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**In Wake of Failed Prop 23 –
Passage of a Constitutional Environmental Rights Amendment
Will be Topic of Two Talks in Gainesville**

Gainesville, FL – Maya van Rossum, the Delaware Riverkeeper and leader of the Delaware Riverkeeper Network, will give a talk about environmental rights on March 26 and March 27. Author of the book *The Green Amendment: Securing our Right to a Healthy Environment*, van Rossum will educate attendees about how current environmental laws are failing us and how constitutional protection of environmental rights can result in transformational change. van Rossum’s book was just announced as a [Forward Indies Book of the Year Award finalist](#).

“Although Florida’s recently proposed environmental rights amendment, Prop 23, has been rejected by the Florida Constitution Revision Commission, the fact that it was even proposed shows how the people of Florida are recognizing that they deserve constitutional protection of their right to a healthy environment,” van Rossum said. “I hope my book and talk will empower Floridians and show them a path forward for securing a Green Amendment and the environmental protection they deserve.”

During her talks, van Rossum will educate attendees about how a provision placed in the Declaration of Rights would secure the highest level of protection of environmental rights and how Florida’s current constitutional language is failing to provide needed protection.

The people of Pennsylvania have the “right to pure water, clean air, and a healthy environment” guaranteed in the Pennsylvania Constitution. van Rossum was a lead petitioner in the landmark *Robinson Township, Delaware Riverkeeper Network vs Commonwealth of Pennsylvania* case which breathed life into the amendment. This victory inspired her to start the Green Amendment movement to empower every state to mobilize for constitutional change.

The March 26 event will take place at the Working Food Community Center at 5:30pm, hosted by the St. John’s Sierra Club.

The March 27 event will take place at First Magnitude Brewing Company at 7:00pm, hosted by Third House Books and We Are Neutral.

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To learn more about the Green Amendment movement and Maya van Rossum, visit mayavanrossum.green.

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Delaware Riverkeeper Network (DRN) is a nonprofit membership organization working throughout the four states of the Delaware River Watershed including Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Delaware and New York. DRN provides effective environmental advocacy, volunteer monitoring programs, stream restoration projects, public education, and legal enforcement of environmental protection laws.