Introduction
AARP is a project in my lab that’s based around engaging people with environmental health tools, more specifically our own tool called the My Block Counts community block assessment tool. The purpose of the app is to improve livability for all, and our lab got the AARP grant from the state of Maryland. Before we got people to use the app, we have to make sure they can navigate social media which is the purpose of this social literacy workshop.

Activities:
My teammates and I were in charge of creating a PowerPoint to teach older adults how to use and navigate social media. We also had to work on recruiting a pool of participants.

Impact:
As a whole, my internship lab works to improve environmental health and better our communities as a whole. This specific project works to do that by helping older adults use apps so that eventually, they can use our app in their communities. This will also help in bridging the digital divide in our society.

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Issues Confronting Site:
It was challenging finding participants and recruiting them. A lot of the places we tried to recruit from would not reach back out to us, or were closed due to Covid-19.

Future Work:
I am still very involved with the lab although I am now on a different project. This project will help in bridging the digital divide that exists in our society between older adults and the younger generation. Eventually, it will help to improve environmental health as they get to using our app.

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