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REFLECTIONS FROM OUR FOUNDER



Green Amendments For Justice On The Rise in 2022

2022 marked the ninth year of Green Amendments For The Generations' work to secure a constitutional Green Amendment in every state across our nation and ultimately at the federal level. From our founding in 2014, our organization has grown consistently, officially gaining 501(c)(3) status in 2019 and securing several key victories in 2022. For all this time, Green Amendments For The Generations has been the only nationwide movement helping communities understand the power they have to protect their inalienable human rights to pure water, clean air, a safe climate and healthy environments from government and industry intrusion. More importantly, we are the **ONLY** organization empowering communities to proactively embrace their environmental rights and make them an enforceable reality as **rights that belong to the people**, rather than those which are at the mercy of partisan politics.

In 2022, we saw the damage that can be done to our inalienable human rights when they are not constitutionally protected, and by contrast, the power that proper constitutional recognition can provide. By year's end, the transformational nature of the essential protections that Green Amendments provide was incontrovertible.

In three separate cases, the U.S. Supreme Court, dramatically reduced our rights to bodily autonomy (with the roll back of abortion rights), to be safe from gun violence (when it struck down a 100 year old law that limited the carrying of concealed weapons), and the government's ability to address the climate crisis (with a limitation on EPA's ability to regulate carbon emissions).

As painful and impactful as these three decisions were, they demonstrated the importance of explicit constitutional protections at both the state and local level and emphasized the fact that making them affirmatively enforceable is the most effective way of protecting our fundamental, inalienable, human rights from political attack.

The perpetuation of the climate crisis and environmental racism, and the failure of our political and legal system to address these injustices, compounded by the Supreme Court's attacks on essential freedoms and protections, has underlined the importance of the constitutional environmental protections that *Green Amendments For The Generations* has been advancing for nearly a decade. But 2022 saw more than just a demonstration of what can happen when our fundamental rights are not explicitly and constitutionally protected. It also gave us examples of how newly secured Green Amendment protections return the power to enforce environmental rights to where it belongs—with the people.

When *Green Amendments For The Generations* was founded, only two states in the U.S. had the environmental protections that Green Amendments provide. But on January 1, 2022, New York became the third when it adopted its own amendment. It was the culmination of four years of grassroots organization, education, and advocacy, and the result of over 70% of New York voters choosing to include in their constitution an enforceable recognition of their fundamental rights to clean water, air, and a healthy environment. This momentous victory was a testament to the leadership, inspiration, organizing, and partnerships that our movement was able to forge throughout the state.

With the newly recognized **rights of the people** in hand, the foundation was laid for essential environmental protections in New York. And by the end of the year, community action had demonstrated the power of the Green Amendment to enshrine and enforce those rights.

A community which had for years been plagued by air pollution from a massive and expanding landfill now found themselves with a new constitutional tool to force state and government agencies to stop ignoring them and address the ongoing and growing pollution for which they were responsible. The community filed its case on January 21, 2022, arguing that the government inaction was infringing on their newly recognized Green Amendment rights to clean air and a healthy environment.

On December 7, 2022, the community secured a powerful and precedent-setting victory. In a first for the state, New York's Supreme Court issued the first ever decision based on the state's Green Amendment. The decision granted the community the right to protective state action to defend their newly recognized Green Amendment rights to clean water, air and a healthful environment.

The U.S Supreme Court's attacks on environmental protections and New York's powerful demonstration of how constitutional democracy can be used to both secure and enforce the transformational environmental protections that Green Amendments provide, made the 2022 release of the second edition of my book, *The Green Amendment: The People's Fight For A Clean, Safe & Healthy Environment* especially timely. This book in its first edition, helped me launch the movement for enforceable environmental rights for every community across the United States, and the second edition received a number of exciting accolades. In particular, its introduction at the Texas Book Festival with nationally-renowned historian Douglas Brinkley both highlighted the historical importance of our movement and emphasized how critical its growth is for U.S. environmental protection.

Throughout 2022, requests to collaborate, train, organize and rally with communities nationwide allowed us to expand the circle of partners standing with *Green Amendments For The Generations*, and enabled us to continue leading the way for transformational environmental, climate, and generational justice and environmental protection. By the end of 2022, three states had enshrined Green Amendment protections into their constitutions, and 15 more would be inspired by and working with *Green Amendments For The Generations* to secure their own.

It is critically important work, and we couldn't do it without you.

Thank you for your support,



Maya K. van Rossum, Founder, Green Amendments For The Generations

COMMUNITIES NEED YOUR SUPPORT TO SECURE GREEN AMENDMENT HELP

[Please donate today to GAFTG so all communities get the benefits of clean water and air, a safe climate, and healthy environments](#)

"It's about time that we all stand up for the environmental health we truly deserve; that activists feel empowered to fight on the public's behalf; that industry no longer possesses unfettered access to the levers of power; and that government feels obliged to protect people. It's about time we took back our power for environmental protection, providing nature the defense, protection, and restoration it—and we—so desperately need. It's about time we pass Green Amendments nationwide."

