

Summary of Issues/Concerns

Identified Initial High Priorities

Schools, Parks, & Civic Amenities

1. Potential build-out impacts on recreation/school facilities
2. Lower Saucon Township, Hellertown Borough & School District communication regarding recreation & civic amenities
3. Vehicular traffic impacts on pedestrian/bicycle activity
4. Lack of designated pedestrian/bicycle lanes/trails/routes
5. Hellertown's streetscape enhancement opportunities

Neighborhoods

1. "Neighborhood feeling" in Lower Saucon Township
2. "Destinations" or "attractions" throughout the region
3. Single-family homes vs. two- or multi-family structures
4. Pedestrian safety/crossings in Hellertown

Business Development/Economic Opportunities

1. Provision of quality restaurants
2. Opportunities for large scale economic development projects
3. Attracting/offering unique retail selection
4. Lighting on Hellertown's Main Street for pedestrian traffic
5. Many stores close at 5:00 p.m.
6. Expansion of public parking in Hellertown

Infrastructure/Transportation

1. Sewer extensions pending south of Hellertown on Route 412
2. Available/future infrastructure plant capacities
3. Good communication between authorities to optimize solutions and resources
4. Casino traffic impacts on Route 412 and 378

Community Services/Fiscal Resources

1. Aging community - Attracting different age groups
2. Need for volunteers (e.g. Fire department)
3. Community services seek same funds/same methods
4. Leaf recycling costs in Lower Saucon Township
5. Recycling/garbage collection
6. Potential issues of build-out on 412 corridor
7. Borough housing market vs. Bethlehem/Freemansburg
8. Crime: Drugs, gangs and transient population
9. Sewer Capacity
10. Range of costs between communities for police, EMS and fire
11. Services (5 volunteer fire companies / training 1 yr. requirement; 1 career EMS [some volunteer also]; 2 full-time police forces)

Initial Medium Priority Issues/Concerns

Schools, Parks, & Civic Amenities

1. Lack of signage for recreation areas

Neighborhoods

1. Bicycle safety on Lower Saucon Township roads

Community Services/Fiscal Resources

1. Elderly /Childless – How can SVSD support?

Initial Low Priority Issues/Concerns

Schools, Parks, & Civic Amenities

1. Inadequate number of after school opportunities/programs for kids
2. Lack of publicity for facilities and events

Neighborhoods

1. Lack of sidewalks in Lower Saucon Township
2. Size and character of new houses in Lower Saucon
3. Large houses are fundamental to supporting the school district
4. Current infrastructure capacities in Lower Saucon may not have the potential to support denser housing

Business Development/Economic Opportunities

1. Need an organization that has on-going, active focus on downtown Hellertown