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Photo of Maya van Rossum available here: <https://1drv.ms/u/s!AlusXBZdArEwoSWHqoV0HQ8BA81A>

Credit Delaware Riverkeeper

Photo of Maureen Madden available here: <http://www.pahouse.com/Madden/Galleries>

## **Delaware's defender coming to September celebration in Shawnee**

The "voice of the Delaware River" will speak in the Poconos in September.

Maya K. van Rossum, longtime leader of the Delaware Riverkeeper Network, will be keynote speaker at Brodhead Watershed Association's annual celebration on Sept. 13, 2019, at Shawnee Inn & Golf Resort, Shawnee-on-Delaware.

A veteran environmental activist and attorney, van Rossum has served as the Delaware Riverkeeper since 1996, championing the rights of people to a free-flowing, clean, and healthy Delaware River and tributary streams. She has taken on industry, government, and even the U.S. Army, preventing harm to the river, communities, and environments she champions.

During her talk, van Rossum will discuss how legislative environmentalism has failed communities across America; the transformational difference environmental constitutionalism can make, including for the environmental justice movement; the economic imperative of environmental constitutionalism; and how people can take action in their communities.

At the same event, state Rep. Maureen Madden, D-Monroe, a strong advocate for environmental issues, will be given with the John Riley Friend of the Watershed Award. BWA honors Madden for her work, which includes protection of clean drinking water and her involvement to help obtain a \$2.4 million Pennvest low-interest loan to perform extensive work on the Middle Dam in East Stroudsburg, and many other conservation-based initiatives.

To read more about Maya van Rossum, see [delawareriverkeeper.org/delaware-riverkeeper](http://delawareriverkeeper.org/delaware-riverkeeper). Rep. Madden's website is [www.pahouse.com/Madden/](http://www.pahouse.com/Madden/).

BWA, a local nonprofit organization dedicated to protecting water quality in the Brodhead watershed, has invited van Rossum to highlight today's most critical environmental challenges.



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