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**Environmental Rights Discussion hosted at Washington Township Public Library**

**Long Valley, NJ** – Maya van Rossum, the Delaware Riverkeeper and leader of the Delaware Riverkeeper Network (DRN), will present about environmental rights today, Tuesday, January 22 at 7:00pm.

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.

“We need Green Amendments to protect our right to a healthy environment,” van Rossum said. “Green Amendments are constitutional provisions that allow people to claim and defend this right. I’ll talk about the court case in Pennsylvania that breathed new life into Pennsylvania’s environmental amendment. I’ll also talk about the protections currently being proposed in New Jersey and what it could mean for the people of New Jersey.”

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 the Washington Township Public Library, 37 E Springtown Rd, Long Valley, NJ 07853.

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