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Celebrating Earth Day 2023, Green Amendments Founder Maya van Rossum joined with Connecticut leaders at the [Possible Futures Bookstore](#) to explore the impact and values of Connecticut Green Amendment protections.



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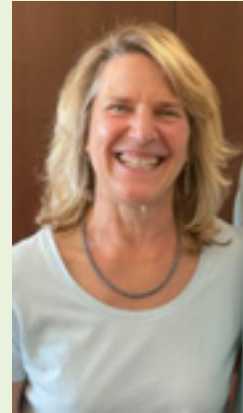
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None of It Happens Without YOU! Thoughts from our Founder

2023 proved another year of powerful progress for our Green Amendment movement. By year's end we had Green Amendment language proposed or anticipated in 14 states, with organizing or interest advancing in over half a dozen additional states. And for the 3 states where Green Amendment protections have been secured – Pennsylvania, Montana and New York – powerful litigation progress is helping to secure essential protections for communities and demonstrating the values of having this highest level of constitutional recognition for environmental rights.



It has been amazing to experience the swift and empowering progress of the Green Amendment movement. It was only in 2014 when I first envisioned the powerful value of securing constitutional environmental rights that reached the highest plain of legal protection. And less than 10 years later, communities in over 40% of U.S. states have requested our partnership to work towards Green Amendment success.

Which brings me to a point I want to highlight.

Respect for the autonomy and leadership of local communities is a core value of our Green Amendment work. Notably, our partnership is always in response to requests for support from communities within each active state. We do not push our vision for Green Amendments onto any community, we simply share the concept and offer to help when or if they decide a Green Amendment is right for them. And then we work to ensure that Green Amendment language proposals, educational forums, advocacy and leading voices reflect the goals, communities, priorities, and communities of each individual state. There is no cookie cutter Green Amendment movement - just strong respect, partnership, and individualized work.

By the end of 2023 our partnerships included 260 organizations and community groups representing an intersectional population of environmental, youth, BIPOC, and faith-based perspectives, as well as over 5,000 individuals nationwide.

As powerful as the Green Amendment movement is proving in the hearts and minds of people -- and in courtrooms, hearing rooms and legislatures across our nation -- this is a movement that industry is working hard to silence with their bigger budgets, connected lobbyists, and friends in positions of political power. As a 30+ year environmental leader who has witnessed the rise and demise of many movements, this is the biggest investment of industry opposition I

have seen – the opposition is both overt and out in the open in adds and lobbying, but also quietly advancing behind the scenes in backroom meetings and dealmaking.

But we have not let a lack of funding stop us, and while we may not have the level of financing our opposition has, we have the power of a social movement that is truly making a difference for real people, living real lives and who want a world that protects them, that protects the safety of future children, people, and families yet to enter our world, and that protects the wildlife, plant life and living ecosystems with whom we share this world.

It is a joy to witness the support of our Green Amendment movement from those that prioritize environment, nature, kids, community, and true environmental justice protection. Our movement has advanced so powerfully because of:

- ★ Donations from private individuals – many of whom are reading this letter from my heart and know that I know who you are –
- ★ Caring businesses that have provided an essential backbone of support, including 1% for the Planet businesses Cult + King, Unique Pool Service, and Mutts.com
- ★ Progressive foundations who practice what they preach, including: Park Foundation, Wallace Genetic Foundation, Austelle Foundation, Lush Charity Pot, Clif Family Foundation, Wege Foundation, Wallace Global Fund, the New Earth Foundation, the Foundation for Innovation & Sustainability as well as others who wish to remain anonymous.

For all those who care enough to read this letter and Annual Report, I honor you and thank you. Thank you for joining the Green Amendment For The Generations movement that is transforming our U.S. system of environmental protection – and inspiring communities worldwide – so that it truly lifts up environmental rights of all people and all generations so they are given the highest legal protection available under U.S law - our constitutions!

We hope this high level view highlighting our 2023 successes will inspire you to stay engaged, stay supportive, and help bring others to our cause.

Thank you for your deep care and conviction for ensuring the essential protection that people and nature need across the U.S. and across generations,

Smiling & Grateful,



Maya K. van Rossum

Founder & 'Mother' of the Green Amendment Movement & Organization

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“I am grateful to be a part of this group, whose purpose gives me hope. Working with this group makes me feel as if I’m doing something that will matter.”