Maya K. van Rossum,
Founder,
Green Amendments
For The Generations



2022 SUCCESSES:

A LOOK AT SOME OF THE NUMBERS

1
NEW
BOOK

1 new book inspiring, energizing, updating and uplifting the national movement – **Green Amendments, the People’s Fight For a Clean, Safe & Healthy Environment** is released with great fanfare and accolades.

2nd national **Green Amendments Day** program, including a live panel discussion with participation from 23 states.

3 existing **Green Amendments** achieve powerful victories protecting communities and advancing the powerful legal strength of Green Amendment protections.

4 new states join the Green Amendment movement with proposed language including Nevada, Texas, Tennessee, and Connecticut.

7 states were represented at a legislator bootcamp, developed and delivered by Green Amendments For The Generations in partnership with the National Caucus of Environmental Legislators.

15
ACTIVE
STATES

10 legislative hearings held with powerful testimony from individuals, organizations, Environmental Justice leaders, youth and climate activists, with Green Amendments For The Generations asked to testify as the national expert on the subject.

15 states actively advancing **Green Amendment** coalitions and constitutional proposals.

43
SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS
REACHING
1,200+
PEOPLE

28 podcasts & radio shows featuring Green Amendments as a critical focus for environmental protection, environmental justice, and/or to address the climate crisis.

32 news articles & editorials focused on Green Amendment proposals and/or protections

43 speaking engagements reaching over 1,200 people who attended real time, and hundreds more who reviewed talk recordings after the fact.

10
LEGISLATIVE
HEARINGS

60
MEDIA HITS

SOME HIGHLIGHTS FROM OUR 2022 YEAR

Improved Mission Statement

Green Amendments For The Generations clarified our mission statement in 2022, wanting to make clear that our goal was not simply to secure constitutional Green Amendments in state constitutions nationwide, but to advance the transformational change that educating for, organizing around, and achieving such amendments brings us. So we spent time soliciting input from our members and Board of Directors to develop what we hope is a clarifying mission statement better sharing our vision of what we do as an organization and why we do it:

The mission of Green Amendments For The Generations is to ensure every person and community across the United States is able to experience the health, quality of life, education, joy and economic prosperity provided by a clean, safe and healthy environment; to help end environmental racism and embolden environmental justice; and to help ensure that nature itself is able to thrive, by constitutionally empowering all people - through education, grassroots organizing, and diverse leadership engagement - to secure and enforce their inalienable human right to pure water, clean air, a safe climate, healthy ecosystems and environments.



New Green Amendment Book Receives National & International Interest



The Second Edition of the Green Amendment Book was released November 1, 2022 and quickly received impressive attention.

The Reviews Rolled in... & they were all good!

Kirkus Reviews applauded author Maya van Rossum's ability to "expertly [balance] science, law, and an engaging narrative to convey an urgent need for reform."

With new stories and chapters focused on environmental justice, climate change, the generational protections provided by Green

If you haven't gotten your copy yet, now is a great time - [get one for yourself](#) and one to share with a friend.

Amendments, as well as forewords by actor and activist Mark Ruffalo and Delaware State Representative Kerri Evelyn Harris, acclaim rolled in for the timely, inspiring and insightful new read: ***The Green Amendment, the People's Fight For a Clean, Safe & Healthy Environment.***

The book was next featured at the Texas Book Festival where Maya van Rossum was joined by acclaimed author and historian Douglas Brinkley to talk about the past, present and future of the U.S. environmental protection movement with Green Amendments being the focus for the future.

From there, Maya embarked on book tours and speaking events throughout 2022 – if you are interested in a program, [get in touch](#) so we can schedule Maya to visit your community.





