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The Delaware Riverkeeper to deliver Keynote Address at Student Climate Change Conference

Princeton, NJ – Maya van Rossum, the Delaware Riverkeeper and leader of the Delaware Riverkeeper Network (DRN), will deliver the keynote address at Princeton Day School’s Student Climate Change Conference on May 12.

Students will attend the speech titled “The Green Amendment: Securing our Right to a Healthy Environment,” which is also the name of van Rossum’s recent book. During her keynote address van Rossum will discuss her role in the landmark Robinson Township, Delaware Riverkeeper Network, et al vs Commonwealth of Pennsylvania case, argued in Pennsylvania Supreme Court, that breathed life into Pennsylvania’s Environmental Rights Amendment guaranteeing the people of Pennsylvania the right to pure water, clean air, and a healthy environment.

“Young people are heavily impacted by environmental degradation and have to live with its long-term effects. However, they are also the next generation of advocates and can make a difference,” said Maya van Rossum, the Delaware Riverkeeper. “I am honored to speak to these young people and inspire them to embrace their right to a healthy environment and to advance constitutional protection of this right for themselves and future generations.”

DRN and van Rossum seek to secure Pennsylvania’s level of constitutional protection of environmental rights in states across the nation. New Jersey does not have a constitutional provision protecting the right to a healthy environment. However, as van Rossum will discuss in her talk, one is currently advancing and in need of community support.

To learn more about the Green Amendment movement and Maya van Rossum, visit mayavanrossum.green.

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