– *Mary Rydingsward, Connecticut Environmental Rights Amendment Alliance*

Key Green Amendment Milestones in Just 10 years

- ✓ 2 inspiring books;
- ✓ 3 Green Amendments secured and being robustly enforced to address climate change, air pollution, toxic contamination, water pollution, and protection of precious natural open space;
- ✓ 3 Amicus Briefs filed in support of community’s exercising their Green Amendment rights in court;
- ✓ 18 states where Green Amendments have been proposed and are being pursued;
- ✓ 24 States active in the Green Amendment movement;
- ✓ 40% of the entire United States engaged in advancing Green Amendment protections;
- ✓ 260 organizations and 5,000 individuals representing an intersectional population of environmental, youth, BIPOC, and faith-based perspectives joining with us to advance the Green Amendment movement.

**Green Amendments Nationwide is Our Goal.
Please Join Us Today with Your Donation.**

**Future Generations Will Know It Was
YOU Who Helped Protect Them.**

The Green Amendment movement is demonstrating its power for lifting up all environmental efforts, activism, protections, and legal empowerment. **But to be able to rise up and support every community asking for our help, we need your support.**

[Please Donate Today](#)

Every dollar counts!

DONATE

Your donation will help us provide the partnership, expertise, training and support needed to secure a Green Amendment in every state where communities are seeking to advance them.

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Where Things Stand In 2023:

Arizona Still on the Map

While grassroots engagement and support is still needed for the Arizona Green Amendment to make progress, every year solid language is repropsoed so that when the time is right and interest emerges, activists can hit the ground running with needed education and engagement.

California Interest Develops

In California, GAFTG began working with interested activists in 2023 on educational outreach and amendment language reflective of state goals. This translated into strong action in 2024.

Colorado Continues

Colorado activists continue to meet among themselves and with GAFTG to develop the education, outreach and Green Amendment language that will eventually transform into a robust, statewide campaign.

Connecticut – Emerging as a National Green Amendment Leader

Energized by on-the-ground activist Kim Stoner and organization CT NOFA, Connecticut quickly emerged as a leader in the national Green Amendment movement in 2023. Early in the year strong language was developed with GAFTG expert support, proposed in the CT legislature, and was the subject of an engaging committee hearing that did not result in passage but secured powerful statewide attention that built over the course of 2023 and in to 2024.



Throughout the year, community programs with a growing number of partners attracted people from all walks of life who turned out to learn more and identify how they could engage. This is the first year the Connecticut proposal was put forth, but it clearly is resonating; ~ 30 organizations quickly signed on to help educate, spread the word, and engage communities across the state.

Delaware's Green Amendment Garners Attention

Delaware's Green Amendment received a hearing in June that inspired turnout and testimony that was compelling and convinced a majority of the Committee to cast a vote in support.

Florida's Green Amendment – called the *Florida Right to Clean Water* – continued to inspire growing community support.



Florida is the only state so far where the Green Amendment is advancing via Citizen Initiative. The all volunteer effort continued to spread the word and secure growing support. To help educate community members, volunteers, legislators and the press, Florida's Right To Clean Water Campaign organized and sponsored a week of talks where Maya, joining statewide leaders Mel Martin and Joe Bonasia traveled to Pensacola, Fort Walton Beach, Tallahassee, Gainesville, New Smyrna Beach, Orlando, Cocoa, Vero Beach, Hollywood, Naples and Fort Myers in public community centers, churches, a community active brewery and more to talk, share, answer questions and get excited about the values of having a Green Amendment to protect Florida's precious waterways, ecosystems, critters and communities.

Hawaii Support Continues

A Hawaii Green Amendment continued to enjoy growing interest, enthusiasm and support in 2023, as demonstrated by the growth from 9 to 15 of leading organizations coming on board to help educate and spread the word about the values of a constitutional Green Amendment. In addition, hearings continued to inspire and garner compelling testimony. For example, Senator Karl Rhoads eloquently testified to the positive powerful tool for environmental protection and justice the amendment would provide. (See Senator Rhoads' remarks here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ikyrDoRYSSY> at 1:08:09). Ultimately, the Hawaii Green Amendment passed through 3 legislative committees before a procedural step was used to halt the amendment's progress when a committee chair refused to schedule it for committee hearing. But up until that moment, the Hawaii Green Amendment secured strong support through 3 committees including the House Committee on Energy and Environmental Protection (vote count was 5 to 0 with 2 excused), the House Committee on Water and Land (vote count was 8 to 0), and the Senate Committee on Agriculture and Environment (vote count was 4 to 1). That is powerful progress!