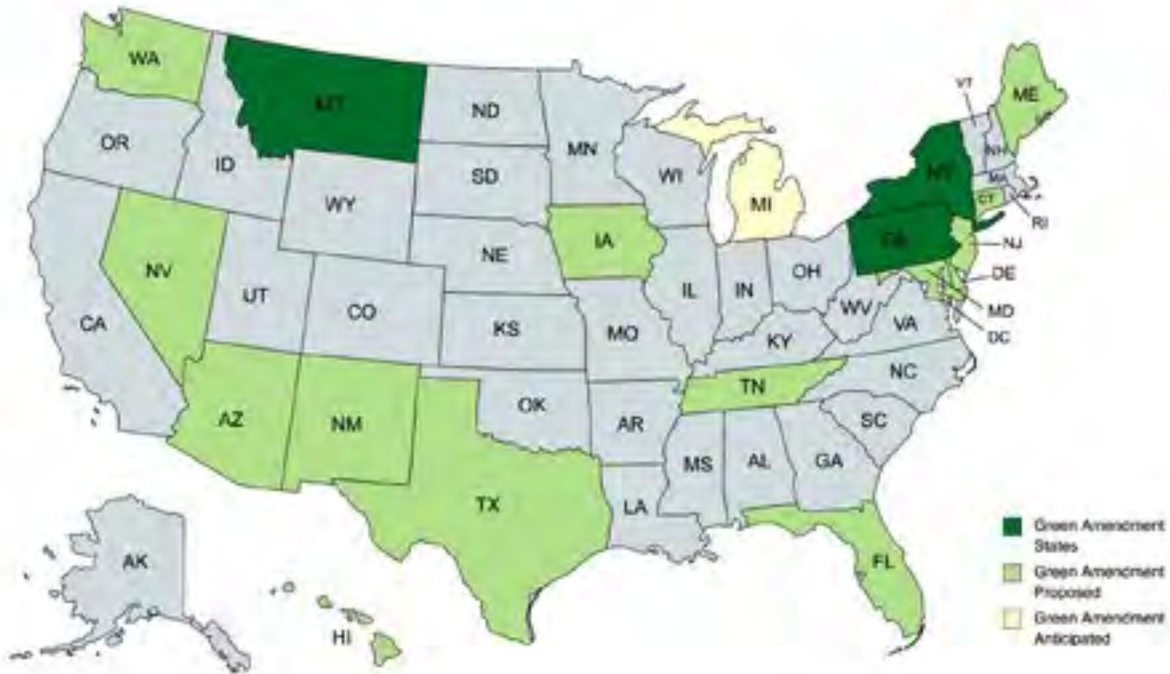
Book Launch at Pace University

From right to left:

James R. May, Founder of the Global Environmental Rights Institute, and co-Founder of the Dignity Rights Project and the Environmental Rights Institute at Widener University Delaware Law School; **Justice Brian Preston**, the Chief Judge of the Land and Environment Court in New South Wales; Professor **Katrina Kuh**, Executive Director of Environmental Programs and the Haub Distinguished Professor of Environmental Law at the Elisabeth Haub School of Law at Pace University; **Nambitha Dambuza**, Justice on South Africa's Supreme Court of Appeals. **Maya K. van Rossum**, Green Amendments For The Generations Founder & Book Author; **Nicholas A. Robinson**, Gilbert and Sarah Kerlin Distinguished Professor of Environmental Law Emeritus at Elisabeth Haub School of Law at Pace University; **Emilie Gaillard**, Associate Professor in Private Law (Sciences Po Rennes) and co-head of the Risk Division of the MRSH (Caen France); **David M. Forman**, Director of the Environmental Law Program, William S. Richardson School of Law, University of Hawai'i at Mānoa; **Achinthi Chamanie**, Professor and Associate Director of Environmental Law Programs Elisabeth Haub School of Law at Pace University; **Alyn Ware**, Director of the Basel Peace Office, Consultant for the International Association of Lawyers Against Nuclear Arms, and Coordinator for Parliamentarians for Nuclear Non-proliferation and Disarmament; **Antonio A. OPOSA, Jr.**, internationally known for his work in *Minors Oposa v. Factoran* (1993), which adopted the principle of intergenerational responsibility concerning the remaining old-growth forests in the Philippines.

Green Amendment Movement Continues to Grow

Despite the ongoing lockdowns and worries of COVID, the Green Amendment movement continued to inspire exciting growth and engagement over the course of 2022. The collective of states educating and organizing for Green Amendments with our partnership continued to evolve, shift and grow – ranging from interest and conversation to robust organizing and partnership. [Learn more on the status of your state here!](#)



While the year began with ongoing active education, action, community engagement in 11 states, by year's end, we saw the addition of, or growing education and engagement in, 4 more states.

And in the 3 states where our work has helped to achieve and/or advance Green Amendment protections - Pennsylvania, New York and Montana - Green Amendments were utilized in protective advocacy and legal efforts.

The Green Amendment movement is the fastest and most powerful environmental movement advancing across the U.S. Thank you for supporting the tremendous uprising in our work and Green Amendment victories.

DONATE TODAY!

2nd Annual National Green Amendment Day, July 13, 2022; An Empowering Success!



On July 13th, over one hundred environmental advocates from 23 states gathered virtually to celebrate the Second Annual Green Amendment Day. Entitled “Green Amendments: Transforming Environmental Rights from Rhetoric to Reality,” programming aimed to shine a light on how enforceable environmental rights, in the form of constitutional Green Amendments, can help frontline communities address toxic pollution, environmental racism, climate injustice, and air and water pollution harming their communities.

