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## "The Green Amendment" Wins GOLD in the 2018 Living Now Awards

**Traverse City, MI & Bristol, PA –** *The Green Amendment: Securing our Right to a Healthy Environment,* authored by Maya van Rossum, the Delaware Riverkeeper and leader of the Delaware Riverkeeper Network, was selected as the 2018 Living Now Evergreen Awards GOLD Winner in the Nature Conservation category. The Living Now Evergreen Book Medals were founded to "commemorate world-changing books".

"It is an amazing honor to receive such a prestigious recognition. I wrote *The Green Amendment* in the hopes of inspiring a much needed change in how we recognize and protect environmental rights. I'm so grateful for both this Gold Medal recognition and the opportunity it presents for helping to spread the good word," said Maya van Rossum, author of the book.

In 2013, van Rossum and her Delaware Riverkeeper Network 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.

Inspired by this victory, van Rossum inaugurated the Green Amendment movement, dedicated to empowering every American community to mobilize for constitutional change. The Green Amendment movement seeks to secure constitutional provisions in every state, and ultimately at the federal level, to protect environmental rights as inalienable rights with the same level of protection we give other fundamental rights, such as the right to free speech and freedom of religion. Since launching the For The Generations initiative focused on inspiring and supporting passage of Green Amendments, van Rossum and her team have helped secure proposals advancing in New York, New Jersey and Maryland.

Learn more about the Evergreen Book Medal at: <u>http://www.independentpublisher.com/article.php?page=2340</u> Learn more about the For The Generations / Green Amendment initiative at: <u>www.ForTheGenerations.org</u>

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