Iowa Continues

While Iowa has yet to develop the strong grassroots engagement needed for success, interest in the state continues to advance and slowly but surely grow.

Maine Pine Tree Amendment - aka the Maine Green Amendment – Continues to Gain Support

After an engaging and robust committee hearing, the Maine Pine Tree Amendment – that state’s version of a Green Amendment – passed through the House Environment & Natural Resources Committee by a vote of 6 to 4. While that was the end of the path in 2023, education and outreach carried out by a growing group of activists advanced throughout the year. GAFTG joined with partners to sponsor trainings, talks, and regular lunch and learns to continue to engage and educate throughout the year.

Montana’s Green Amendment Supports Youth & Climate While Also Demonstrating the Values of Green Amendment Power

Montana’s Green Amendment Empowered the legal arguments of 16 Youth Plaintiffs to challenge a state law advancing the climate crisis to their detriment.

The trial secured a [powerful victory in a compelling decision issued by the judge just two months later in August](#), and helped to demonstrate the powerful strength of a constitutional Green Amendment, including for addressing the climate crisis.



The [Montana Green Amendment](#) was an essential foundation for the case. When the government submitted a motion to dismiss, the court made clear multiple times that the plain language of the constitution, and the rights of all Montanans to a “clean and healthful environment” (Article II Section 3), supports the right of the youth to be heard in court. While there have been similar cases

brought in other states, they were dismissed early on, in no small part because they lacked the essential constitutional language necessary to withstand the government’s motion to dismiss.



Green Amendments For The Generations Founder Maya van Rossum traveled to Montana to witness the week-long trial, held in June, 2023. You can read all about it at our [Discover More](#) page, as well as review an overall summary of the case in a piece published by the Bulletin of Atomic Scientists: <https://thebulletin.org/2023/07/landmark-climate-trial-puts-constitutional-green-amendment-to-the-test/#post-heading>

New Jersey Progress is in Reach

New Jersey was the first state in the modern era to begin work on securing a Green Amendment – with efforts getting underway in 2015. In the end, it was New York that became the first state in the modern era to pass a Green Amendment. But New Jersey activists and progressive legislators have remained undeterred. Throughout 2023 grassroots outreach, education and organizing has continued to build awareness and momentum which culminated in essential progress you can read about in our annual report on 2024.



Among the many educational talks over the course of the year included NJ State Senator Andrew Zwicker and Green Amendments Founder Maya van Rossum joining residents in the local book store to explore Green Amendment values and talk about Maya's just released book, edition 2, [The Green Amendment, The People's Fight For A Clean, Safe & Healthy Environment](#).

New Mexico Continues to Lead

In 2023, New Mexico education, organizing and outreach efforts continued to build momentum with growing diversity. New Mexico grassroots and legislator leadership and learning continues to excite and inspire communities across the state. In 2023, thirty-eight New Mexico organizations from across the state had signed on to help spread the word about, and support the values of, a New Mexico Green Amendment. A week after the 2023 legislative session ended without the NM Green Amendment securing full passage, activists were already gathering and organizing to talk about community engagement, education, and activism goals to expand awareness and community engagement.



Nevada Joins the Movement

Activists and a progressive champion in the legislature quickly recognized the importance and value of having a Nevada Green Amendment for protecting and empowering environmental justice communities. Just weeks after being proposed the amendment was quickly embraced as a priority by the Nevada Environmental Justice Coalition and was included in the first Environmental Justice Day ever organized for the

state capitol, where it was a compelling focus of the NEJC training and press event. While the Nevada Green Amendment was not put to a committee vote, shortly thereafter, the amendment was quickly scheduled for its first legislative hearing and received support from the majority of hearing speakers, with those in support putting forth a powerful slate of testimony from a diverse and impactful set of testifiers and community leaders robustly making the case for constitutional Green Amendment protections.

