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The Delaware Riverkeeper Presents New Tool for Activism at Environmental Justice Conference

Washington, D.C. – Maya van Rossum, the Delaware Riverkeeper and leader of the Delaware Riverkeeper Network, will present at the 2018 National Environmental Justice Conference about the importance of securing constitutional protections for environmental rights. She will discuss environmental rights and her book *The Green Amendment: Securing our Right to a Healthy Environment* on April 26 at 1:30pm.

“Green Amendments give environmental justice advocates a new tool in fighting for the environmental rights of communities,” van Rossum said. “Enshrining environmental rights in the Bill of Rights section of a state’s constitution ensures each individual and community has the same right to clean water, clean air and a healthy environment that must be protected. It means there can be no more environmental sacrifice zones.”

A veteran environmental activist, attorney, and author, 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 life into Pennsylvania’s environmental rights amendment.

Following this 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 finally empower people.

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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