In the spotlighted event of the evening, a few of our experts, Eric Jantz, Tracy Carluccio, Terrance Bankston, Todd Ommen, Kacy Manahan, and Kerri Evelyn-Harris, offered their unique perspectives and powerful words on what a Green Amendment could mean for our communities. You can [view the Green Amendment Day Evening Panel here!](#)

In response to Green Amendment day calls for action, 45 people were inspired to write their Governors to urge support of Green Amendment environmental rights, and 7 people went so far as to craft and submit letters to the editor. This kind of positive and engaged activism is how we will take our democracy back by securing enforceable environmental rights.

Green Amendment Media & Op Eds Lift Up Environmental Justice

Media are increasingly interested in the multitude of benefits Green Amendment protections provide, including in the context of environmental justice and ending environmental racism. 2022 saw a slew of interesting articles, including including a number of high-profile placements written by Green Amendment Founder Maya K. van Rossum:



HIGHBROW MAGAZINE

The Fight for a Clean Environment:
The New Sacrifice Zones



BLOOMBERG LAW

Green Amendments Will Empower
Environmental Protection



YES! MAGAZINE

What a “Green Amendment: Can
Do for Environmental Justice

Serving as Expert to the Experts

Green Amendments For The Generations is now recognized as the national expert on how to most effectively utilize the constitution to secure and enforce the inalienable human right of all people, including future generations, to a clean, safe and healthy environment. As a result, in 2022, not only was GAFTG asked to provide legal training by 3 lawyer associations, but the National Caucus of Environmental Legislators asked us to lead a boot camp training for legislators. Eleven legislators from 7 states (MD, WA, NV, NM, DE, WI, NJ) joined the Boot Camp, and all went on to be effective Green Amendment spokespersons within their own states.

Our work is also gaining international recognition. Global Pact for the Environment, asked GAFTG to join as a partner in helping to advance human environmental rights on a global level.

White Label App to Energize and Engage

Green Amendments For The Generations, through a generous collaboration with Big Heart Ventures, launched a new Green Amendment Action App allowing you to get active and engage with the Green Amendment movement wherever you are.

Green Amendments For The Generations is one of a few select organizations to have its own White-label Action App. Since the Apps launch in 2022, we continue to grow our membership and engagement through this innovative tool.



Green Amendment Youth Leader Recognized by the NJ Governor

Among the main elements of our work is to help people become Green Amendment experts and leaders in their own right – so that diverse voices in race, ethnicity, political affiliation, gender, geography and age can come forth to inspire and advocate for Green Amendment progress and victories. The value and success of our collaborative organizing style, and community leadership training efforts, is demonstrated by the successes of those who have joined the movement, including high school youth Green Amendment leader, Svanfridur Mura.

In 2022, Svanfridur Mura was given a New Jersey Governor's Environmental Excellence Award. Svan was recognized for many of her good works in the award announcement, including special recognition of her role as a lead coordinator for the New Jersey Student Sustainability Coalition's campaign to secure a New Jersey Green Amendment.

US Supreme Court Highlights the Need for Green Amendment Protections at the State Level

In the Summer of 2022, the U.S. Supreme Court began rolling out a series of precedent-setting cases stripping people of the right to an abortion, removing long-standing state protection from potential gun violence, and culling US EPA authority to address the climate crisis. The ramifications for civil rights and environmental protection were unmistakable. The massive rollback and stripping of essential protections for our communities and bodies have people calling out for solutions. Green Amendments Founder and Leader Maya van Rossum was asked her opinion on what these decisions mean for the environment and communities. To van Rossum the answer was clear, communities and states need to take their environmental protection and environmental justice power back by swiftly advancing the passage of Green Amendments nationwide.

See reporting on the shifting legal landscape underscoring the need for Green Amendments, here:

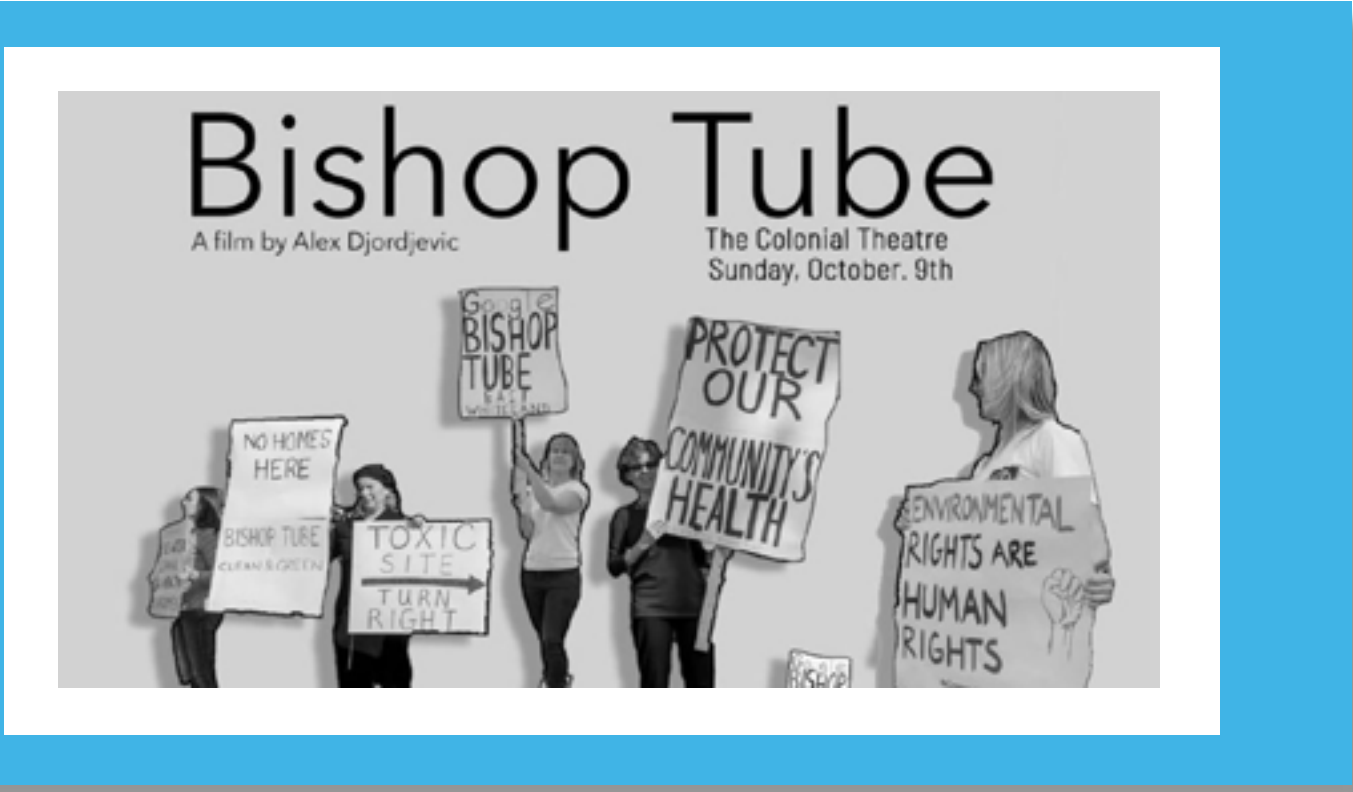
ONE GREEN PLANET

In the Wake of SCOTUS Undermining the Environment, Here's How We the People Take Our Power Back



Green Amendments in the Cinema

A new documentary – *Bishop Tube*, by director Alex Djordjevic Bishop Tube follows the story of how one local community has been fighting to clean up and prevent development of a toxic industrial site, and using the Pennsylvania Green Amendment as an essential tool for their success. The film was received with great enthusiasm at PA's Colonial Theater in October 2022.



STATE GROWTH IN 2022

New States Continue to Join the Green Amendment Movement while Community Organizing Continues to Gain Momentum

While the process of achieving Green Amendment passage takes time and differs from state to state, new states continue to join and grow their efforts every year. In 2022, **Nevada**, **Tennessee** and **Texas** all teamed up with GAFTG for the first time, while **Florida**, **Connecticut** and **Michigan** made substantial strides in their advocacy for success.

This year, environmental justice leaders and organizations in **Nevada** identified the Green Amendment pathway as an essential priority for securing essential environmental protections that could help communities challenge the history of environmental racism they have experienced. Language was developed in partnership with GAFTG for official proposal in 2023.

Just before the close of 2022, inspired by the new Green Amendment book and the NCEL Legislator Boot Camp held earlier in the year, **Texas** leaders reached out to GAFTG to begin developing an outreach campaign and Green Amendment language that would secure constitutional environmental rights for all Texans.

In **Florida** (where GAFTG's collaboration with the Florida Rights of Nature Network began in 2021) and **Connecticut** (where Green Amendment organizing began in 2019) each movement has continued to grow and blossom throughout 2022, with GAFTG joining to organize and deliver educational programming where government leadership is fundamentally failing to prioritize community and natural resources protection.

Activism in **Connecticut** in 2022 resulted in a new leadership team joining with GAFTG to develop representative Green Amendment language and an effective community organizing campaign that, within 6 months, would earn the support of 27 Connecticut environmental, environmental justice, and climate organizations, priming us for an early 2023 proposal.