New York Green Amendment Awareness & Use Comes to the Fore

In New York, communities are continuing to learn about their new constitutional Green Amendment rights. Legal cases are advancing, as are ongoing educational programming by GAFTG and other environmental leaders in the state. Every effort is bringing more clarity to what the New York Green Amendment means and how communities can benefit from its protection.

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Assemblyman Steve Englebright, a primary champion of New York’s amendment, joined Green Amendment Founder Maya van Rossum, environmental journalist Karl Grossman, and Hamptons Film Festival organizer Jackie Leopold at the Docs Equinox Film Festival in April to help educate New Yorkers on how they can use their newly secured Green Amendment to advocate for better and essential environmental protections.

Oregon is Back on Track

In 2019 Senator Jeff Golden in Oregon was inspired to propose an Oregon Green Amendment. The language was strong and so too was the conviction of Senator Golden and activists within the state. But the organizational and grassroots support didn’t build as strongly as needed. And so in 2021 all agreed we needed to take a step back to allow the grassroots interest to grow. And in 2023 it came forth.

GAFTG received outreach from grassroots leaders in Oregon interested in renewing the effort, asking us to bring back to life our Oregon website

(www.ORGreenAmendments.org) and letting us know they were getting to work to talk about the values of having an Oregon Green Amendment. In our 2024 report you will see the powerful progress the Oregon effort has made in a very short period of time.



Green Amendment Founder & National Constitutional Environmental Rights Expert Maya K. van Rossum speaks virtually at a Lewis & Clarke event 11/9/2023

Pennsylvania’s Green Amendment Continues to Advance Needed Change

PA is the home of the first Green Amendment ever to pass in our nation and is the state where our national Green Amendment movement was born. Activists continue to use the amendment in their advocacy and in the courts to secure growing environmental protections.

[The most noteworthy court decision in 2023](#) came when the Commonwealth Court sided with Marple Township in its claim that a Public Utility Commission approval of a natural gas pumping station could not be constitutionally upheld because the PUC had failed to independently consider the environmental ramifications for the town. This decision, under the case caption [Township of Marple v. Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission](#), strengthens the

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obligation on all government officials to take seriously their constitutional obligation to protect the state's natural resources for present and future generations and to ensure the right of the people to pure water, clean air and a healthy environment.

Tennessee Effort Pops Up

Tennessee joined the movement in 2023 with Sunrise Nashville, a dedicated and inspiring group of youth activists vocal on many critical issues of social and environmental justice, leading the way. While amendment language was officially introduced, challenges to democracy and issues around gun safety quickly overshadowed the effort and placing it on a longer term trajectory.



Texas Joins the Movement

Under the moniker of the Texas Stewardship Amendment, activists in Texas began to educate and engage activists in their state to learn about the values of securing a Green Amendment and were successful in inspiring a legislator to introduce an amendment they could get behind.

Washington – Leading the Way

Washington has been leading the way on many Green Amendment fronts, including ensuring the environmental justice values of Green Amendment protections are reflected in the constitutional amendment language advanced, and having as the legislative champion one of the first Native American women elected to the state's legislature. This, along with WA Governor Inslee proclaiming himself a leader on environmental protection and climate justice, it has been surprising that advancing Green Amendment education and values has been such a heavy lift. And yet a stalwart and dedicated group of activists have continued to prioritize a Washington Green Amendment as their daily focus for education, advancement and progress. The strength of their dedication is demonstrated in the outcomes, as more and more environmental organizations in the state sign on to support the value of having a Green Amendment protections for Washington.

West Virginia Also Still on the Map

While grassroots engagement and support is still needed for the West Virginia Green Amendment to make progress, every year solid language is repropsoed so that when the time is right and interest emerges, activists can hit the ground running with needed education and engagement.

