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The Delaware Riverkeeper to Present about Environmental Rights at Medford Leas

Medford, NJ – Maya van Rossum, the Delaware Riverkeeper and leader of the Delaware Riverkeeper Network, will give a talk about environmental rights and her book *The Green Amendment: Securing our Right to a Healthy Environment*. During the talk, van Rossum will discuss constitutional environmental amendments and the status of proposed environmental rights protections in New Jersey.

New Jersey is poised to become the third state in the nation to recognize and protect the right to a healthy environment as an inalienable right on par with other fundamental freedoms like the right to free speech. While there is currently no language about the environment in the New Jersey Constitution, the proposed protections would add environmental rights to the state's bill of rights.

“My talk will highlight the importance of constitutional protection of our environmental rights. Currently only two states place the right to clean air, pure water, and healthy environment on par with other rights such as the right to free speech,” van Rossum said. “I will talk about the importance of this protection and about the current proposed protections in New Jersey.”

Attendees will learn how Green Amendments can improve environmental protection. van Rossum is a champion of environmental constitutional amendments. She was an original petitioner in the landmark *Robinson Township, Delaware Riverkeeper Network, et al v. Commonwealth of Pennsylvania* case, which breathed new legal life into Pennsylvania's environmental rights amendment.

The event will take place on Saturday, September 8 at 11 a.m. at 45 Medford Leas, Medford, NJ. 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.

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