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Constitutional Environmental Rights Talk to be Held at Rights of Nature Symposium

Lafayette, CO – Maya van Rossum, the Delaware Riverkeeper, will hold a talk and signing about her book *The Green Amendment: Securing Our Right to a Healthy Environment* on February 2nd.

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.

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 empower people.

“Clearly Colorado recognizes the need for something more, for something better, when it comes to environmental protection. The people of Colorado should have their environmental rights recognized as inalienable rights, protecting them at the highest legal level. I am looking forward to speaking about this concept and hope to inspire a statewide Green Amendment movement,” said **Maya van Rossum, the Delaware Riverkeeper, and author of *The Green Amendment*.**

This strategy allows people to recognize that they have a right to pure water, clean air, and a healthy environment, and 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 talk will be held on February 2 at 12:10pm at the Lafayette Library, 755 Baseline Rd, Lafayette, CO.

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

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