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**Author of “The Green Amendment” to present at two events in Ithaca**

**Ithaca, NY** – Maya van Rossum, the Delaware Riverkeeper and leader of the Green Amendment movement, will hold a talk about her book *The Green Amendment: Securing Our Right to a Healthy Environment* at two events in Ithaca on March 22 and March 25.

*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.

“I am looking forward to being back in Ithaca, speaking to both the symposium attendees at Cornell and the students at Ithaca College. The people of New York have a constitutional right to gamble but they still do not have a constitutional right to clean water, clean air and a healthy environment,” said van Rossum. “New Yorkers face environmental threats daily, and a Green Amendment can help to give the people a pathway to stand up to threats against their right to a healthy environment. I hope that my talk and book will give people the tools and knowledge they need to protect 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 foreword authored by Mark Ruffalo, which supports the visionary constitutional path advocated for in the book. *The Green Amendment* was selected as a 2018 Living Now Evergreen Awards GOLD Winner in the Nature Conservation category.

The first talk will be at the Water Law for Activists Symposium on March 22 at 9am. The event will be held in Room G-90 at the Cornell Law School, Myron Taylor Hall, 524 College Ave., Ithaca, New York.

The second talk will be held on March 25 at 4:00pm at Ithaca College in Room 101, Textor Hall, Ithaca College, 953 Danby Rd, Ithaca, NY.

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

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