Other Exciting Highlights From 2023

Green Amendments FTG Joins 1% For The Planet

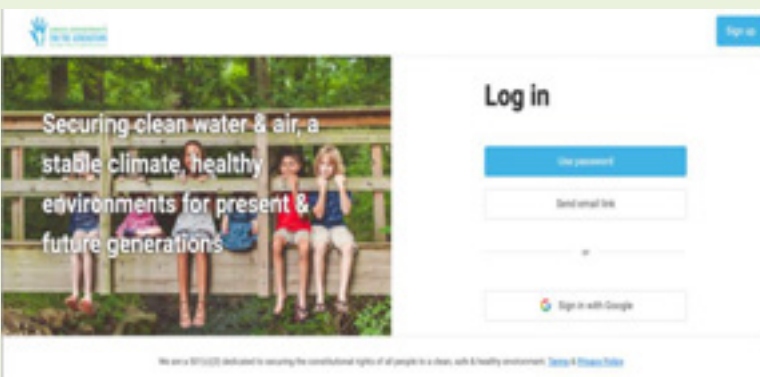
GAFTG was approved as a 1% For The Planet Environment partner and quickly started to receive some additional and valued support. 1% For The Planet Businesses [Cult + King](#), [Mutts.com](#) and Unique Pool Service all selected our organization to receive donations.



Demonstrating the strength of the Green Amendment movement, Industry is mobilizing against us.

Having witnessed the legal strength embodied in Green Amendment protections as well as the inspirational positive empowerment the Green Amendment movement is instilling in communities and activists, [industry has been investing in powerful lobbyists, lawyers, and media spin doctors to mount a false information campaign](#) seeking to defeat Green Amendment protections before they can be achieved. But *Green Amendments For The Generations* is up for the challenge and has provided the strong and powerful defense that has kept Green Amendment protections a valued priority across the nation. Our expert knowledge and advocacy has thwarted and blunted industry efforts to quash Green Amendment efforts in multiple states.

The Green Amendments Action Platform Continues to Grow!



With things gearing up in so many states, [the Green Amendment Action Platform](#) continued to grow as a powerful platform and tool for being the best place to go for quick notifications of new developments, events, actions, and learning opportunities. If you haven't joined already, now is the time! [Sign up here](#).

Green Amendments For The Generations is Educating, Inspiring & Empowering With Our Vision & Knowledge.

In 2023 the Earth Law Center Launched a New Portal Featuring Our Green Amendments Vision, Mission & Expertise. Green Amendments For The Generations was honored to be featured on the newly released [Earth Law Portal](#), created and hosted by the Earth Law Center. The platform is focused on transforming ideas into action for protecting our earth, and serving as a “digital portal and repository of Earth Law legal models and templates”, and “a place where legislators, activists, and others can customize and download Earth laws—much like other law template sites, but for the planet!” In 2023 the Earth Law Center asked to feature the Green Amendments movement among their models, including hosting a special [Green Amendments video](#) and some of our materials.

A Green Amendment Youth Steering Committee Member Was Given The Emerging Environmental Leader Award by NJ Governor Murphy, including for her Green Amendments leadership work. Awarded each year to individuals and organizations who demonstrate leadership and commitment on a range of environmental issues, including environmental justice, climate change, and protection of natural resources, Svanfridur Mura was given the James J. Florio Emerging Environmental Leader Award at the 23rd Annual Governor’s Environmental Excellence Awards. Svan was recognized for her many good works, including serving as the co-chair of the New Jersey Student Sustainability Coalition (NJSSC) and a lead coordinator in NJSSC’s campaign to secure a New Jersey Green Amendment. Svan was also recognized for her leadership in addressing issues around the climate, composting, environmental education, and issues of open space protection.

Talks & Trainings Throughout the Year



GAFTG continued to host and participate in talks and trainings to inspire, engage and educate community members wanting to fully understand the values of Green Amendment protections and how they can best engage in conversation around this important topic.

Throughout 2023 we led and participated in 40 talks & trainings

in 11 different states, with 3 being for national audiences, to help educate people about the values of constitutional protection for our environment and environmental rights. By our count, at least 2,135 people were directly educated by GAFTG programming, and were able to take their knowledge out to the rest of their community.



National Green Amendments Day 2023

Every year we celebrate National Green Amendments Day on July 13 with special programming and ways for people to learn about, and share their own personal stories about, the values of Green Amendment Protections.

In 2023, we held a live panel program where 8 knowledgeable attorneys shared real world examples of how Green Amendment Environmental Rights Protections are bringing powerful change to the 3 states that have them. You can watch a recording of the [program here](#).

