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The Delaware Riverkeeper to Speak at NOFA Winter Conference

New Brunswick, NJ – Maya van Rossum, the Delaware Riverkeeper and leader of the Delaware Riverkeeper Network, will present about environmental rights and her book *The Green Amendment: Securing Our Right to a Healthy Environment*, at the NOFA-NJ winter conference.

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.

“Farmers and gardeners see firsthand the devastation caused by environmental harms,” van Rossum said. “During my workshop, I’ll present a path forward to protecting our environment and our right to clean air, pure water, and a healthy environment. Farmer’s livelihoods, and our entire food system, depend on a 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.

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 at 3:15pm on January 26. The conference will be held at Rutgers University, Douglass Campus Center, 100 George St, New Brunswick, NJ 08901.

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

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