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Master List of Methods (ordered by level of involvement)

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Contests or Events	X				
Dealing with the Public in the Agency/Gov't Office	X				
Direct Mail	X				
News Releases and Mass Media	X				
Newspaper Inserts	X				
Poster Campaign	X				
Computer Simulations		X			
Creating & Maintaining an Electronic Bulletin Board		X			
Cumulative Brochure		X			
Displays and Exhibits		X			
Educational Forums		X			
Field Offices		X			
Guided Tours		X			
Hotline		X			

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Informing the Public About Your Decision Making Process		X			
Involve Existing Clubs; Civic Groups; Other Organizations		X			
Involve Schools Systems		X			
Mapping & Reporting Socio-Political and Environmental Data		X			
Public Educational Meetings		X			
Public Meetings		X			
Role Playing		X			
Use Existing Newsletters; Other Publications		X			
Websites		X			
Brainstorming Session			X		
Delphi			X		
Design Charette			X		
Focus Groups			X		

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Gaming			X		
Interviews			X		
Citizens' Advisory Committee			X		
Nominal Group Technique			X		
Open Houses			X		
Opinion Surveys			X		
Public Access Television			X		
Public Hearings			X		
Reports, Brochures, and Information Bulletins			X		
Visual Preference Survey			X		
Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities and Threats Analysis			X		
Citizens' Jury Panel				X	
Consensus Conference				X	

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Key Contacts				X	
Public Forum				X	
Samoan Circle				X	
Visioning				X	
Citizens' Planning Committee					X
Referenda					X