While **Michigan** residents had been interested in having their own Green Amendment starting in 2021, it was in 2022 when leaders started to come together to plan for how to advance their efforts in a meaningful way. A new steering committee formed and strong strategizing towards success began in earnest.

As the year was drawing to a close, GAFTG connected with youth leaders in the **Tennessee** Sunrise Movement who had been reading about Green Amendment success in other states and were eager to get to work on advancing an amendment in their home state. Together we worked on Tennessee-specific language, while the youth engaged with legislators to identify their champion for a 2023 effort.

LEARN ABOUT EACH STATE'S GREEN AMENDMENT

Connecticut

CTGreenAmendment.org

Florida

FLGreenAmendment.org

Michigan

MIGreenAmendment.org

Nevada

NVGreenAmendment.org

Tennessee

TNGreenAmendment.org

Texas

TXGreenAmendment.org

New Official Green Amendment Proposal in 2022

In addition to our growing number of states coming on board or growing their movements, **Arizona** officially proposed its own Green Amendment in 2022! After two years of GAFTG's education and community engagement with individuals and organizations, Senator Juan Mendez proposed a constitutional Green Amendment be added to the state constitution on January 27, 2022. Senator Mendez was joined in by eight additional legislators in support, coming from both the House and the Senate.

Learn more about Arizona's Green Amendment Movement: www.AZGreenAmendment.org

Proposed Green Amendments Continue to Push Forward

Green Amendments For The Generations has been working with many states since beginning our advocacy and education efforts in 2017 – many of which now have official proposals as a result of their passionate community organizers and dedicated legislative champions. While the legislative wheels turn slowly and industry opposition is mounting, these states continue to push forward in their efforts to achieve powerful and lasting constitutional protections. In **Hawaii, Washington, New Mexico, New Jersey, Maine, Delaware, Iowa** and **Maryland**, GAFTG worked through 2022 with grassroots leaders to help garner growing community and organizational support and assist with public education events, materials and trainings – as appropriate for each states’ unique dynamic.

As a result of our collaborative organizing, **Hawaii** gained the overwhelming support of three legislative committees as well as stronger amendment language that better reflects Hawaii’s environmental priorities and values. Similarly, **Washington’s** Green Amendment – which

was re-proposed in 2022 with meaningfully modified language based on input during its 2021 hearings – garnered support before the House Committee on Energy & the Environment. These advancements and improvements set both states up for further success in 2023.

In **New Mexico**, GAFTG continued to work with a diverse set of organizations and advocates whose advocacy demonstrated its effectiveness when an impromptu poll during online hearings securing 74% support for the Green Amendment. This strong community support is so effective that it is drawing into the light the industry opposition that the year before remained active only behind the scenes. Now, in the face of the positive public advocacy supporting constitutional environmental rights, New Mexico Oil & Gas and the Koch Brothers-funded Americans For Prosperity put forth opposition talking points quickly refuted by GAFTG and our partners, while public support for the amendment continued to grow.



New Jersey's Green Amendment secured the official co-sponsorship of over half of the NJ State legislature, including being the beneficiary of strong and growing bipartisan support. Despite this powerful and growing support, an abuse of leadership power and the refusal to schedule the amendment for a hearing, left it stalled and unable to advance despite powerful and growing support. NJ Green Amendment activists continued to call for hearings, including a June, 2022 press conference where Youth, Environmental Justice, Environmental, and Green Amendment leaders were joined by legislators to urge the state legislature to call for a hearing for the proposed New Jersey Green Amendment. [Watch the whole press conference here!](#)

Maine's Green Amendment proposal, advancing under the moniker "Pine Tree Amendment", continued to gain traction and bi-partisan support in 2022, with its first official hearings demonstrating strong interest and growing support for constitutional Green Amendment protections for Maine's environment.

In **Iowa**, GAFTG continues to work with our partners on education and speaking events that are helping to build the slow and steady community awareness essential for a strong grassroots foundation. And in **Maryland**, GAFTG has continued to interact with key

leaders in the movement to discuss the elements that ensure greatest constitutional strength for people's environmental rights.

