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**The Delaware Riverkeeper to Deliver Keynote Speech at Tulane University**

**New Orleans, LA** – Maya van Rossum, the Delaware Riverkeeper, author of *The Green Amendment*, and leader of the Delaware Riverkeeper Network (DRN), will give the keynote speech at the Tulane University Environmental Law & Policy Summit on March 10.

“Green Amendments, constitutional provisions that recognize environmental rights as inalienable rights on par with the right to free speech and freedom of religion, are increasingly important at both the state and federal level as we watch governors, legislators and the President increase their attacks on the environment, rolling back critical protections and advancing dangerous industrial operations that are sacrificing healthy environments in service to corporate profits,” said van Rossum. “I look forward to sharing this message with the Tulane University community and the attendees at their nationally recognized environmental conference.

A veteran environmental activist, attorney, and author, van Rossum’s recently released book *The Green Amendment: Securing our Right to a Healthy Environment* teaches the importance of constitutional environmental protections. She was an original petitioner in the *Robinson Township, Delaware Riverkeeper Network, et. al. v. Commonwealth of Pennsylvania* case. The case, decided by the Pennsylvania Supreme Court in 2013, breathed life into the state’s Environmental Rights Amendment, which places the right to pure water, clean air, and a healthy environment in the state Constitution’s Bill of Rights section.

Following this victory, van Rossum inaugurated the Green Amendment movement, dedicated to empowering every state to mobilize for constitutional change. In her speech, van Rossum will address how current environmental laws are failing communities and states, how constitutional amendments can help, and what actions can be taken to secure constitutional protection of environmental rights.

“The Green Amendment” is currently available for purchase online, in stores, and through the Delaware Riverkeeper Network.

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

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