The role of task groups within committees:

- Task groups are organized by the committee to gather information on specific issues to identify related concerns, or to develop alternative strategies to solve a problem.
- Task groups broaden participation and expand resources available to the program.
- Task groups should not be organized so that they represent homogeneous interests.
- Individuals invited to join a task group contribute their expertise and experience on a specific topic without having to invest the time to participate in a larger program.
- Tasks groups report their results to the committee.
Techniques for citizen involvement:

- Charrettes.
- Community Meetings.
- Focus Groups.
- Hotlines.
- Interviews.
- Polls and Surveys.
- Public Hearings.
- Referenda and Ballot Initiatives.
- Team Building Activities.
- Workshops.
- Written Comments.