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**Author of “The Green Amendment” and leading environmentalist
to present at Finger Lakes Institute HAB Conference**

Geneva, NY – Maya van Rossum, the Delaware Riverkeeper and leader of the Green Amendment movement, will give the keynote speech at the Finger Lakes Institute HAB Conference on July 31, 2019 at 11:00 a.m. about Green Amendments and her book *The Green Amendment, Securing our Right to a Healthy Environment*.

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.

“With the recent first passage of a Green Amendment proposal in both the Senate and Assembly, it feels especially timely for me to talk about this concept here in New York,” said **Maya van Rossum, author of *The Green Amendment* and founder of the Green Amendment movement**. “New Yorkers face environmental threats every day, including the harmful algal blooms to be discussed at this conference. Green Amendments are incredibly powerful and the proposal in New York is an important first step towards the future of environmental protection.”

Following the 2013 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, 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 event will be held at Hobart and William Smith College, 300 Pulteney St., Geneva, NY 14456 on July 31 at 11am.

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

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