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**Author of “The Green Amendment” to present about environmental rights
at two events in Tallahassee**

Tallahassee, FL – 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 two events on April 22 and 23.

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’m happy to be back in Florida, discussing the future of environmental protection with communities. People are starting to realize that a right to clean air, clean water, a stable climate and a healthy environment are not given the constitutional recognition or protection that they deserve and need,” said **Maya van Rossum, author of *The Green Amendment* and founder of the Green Amendment movement.** “While Florida’s constitution does talk about the environment in several provisions, it does not recognize and protect environmental rights as inalienable rights to be given the same constitutional recognition and protection as other fundamental freedoms like free speech rights and due process rights. Given that we all need clean water, clean air and a healthy environment to sustain our healthy lives, I look forward to speaking with Floridians about how a Green Amendment can provide a powerful difference in giving them the environmental protection and justice they deserve.”

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.

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The first talk will be an event with 411 Teen Tallahassee. The event will be held on April 22 at 6:30pm at Temple Israel, 2215 Mahan Dr, Tallahassee, FL 32308.

The second talk will be held on April 23 at 6:30pm at Saint Paul's United Methodist Church 1700 North Meridian Road, Tallahassee, FL 32303

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

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