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**The Delaware Riverkeeper Presents at Northwest Environmental Defense Center**

**Portland, OR** – Maya van Rossum, the Delaware Riverkeeper and leader of the Delaware Riverkeeper Network (DRN), will speak about the “Green Amendment” movement at the Northwest Environmental Defense Center of Lewis & Clark Law School on February 14 at noon.

The speech is titled “The Green Amendment: Securing our Right to a Healthy Environment,” which is also the name of van Rossum’s recent book. During her address, van Rossum will discuss her role as a lead in the “*Robinson Township, et al vs. Commonwealth of Pennsylvania*” case that breathed life into Pennsylvania’s Environmental Rights Amendment, which places the right to clean air, pure water, and a healthy environment in the Constitution’s Bill of Rights section.

This victory inspired van Rossum to work to secure Pennsylvania’s level of constitutional protection of environmental rights in states across the nation. Currently, Oregon has no mention of the environment or environmental rights in its Constitution.

In her speech, van Rossum not only discussed the need for constitutional protection, she also explained how law students and attendees could take action.

“Communities in Oregon have been taking legal actions, and engaged in advocacy, to advance the cause of environmental protection. Oregon is among the states that does not put forth any sort of constitutional provision for environmental protection, and so proposing and pursuing a Green Amendment could be a powerful tool they could add to the arsenal,” said Maya van Rossum, the Delaware Riverkeeper.

“The Green Amendment” is currently available for purchase online and through the Delaware Riverkeeper Network.

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