

# SLIPPERY ROCK BOROUGH COMPREHENSIVE PLAN TOWN HALL MEETINGS AND ONLINE SURVEY SEPT 13, 2023 SUMMARY OF PUBLIC INPUT

## ASSETS, ISSUES, AND VISION

Below are the top ASSETS, ISSUES, and VISION hopes and goals as indicated by participants in public input activities on September 13, 2023. Activities included:

- Town Hall virtual meeting 12:00pm
- Town Hall in-person meeting 6:00pm at Slippery Rock University Alumni House
- Online survey open all day via the borough website

The top items come from a combination of common responses to the survey, input at the virtual meeting, exit survey ranking done at the in-person meeting, and other comments from the survey.

The details of the tabulations and actual input of participants are included in a separate report.

## TOP ASSETS OF SLIPPERY ROCK BOROUGH

Slippery Rock University and what it offers to the community in its physical presence, activities, culture, and potential for community growth and involvement.

Small town character and sense of community.

Safety, low crime, and the community's fire, EMS, and police services.

Location in proximity to the highway system, nearby towns, Pittsburgh, and Canada.

The surrounding area, largely rural with state parks and outdoor recreation opportunities.

The people, friendly and neighborly.

Slippery Rock community park.

Business environment, with its small, local businesses and restaurants.

Community events.

The downtown and its streetscape and walkability.

## TOP ISSUES OF SLIPPERY ROCK BOROUGH

Sidewalks in need of maintenance, especially in the downtown residential area, and gaps where sidewalks are needed.

Need to address drainage issues and update stormwater management infrastructure.

Need to address spots of vacant and deteriorated buildings, and rental property conditions and upkeep.

Traffic control, especially speeding vehicles.

Needed road repairs and maintenance.

Dissatisfaction with the borough government and communication with citizens.

Lack of inclusive and meaningful community collaboration.

Lack of coordination and communication between the university and the borough.

Lack of public transportation, especially for elderly.

Need for new businesses, though opinions varied on the types needed.

## TOP VISION HOPES AND GOALS OF SLIPPERY ROCK BOROUGH

Seek business growth with lots of places to eat and shop, and with preference for small, local businesses.

Increase cooperation and communication between the borough, businesses, the university, and citizens.

Have a strong university presence.

Be a friendly, welcoming community where people are connected to each other and the place.

Continue to beautify and enhance the charm of the town including gardens and greenspace.

Keep the small-town feel.

Continue to have and add to events, activities, and things to do.

Attract more permanent residents, families, and single-family homes.

Remain a safe place.

Be an outdoor recreation hub.

## RANKING OF PRELIMINARY ISSUES AND GOALS

As part of the online survey and in-person meeting exit survey, participants were asked to rate issues and goals that the borough's planning work group preliminarily identified as important. Below is the tabulation.

