

III. Steering Committee and Public Participation Process

Major input for this project was gathered by working with the citizens and officials of the City of Versailles and Woodford County to elicit opinions, ideas, solutions, and to build consensus. Citizens and leaders were tapped as a valuable resource to determine opportunities and potential improvement projects.

An array of techniques and medias were used to get citizens and officials involved and constructively participating in projects. Seven committee brainstorming meetings and four public workshop/meetings were held. At these workshops participants were asked to draw on overhead maps to identify problems, solutions, and to find consensus amongst groups.



Other activities included filling out surveys and doing individual graphical plans of new ideas for roadway networks and potential land uses. This input was used to guide the design and scope of potential improvement projects. At the close of the participation process, an open house was held to allow citizens to view the projects that were selected from committee meetings and public workshops. At this open house final comments were recorded, and the attendees were asked to rank the projects in order of need and importance. Minutes and materials from these meetings can be found in **Appendices A and B**

In conjunction with the other methods, a project specific website (www.versaillesgrant.com) was also created to allow people to follow the project's progress. The project overview, meeting minutes, meeting maps, presentations, and pictures were posted and updated at regular intervals. This site was a point of contact for many residents unable to attend meetings and workshops. The site offered online comments, as well as previews of what was to be presented and discussed at upcoming meetings. Such information provided people time to think about issues and subjects, and feel better prepared for workshops and participation.

