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The Delaware Riverkeeper to Appear at Buffalo Street Books
"The Green Amendment" Book Talk and Signing Scheduled for April 7

Ithaca, NY – Maya van Rossum, the Delaware Riverkeeper, will hold a talk and signing about her book *The Green Amendment: Securing Our Right to a Healthy Environment* on April 7 at 12:00 pm at Buffalo Street Books.

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.

"The people of New York have a constitutional right to gamble but they don't have a constitutional right to clean water, clean air and a healthy environment. At the same time, New Yorkers continue to face significant environmental threats, including from fracked gas infrastructure such as the proposal to store liquefied petroleum gas in salt caverns on Seneca Lake and expanding fracked gas pipelines and compressors," said van Rossum. "I look forward to meeting with people from Ithaca and hearing their stories. I hope to show people a new pathway to safeguarding their environmental rights."

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 forward authored by Mark Ruffalo, which supports the visionary constitutional path advocated for in the book.

Van Rossum has been traveling around the country educating citizens about the need for green amendments and what steps they can take towards advancing a green amendment in their state. While New York has language about the environment in its Constitution, there is nothing in the bill of rights section. In 2017 the New York Assembly passed a bill proposing a constitutional environmental amendment, but the Senate did not vote. The bill must be re-proposed and then voted on in both houses to move forward.

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

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