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Shannon Lyons is a New York University Alumni who worked in the NYU Langone Health's Department of Environmental Medicine for 20 years. Shannon is trained as a Research Scientist and a Community Engagement Associate, with a Master's degree in Environmental Medicine. She spent the first 10 years at NYULH primarily in the laboratory, but has since shifted gears to focus more broadly on environmental health and age-friendly community outreach and engagement. Shannon's community-based work has combined these two concepts in order to better understand and define age-friendly environmental and public health issues in New Jersey communities. Her first age-friendly project experience was more than 10 years ago as *Generations for Garfield*, a Bergen County, NJ age-friendly initiative, was launched within the Garfield Public Health Department. While still at NYULH, Shannon led the development, implementation and analysis of the community survey in Fair Lawn, NJ as they began their age friendly initiative, *Fair Lawn for All Ages* in 2020. More recently, Shannon has joined the Rutgers Bloustein School of Planning and Public Policy team as a consultant providing training and technical assistance for the New Jersey Age-Friendly Grants Program. Shannon has published several peer-reviewed journal articles and serves on the Advisory Board for the Aging and Social Change Network. In 2018, she was named a New York University Aging Incubator Senior Fellow. In 2022, she launched The Harpour Group, LLC consulting group and serves as Managing Partner, where she continues to focus on projects related to community engagement and coalition building strategies, including the *Age-Friendly Bergen Roundtable*.