LEARN MORE

Hawaii

HIGreenAmendment.org

Iowa

IAGreenAmendment.org

Maine

MEGreenAmendment.org

Maryland

MDGreenAmendment.org

New Jersey

NJGreenAmendment.org

New Mexico

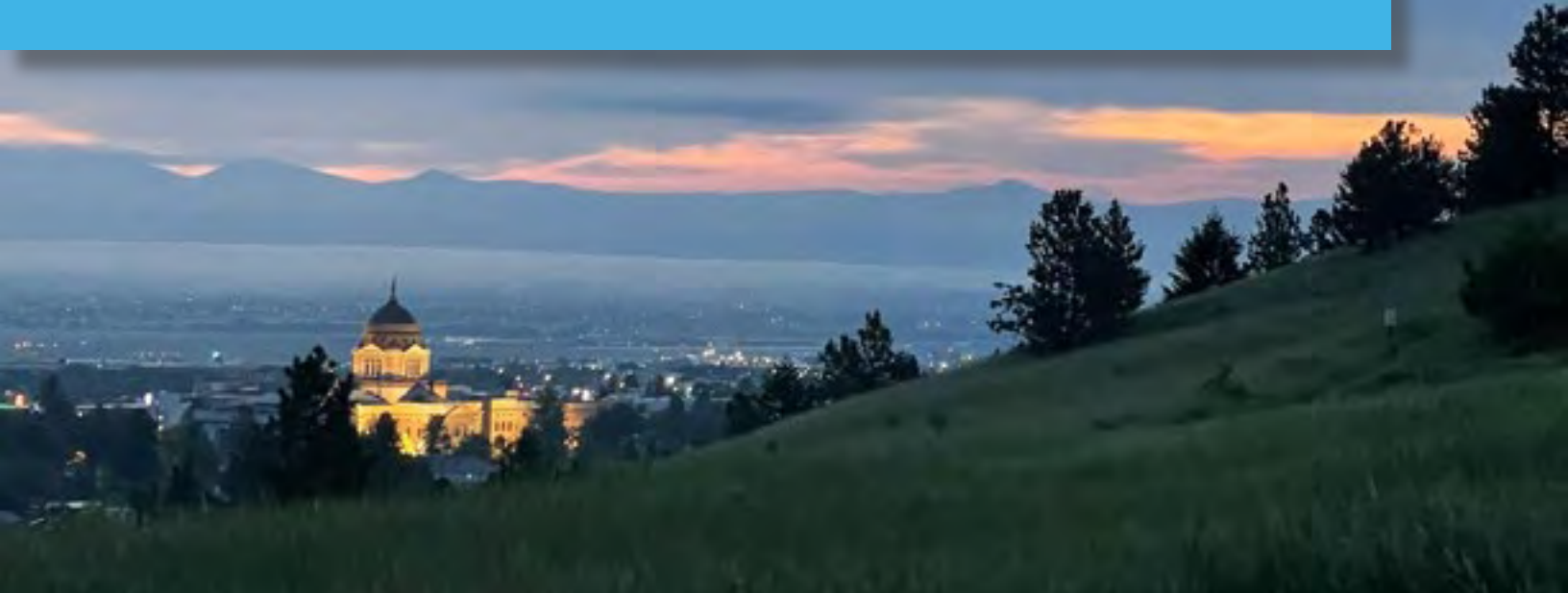
NMGreenAmendment.org

Washington

WAGreenAmendment.org



NEW AND EXISTING GREEN AMENDMENT STATES DRIVE MEANINGFUL CHANGE



Precedent Setting Legal Victories: Pennsylvania, Montana, New York

Pennsylvania, Montana, and as of 2022 New York, are the only states in the U.S. that currently have Green Amendment level protection, which protect and respect constitutional environmental rights on par with other fundamental human, civil, and political rights we hold as inviolate, inherent, inalienable, and inalienable rights protected from government infringement and transgression. A number of victories were secured in Pennsylvania, Montana and New York for environmental protection that help demonstrate why constitutional environmental rights are so valuable. Among them:

PENNSYLVANIA

The Pennsylvania Green Amendment was an underpinning of a successful initiative by organizations to secure a proposal from the PADEP for some of the strongest PFAS also known as “Forever Chemicals”) drinking water protections in the nation. After years of advocacy and legal action, with the constitutional right to pure water and a healthy environment as cornerstone arguments of advocates, in early 2022 the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection proposed strong, new maximum contaminant levels for two PFAS compounds—PFOA and PFOS. The rulemaking proposed an MCL of 14 parts per trillion (ppt) for PFOA and 18 ppt for PFOS. The State noted their constitutional obligation to protect environmental rights as a key foundation for their proposal to put forth some of the strongest PFAS drinking water protections in the nation. The final rule was issued in 2023.

In addition, on September 16, 2022, the United States Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit rejected a legal challenge seeking to overturn a ban on fracking operations within the Delaware River Basin. In the precedential opinion, the Third Circuit found that the two state republican legislators, the Pennsylvania State Republican Caucus, and the municipal challengers all lacked standing for failing to demonstrate injuries that meet constitutional muster. In the course of their decision, the judges determined that the fracking ban being challenged actually furthered the purposes of the natural resources trust created by Pennsylvania's Green Amendment, it did not, as the challengers suggested, undermine government's ability to protect environmental rights and natural resources in the state.

