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**The Delaware Riverkeeper to Present Keynote Address at
Rutgers Environmental Stewards Commencement**

Bordentown, NJ – Maya van Rossum, the Delaware Riverkeeper and leader of the Delaware Riverkeeper Network (DRN), will give the keynote address at the Rutgers Environmental Stewards Commencement on November 10 at 9:45am.

Author of *The Green Amendment: Securing our Right to a Healthy Environment*, van Rossum will talk about the constitutional protection of 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 am honored to talk to the future environmental stewards about the need for constitutional protection of our environmental rights,” **van Rossum said.** “I look forward to talking about the case that breathed life into Pennsylvania’s environmental rights amendment, and about the status of current proposed protections in New Jersey. The volunteers that have completed this program are our next generation of advocates, and I hope to inspire them to embrace and defend constitutional protection of their environmental rights.”

Following the 2013 victory, van Rossum inaugurated the Green Amendment movement, dedicated to empowering every American community to mobilize for constitutional change. 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” is currently available for purchase online and through the Delaware Riverkeeper Network.

The talk will be held at Rutgers EcoComplex, 1200 Florence-Columbus Road, Bordentown, NJ 08505.

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