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## **Delaware Riverkeeper Joins with High School Teacher to Urge Constitutional Focus on Environmental Rights be Brought into Delaware Classrooms**

**Camden, DE** – Maya van Rossum, the Delaware Riverkeeper and leader of the Delaware Riverkeeper Network, will join with high school teacher David Wood to present at the Delaware Association for Environmental Education Conference on February 24 at 11:30 AM. The session will focus on how current environmental protection laws are failing the state, and will encourage teachers to bring a new mindset regarding the environment into their classrooms – one that is focused on healthy environments as a right, not a privilege.

The workshop will be based on van Rossum's new book titled *The Green Amendment: Securing our Right to a Healthy Environment*, which is soon to be complemented by a proposed curriculum to help bring the book's messages into classrooms across the state.

"Currently Delaware makes no mention of the environment in its state Constitution. As a result the people of the state don't have the right to expect clean water and clean air in their state, they are relegated to the laws that are currently in place and are failing to provide the kind of environmental protection needed by all Delaware communities," explained van Rossum.

van Rossum was an original petitioner in the landmark *Robinson Township v. Commonwealth of Pennsylvania* case, which breathed new life into Pennsylvania's environmental rights amendment. The victory inspired van Rossum to start The Green Amendment movement. The movement seeks to protect environmental rights for both current and future generations, especially as young people are being increasingly harmed by environmental degradation. At the workshop van Rossum and Wood will discuss how teachers, community members, and young people can use the tools in the book to mobilize for constitutional change to protect their environmental rights.

To learn more about the Green Amendment movement and Maya van Rossum, visit [mayavanrossum.green](http://mayavanrossum.green).

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*Delaware Riverkeeper Network (DRN) is a nonprofit membership organization working throughout the four states of the Delaware River Watershed including Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Delaware and New York. DRN provides effective environmental advocacy, volunteer monitoring programs, stream restoration projects, public education, and legal enforcement of environmental protection laws.*

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