture** in Livingston? 1 2 3 4 5 Don't Know
- a) Would you support a permanent performing arts center in town? YES _ NO ___
If yes, do you have a suggestion for a location? _____
 - b) Do you favor putting effort into establishing a movie theater in town? YES ___ NO ___
If yes, do you have a suggestion for a location? _____
 - c) Would you contribute to fund raising efforts for Livingston's arts and cultural activities? YES, I already contribute ____ YES, I would contribute ___ NO ____

COMMENTS/SUGGESTIONS: _____

2. How satisfied are you with **economic development** in Livingston? 1 2 3 4 5 Don't Know
- a) Do you shop at the Livingston Mall? YES, frequently ____ YES, sometimes ____ YES, infrequently ___ NO ____
If no, why not? _____
 - b) Does your child (children) frequent the Livingston Mall?
YES ____ NO ____ NOT APPLICABLE ____
If no, why not? _____
 - c) Is there a new type of business that you would like to see in town? Explain:

 - d) Are you aware of/familiar with the work of the Business Improvement District?
YES ___ SOMEWHAT ___ NO ___
 - e) If you are a business in town, what would help you become more successful?

COMMENTS/SUGGESTIONS: _____

3. How effectively do we deal with **transportation** needs in Livingston? 1 2 3 4 5 Don't Know

- a) Would you/your family use an in-town shuttle service to transport residents to key locations in town? YES ___ NO ___ DEPENDS ON: _____
If yes, what pick-up and drop-off points are essential for you? _____
What schedule/timing would be essential for you? _____
If yes, what would you be willing to pay per trip? \$2 ___ \$3 ___ \$4 ___
- b) Would you use a shuttle service to train stations such as Chatham, Summit and Millburn for commuting to NYC that would leave from and park and ride lot in town? YES ___ NO ___ DEPENDS ON _____
If yes would you be willing to pay for it? YES ___ NO ___
- c) If you commute by bus to NYC, would you park at a paid park and ride lot in town? YES ___ NO ___ If yes, what daily fee would you be willing to pay? \$2 ___ \$3 ___ \$4 ___ More than \$4 ___
- d) Currently, when you take the bus to NYC, do you park at a Livingston retail or office parking lot? YES ___ NO ___ NOT APPLICABLE _____

COMMENTS/SUGGESTIONS: _____

4. How effectively do we deal with **public safety** in Livingston? 1 2 3 4 5 Don't Know

- a) Do you have any concerns for your public safety? YES ___ NO ___
If yes, what are they? _____
- b) Does Livingston effectively deal with in-town traffic flow? YES ___ TO SOME DEGREE ___ NO ___

COMMENTS/SUGGESTIONS: _____

5. How do you rate Livingston on managing its **recreation and parks**? 1 2 3 4 5 Don't Know

a) How would you rate Livingston on maintenance of fields and parks? Excellent ___ Good ___ Fair ___ Poor ___

b) Do you use any of the town parks? YES ___ NO ___ Which ones _____

c) What improvements, if any, would you suggest for the parks? _____

d) What if any, additional recreational facility do you suggest for the parks? _____

e) As Livingston acquires open spaces, for what purposes should they be used? Please list the uses _____

COMMENTS/SUGGESTIONS: _____

6. In Livingston, how effective are we in promoting **volunteerism**? 1 2 3 4 5 Don't Know

a) Would you like to volunteer for a town committee? YES ___ NO ___

If yes, indicate your interests: _____

What is your area of expertise? _____

Email address? _____

COMMENTS/SUGGESTIONS: _____

7. How effectively does Livingston support and promote a strong **educational** system?

1 2 3 4 5 Don't Know

a) Would you participate in an Adult Continuing Education Curriculum in town?

YES ___ NO ___ Depends on: _____

If yes, in what courses would you be interested? _____

COMMENTS/SUGGESTIONS: _____

8. How effectively does Livingston promote the preservation of the **environment and open space**? 1 2 3 4 5 Don't Know

- a) Would you be in favor of increasing the open space tax allotment to allow the town to compete for open space that comes on the market place? YES ___ NO ___ Don't know ___
- b) Do you feel that development in town is occurring at a manageable and acceptable pace? YES ___ NO ___ Don't Know ___
- c) Besides the standard items (glass, plastic, cans and newspapers) what items would you like the township to recycle on a regular basis?

- d) What suggestions do you have for reducing carbon emissions and carbon footprint in town? _____

COMMENTS/SUGGESTIONS _____

9. In Livingston, how effective are we in providing programs and facilities for our **senior citizens**? 1 2 3 4 5 Don't Know

- a) Are you familiar with senior programs and services? VERY FAMILIAR _____ SOMEWHAT FAMILIAR _____ NOT FAMILIAR _____
- b) Are there any important programs/services for senior citizens that we lack in Livingston? YES ___ NO ___ Don't Know ___
- c) Would you be interested in volunteering to help seniors in town? If so, how?

COMMENTS/SUGGESTIONS: _____

10. In Livingston, how effective are we is dealing with issues relating to the town's **youth**? 1 2 3 4 5 Don't Know

- a) How familiar are you with the town's youth programs> very familiar ___ Somewhat familiar ___ Not familiar ___
- b) Are there any important programs/services for youth that we lack in Livingston? YES ___ NO ___ DON'T KNOW ___
If yes, what? _____

COMMENTS/SUGGESTIONS: _____

11. Do you have any additional issues that you feel are not addressed by the township? Would you be willing to join one of the town's subcommittees? If yes, please provide your name, address, telephone and e-mail address for future contact. You also may contact the Town Clerk at townclerk@livingstonnj.org.

12. Please write here any comments, concerns, or recommendations.

13. Demographic information, (optional): _____ male _____ female

_____ under age 20
_____ age 20 – 29
_____ age 30 – 39
_____ age 40 – 49
_____ age 50 or older

THANK YOU!

Please return this questionnaire to boxes located in the Livingston Library, Community Center, Town Hall or mail the questionnaire to:

**Vision 20/20 Committee
Livingston Township Hall
357 South Livingston Avenue
Livingston, New Jersey 07039-3927**

This questionnaire also is available online at

<http://www.livingstonnj.org/>

If you prefer to e-mail your response, send it to Alan Karpas, Chairman, at alan@karpas.net