

Need a Speaker?

Depending on availability, the Delaware Riverkeeper or a representative of the Delaware Riverkeeper Network will speak on river issues of interest to your club, organization or community group. Our staff can work with you to develop a presentation targeted to your group's interests.

Partial List of Topics

The Delaware Riverkeeper and representatives of the Delaware Riverkeeper Network are available to speak about the Delaware River watershed, the threats it faces and our efforts to protect it:

Stormwater - Rainwater that runs off the land can carry pollutants that may harm our streams. We're working to secure strong stormwater management regulations at every level of government as well as for individual development projects.

Endangered Species - The red knot *rufa* may go extinct within just a few years. The decline of this migratory shorebird is directly related to the decline in horseshoe crabs on whose eggs they feed. We're working to prevent the red knot *rufa* from disappearing forever.

Gardening for the River - Native plants along streams help protect water quality by removing pollutants, slowing the velocity of rushing flood waters, keeping soil in place, and shading and cooling water temperatures. We're working to protect streams by promoting the use of native plants in our landscapes.

Enforcing environmental laws for our River and our communities - A healthy Delaware River is a public trust. Enforcing environmental laws protects that trust for today and future generations. We serve as the River's attorneys to ensure its protection.

For more information about requesting a speaker, call 215-369-1188 or email drn@delawariverkeeper.org.



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Speaking for the River



*The Delaware Riverkeeper is
the voice of the River . . .
Championing the rights of
the River and its streams as
members of our communities.*

The Voice of the River

“Maya van Rossum and the Delaware Riverkeeper Network are the premier advocates for the water resources of the Delaware River basin . . . bar none. Maya's advocacy on stormwater issues has made a real difference in Radnor Township. As a township commissioner, I greatly appreciated Maya's help protecting our local waterways. Maya is an inspiring speaker with an important message to share, a message I strongly encourage others to hear.

-- Dave Cannan

Former Commissioner, Radnor Township

Maya K. van Rossum is the Delaware Riverkeeper. It is her responsibility and privilege to champion the rights of the River and its streams as members of our community. She is assisted by seasoned professionals and a network of members, volunteers and supporters. Together they form the Delaware Riverkeeper Network.

Under van Rossum's leadership, the Delaware Riverkeeper Network has proven it has the ability to provide effective environmental advocacy, undertake technical watershed studies, implement cutting edge stream restoration projects and enforce compliance with environmental laws. van Rossum's skills as an environmental attorney, advocate, strategist, community organizer, facilitator, coalition builder and manager have enabled the Delaware Riverkeeper Network to become a leader in regional watershed issues.



van Rossum was invited to testify before the U.S. House Committee on Resources concerning Wild and Scenic designation for the Lower Delaware River in 2000. She has published articles on environmental law in both the Virginia Environmental Law Journal and Vermont Environmental Law Review.

She discovered her passion for riverkeeping while at Pace University School of Law where she worked with the Hudson Riverkeeper. van Rossum has a B.S. from La Salle University; a Juris Doctor with Certificate in Environmental Law, cum laude, from Pace and a Master of Laws degree in Corporate Finance from Widener University School of Law.



Governor Jon Corzine signs legislation enacting a moratorium on harvesting horseshoe crabs for bait. Delaware Riverkeeper Maya K. van Rossum (fourth from left) looks on.

Photo: J. M. Galetto

At Widener, she served as staff attorney and student supervisor for the Environmental Law Clinic, which then represented the Delaware Riverkeeper Network in litigation. She joined the Delaware Riverkeeper Network as Executive Director in 1994 and became the Delaware Riverkeeper in 1996. Since Spring 2002, van Rossum has served as an adjunct professor and director of the Environmental Law Clinic at Temple's Beasley School of Law.

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All speakers' fees are designated as donations to the Delaware Riverkeeper Network. As part of the operating budget, these fees help Delaware Riverkeeper Network to champion the rights of the River and its streams as members of our community.

Please provide this information with your speaker request:

- Your name, address, and telephone number.
- Name of your organization.
- Date, time, and location of the meeting.
- Nature of the occasion and audience size.
- Amount of time available for presentation.
- Topic and speaker desired.

Or go to our website and download our speaker request form:



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Request for Speaker

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Today's Date: _____ Name of the organization: _____

Purpose of event: _____

Engagement date: _____ Engagement time: _____

Time speaker should arrive: _____ Length of presentation desired: _____

Street address of the event: _____ City of event: _____

Contact person for information: _____

Contact's phone number: _____ Contact's e-mail address: _____

Name of speaker requested: _____ Expected number in audience: _____

Describe the audience: _____

Speaker will be introduced by: _____

Additional comments: _____

Other invited speakers? (include name, title, organization): _____

Items speaker should bring: _____

Audio-visual equipment available: _____

Will there be invited press: _____

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