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**Author of “The Green Amendment” to present about environmental rights
at Rachel Carson Open House**

Silver Spring, MD – Maya van Rossum, the Delaware Riverkeeper and leader of the Green Amendment movement, will hold a talk about her book *The Green Amendment: Securing Our Right to a Healthy Environment* at the Rachel Carson Landmark Alliance open house on May 4.

The Green Amendment outlines the need for constitutional protection of our environmental rights. In 2013, van Rossum and her team won a watershed legal victory that not only protected Pennsylvania communities from ruthless frackers, but breathed legal life into the constitutional right of people in the state to a clean and healthy environment.

“I am honored to be invited to speak about my book *The Green Amendment* in the house where Rachel Carson, one of the founders of the modern environmental movement, wrote her book *Silent Spring*. I believe Green Amendments are the next step in this environmental movement, providing constitutional protection of our inalienable rights to pure water, clean air, and a healthy environment. Just as Rachel Carson inspired a generation of environmental activists, I too hope to inspire people to embrace their environmental rights,” said **Maya van Rossum, author of *The Green Amendment* and founder of the Green Amendment movement.**

Following the 2013 victory, van Rossum inaugurated the Green Amendment movement, dedicated to empowering every American community to mobilize for constitutional change. In *The Green Amendment*, van Rossum lays out an inspiring new agenda for environmental advocacy, one that will empower people.

This strategy allows people to recognize that they have a right to pure water, clean air, and a healthy environment, one that allows people to claim and defend that right in the courts if necessary. *The Green Amendment* includes a powerful foreword authored by Mark Ruffalo, which supports the visionary constitutional path advocated for in the book. *The Green Amendment* was selected as a 2018 Living Now Evergreen Awards GOLD Winner in the Nature Conservation category.

The event will be held on May 4 at the Rachel Carson House, 11701 Berwick Road, Silver Spring, MD from 12pm-3pm. The book talk will begin at 12:15pm.

To learn more about the book, and Maya van Rossum, visit mayavanrossum.green.

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