And, throughout the day we shared videos from leaders across the movement speaking about why they are prioritizing the advancement of a Green Amendment in their state. You can [check them out here](#).



July 13 is national Green Amendments Day. Many people wonder, why July 13?

The number 13 is a special one for our Green Amendment movement. It was in 2013 that the Pennsylvania Supreme Court adopted our argument that the state's Green Amendment bars the state from passing, advancing or enforcing legislation that would sacrifice all residents, communities and ecosystems to fracking for fossil fuels—striking down a law known as Act 13. This victory was both a vindication of Pennsylvanian's environmental rights and a pivotal moment that inspired our Founder, Maya van Rossum to establish the National Green Amendments for the Generations organization.

The number 13 is deeply and personally special to our Founder. Marijke Wijsmuller – Maya's mother and the daughter of Ernst Wijsmuller— was the thirteenth (and youngest) child of her family. Throughout her life, Marijke drew on the courage of her father, who risked imprisonment or worse when he stood up to the Nazi occupation in the Netherlands and refused to let his eldest sons serve in the Third Reich's murderous army. As a mathematician who loved prime numbers, Marijke also committed her life to securing environmental protection and justice for all people whenever, and wherever, she could have an impact. And she inspired and supported Maya to follow her life-long passion and path of environmental protection – a passion and path that led to the founding of the national Green Amendments For The Generations vision, organization and movement.



Even though GAFTG was founded years after her passing, Marijke's legacy, handed down from her father and passed on to her daughter, infuses our organization and our daily dedication to advance environmental protection and environmental justice whenever and wherever we can.

That is why we celebrate National Green Amendment Day every year on July 13:

- ★ to celebrate our 2013 victory defeating Act 13 and breathing life into Pennsylvania's long-ignored Green Amendment and,
- ★ to honor Marijke Wijsmuller and the Green Amendment movement that -- through her daughter Maya -- she helped inspire.

GAFTG DEVELOPED SOME NEW RESOURCES FOR GREEN AMENDMENT ADVOCATES

GAFTG added a new page to our online resources library titled [Legal & Advocacy Successes](#). Every time there is a new positive legal decision, we write it up and put it on the [resources page of our website](#). So that when you get asked the question - Does a Green Amendment Really Make a Difference? – you will be equipped with information to give a positive and informed answer.

GAFTG added a [Green Amendment Checklist & Model Language](#) resource to help communities understand the essential criteria found in a Green Amendment and allow them to take the first steps in crafting language for their state. This tool takes advocates beyond the existing amendments in PA, MT and NY, and can help create a constitutional entitlement even more clear and powerful! The new resource emphasizes that if you are in a state seeking to launch a new effort, please be sure to include Green Amendments For The Generations as a partner so we can help with developing and advancing effective education and outreach programming.

GAFTG Explained the Synergies & Differences Between Rights of Nature & Green Amendments. We are often asked about how the Rights of Nature Movement and our Green Amendment movement intersect. Green Amendment Founder Maya van Rossum teamed up with Florida Right To Clean Water Leader Melissa Martin to explore the question. You can read their interesting explanation and exploration here:
<https://www.fastcompany.com/90879039/green-amendments-rights-of-nature-laws-protect-us-and-environment>

Supporting Our Partners: GAFTG’s MINI GRANTS program Supports Frontline Activists interested in learning more and engaging in the Green Amendment movement.

Among GAFTG’s goals as an organization, is to secure financial support for our partner organizations, educators, organizers, and activists. To this end, we have been successful in securing support for a mini-grants program that is helping those who are engaged with our movement.

Over the course of 2023, the Green Amendments Mini Grants Program was able to support 11 grassroots activists and organizations. In addition to supporting the costs of air fare, internet

access, lawn signs, printing of brochures and informational postcards, the Green Amendments Mini Grants Program:

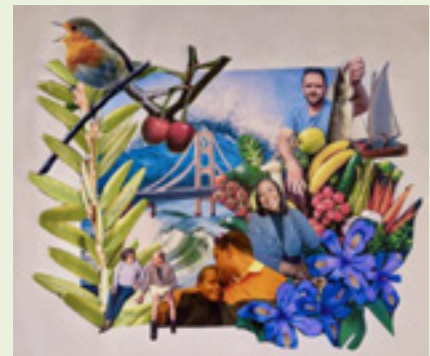
- Supported the printing and distribution of 175 lawn signs by the Clean & Green Bishop Tube community group who has been relying on the Pennsylvania Green Amendment to advocate for remediation of a contaminated site and its protection as natural open space;



