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Though the suburbs are often healthier places to live as compared to cities, health outcomes by race/ethnicity in Nassau County highlight the disparities exist: diabetes rates among Latinos are twice that of whites, whites were more likely to have had a cancer screening than other racial/ethnic groups, and infant mortality is more than four times higher among African Americans than whites. Using digital video storytelling methods and the principles of community based participatory research Suburban Health Story Exchange examines the lived experiences of health inequity on residents in Nassau County. The digital narratives were used to increase awareness among undergraduate and graduate students about the impact place, the built environment, community resources and social determinants have on health outcomes and videos were mapped on an interactive website.