The court explained:

“Pennsylvania voters ratified the [Amendment] in 1971” after decades of “virtually unrestrained exploitation” of the state’s natural resources led to “destructive and lasting consequences not only for the environment but also for the citizens’ quality of life.”



According to the decision, because the fracking ban was serving the goals and mandates of the environmental rights amendment to protect the State’s natural resources, the Plaintiffs had failed to explain or identify how the ban on fracking was preventing them from exercising their obligations under the constitution to protect the state’s natural resources. In the final analysis, the Pennsylvania Green Amendment helped defend the ban on fracking.

Learn more: www.PAGreenAmendment.org

MONTANA

Throughout the year, Montana's Green Amendment language served as the foundation for precedent setting climate litigation. In *Held v. Montana* – a legal challenge brought by 16 Youth Plaintiffs to challenge a Montana law that prohibited state environmental officials from considering the climate change impacts of their actions, withstood a motion to dismiss with the court in meaningful part relying on the state Green Amendment to support continuation of the case. (Notably, similar cases brought in other states that do not have the benefit of Green Amendment language have been dismissed, depriving impacted youth and communities of their day in court and ability to challenge the failure of their state government to meaningfully address the climate crisis.)

Learn more: www.MTGreenAmendment.org

NEW YORK

New York's Green Amendment was added to the state constitution in 2022, after a 5-year effort of collaborative grassroots organizing. The year was spent working with grassroots, legal and academic partners to support positive, precedent setting legal action, awareness, and use of the constitution in advocacy to secure otherwise unachievable environmental protections. The strength of New York's constitutional protections were demonstrated in the first legal ruling which sided with a long-ignored community seeking protection of their air from a nearby, seemingly ever-expanding landfill releasing hazardous substances and greenhouse gas emissions all with the support of the state's Department of Environmental Conservation. In the decision, the court deemed the New York Green Amendment to be self-executing, enforceable by NY residents against governmental action and omissions/inaction when they result in a constitutional environmental rights violation, and that the state lacks discretion to violate the Constitution – confirming that NY state courts have the ability to compel the state to comply with the New York Green Amendment when a violation has been found.

Learn more: www.NYGreenAmendment.org

HOW TO GET INVOLVED

Become a Free Member

Signing up for a membership at Green Amendments For The Generations is the easiest way to stay up to date on everything Green Amendment related and how you can help the movement in your state!

Join the Green Amendment Action App

By joining the App you can be among the first to learn about new developments and action opportunities in your state and nationwide, or to share your great ideas for supporting advancement of Green Amendments in your state and nationwide.

You can join the app, on your computer tablet or phone.

On your phone go to the app store and look for Green Amendment FTG.

For your tablet or computer, use the link or QR code below.



Buy the Book

The *Green Amendment Book* is the Most Comprehensive Tool of All.

Sharing [the Book](#) is a great way to introduce new people to this transformative idea. If you buy in bulk for sharing (3 or more), we are happy to give you a great deal. All profits from book sales are directed to

Green Amendments For The Generations to support our work, Maya does not make a penny off these sales.

Schedule an Event

Maya is always available to come speak to an audience eager to learn more. All programs can be tailored to fit your group's interests. A passionate and compelling speaker, Maya is regularly invited to give keynote presentations and has been featured on Midday on WNYC, WHYI, CBS News, and BBC World Service Business Matters, as well as other programs, as an environmental expert. When possible, GAFTG requests an honorarium to cover the cost of time and travel. All speaker fees support the Green Amendment movement directly. To make a speaking request, email GAFTG@forthegenerations.org.



Take Action

Get involved at the [Take Action](#) page of our national and state-specific websites to help us meet the rising demand for Green Amendment engagement and support.

Staying Engaged

In addition to joining our Green Amendment Action App, you can keep up to speed on what is happening with the advancement of Green Amendments by following Green Amendments For The Generations [on Facebook](#) or [X-Twitter](#) where we post ongoing actions in all of our active states. Follow us on [Instagram](#) to see where Maya is spreading the Green Amendment message.

Among the Important Things You Can Do is to Please Donate!

Green Amendment Grassroots movements depend on your financial support.

In a year of political and social unrest, the Green Amendment Movement pushed forward! Though we all experienced unprecedented challenges, your support helped us harness the power of positive, constitutional change in 15 states with more reaching out every day.

Your donation will directly support our work to secure the right to pure water, clean air, a stable climate and healthy environments for all people including future generations.

A single dollar donated makes a difference on our impact and success, as we work to strengthen environmental protection & justice for all.

We all deserve the right to access clean drinking water, breathe clean air, and live in a stable climate and healthy environment no matter where we live or work.

Want your dollar to make an impact all year long? Make your donation monthly and your continued support will help us make 2023 the year of the Green Amendment!

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