- Helped residents in Thurston, NY who were relying on the NY Green Amendment to support drinking water protection advocacy and legal work, to cover the costs of testing drinking water supplies for potential PFAS contamination;

- Helped the Doña Ana Village Association, an advocacy organization that works to uplift the voices of Colonia communities in southern New Mexico, to purchase a projector and other equipment so that they can virtually participate in virtual trainings on the New Mexico Green Amendment;

- Allowed Detroiters Working for Environmental Justice (DWEJ) to, among other things, commission a local artist to create a graphic that could be used in their educational and outreach materials.



To learn more about the program and find the simple application that allows you to apply, go here:
bit.ly/GreenAmendmentMiniGrantApp

GREEN AMENDMENTS ARE IN THE HEADLINES ALL THE TIME

Throughout 2023 Green Amendments and our GAFTG organization captured the headlines week in and week out. Among our favorite press hits:

- ✓ **Fast Company:** *POV: The laws we thought were protecting us and our environment really don't*
- ✓ **Pew Trusts:** *Some States Want to Give You a Constitutional Right to a Clean Environment*
- ✓ **The Nevada Independent:** *Activists push for environmental justice as climate issues hit communities disproportionately*

- ✓ **New York Law Journal:** [*The Green Revolution Begins? First Decision Issued in NY's 'Green Amendment'*](#)
- ✓ **Coastal Point:** [*Green amendment is top priority for Riverkeeper*](#)
- ✓ **New York Law Journal:** [*Environmental Rights Invoked in New York Courts*](#)
- ✓ **WGPU:** [*Clean water activist urges action in talk at FGCU's The Water School*](#)
- ✓ **South Santa Rosa News:** [*Founder of National Green Amendments Movement to Discuss Florida Effort for a Right to Clean Water*](#)
- ✓ **Green Matters:** [Delaware Riverkeeper Maya K. van Rossum Is an Environmental Justice Warrior — Inside Her Fight to Save the Planet \(Exclusive\)](#)
- ✓ **Nevada Public Radio:** [Mountain West states at center of movement to make a clean environment a constitutional right](#)
- ✓ **Bloomberg Law:** [The Environment Needs a Constitutional Amendment to Save Us All](#)
- ✓ **EE News:** [Montana youth victory could spur momentum on other climate cases](#)
- ✓ **Inside Climate News:** [Montana Youth Sued Their Government Over Climate Change and Won. Here's Why That's a Big Deal](#)
- ✓ **USA Today:** [Should governments be blamed for climate change? How one lawsuit could change US policies](#)
- ✓ **KUNR Public Radio:** [Montana youths win climate case, but what does it mean for other states?](#)
- ✓ **Earth Island News:** [A Fundamental Right, Green amendments could be a game changer for climate litigation.](#)
- ✓ **Digital Journal:** [Environmental activism: What does the win against the Montana state signal for the next steps?](#)
- ✓ **Carbon Neutral Copy:** [Will Climate Cases Like Held v. Montana Affect Businesses Nationwide? Proactively supporting environmental rights can help companies come out ahead.](#)
- ✓ **ForthRight Media:** [Held v MT, Alliance for the Wild Rockies, Green Amendments for the Generations](#)
- ✓ **Earth911 Podcast:** [Maya van Rossum on Held v. Montana and Renewable Energy Lobbying](#)
- ✓ **AZ Central:** [After historic climate ruling, Arizonans renew push to guarantee a clean environment \(AZ\)](#)
- ✓ **Lean to the Left Podcast:** [Climate Change: The Sword of Damocles](#)
- ✓ **TAKING UP THE MANTLE AND MAKING HISTORY:** The USA Today family of publications [carried GAFTG Founder Maya van Rossum's inspirational call for youth to add the Green Amendment as part of their activism](#) to take on climate catastrophe.
- ✓ **The Guardian:** ['Green amendments': advocates push for constitutional guarantees in face of climate crisis.](#)
- ✓ **E&E News:** [Montana's pro-environment Constitution goes on trial.](#)