

Did you know oil drilling off the coast of Florida is prohibited by law? It's the only Gulf Coast state which forbids offshore drilling. That's why we don't see spilled oil covering our beaches like they're experiencing in Orange County, California after [a pipeline ruptured](#). (Except from BP's Deep Water Horizon which spilled oil across the entire Gulf including Florida.)

Spills are an unavoidable feature of oil drilling and pipelines as sure as crashes are an unavoidable feature of cars. They can't be prevented despite industry assurances to the contrary. [There is no safe way to drill offshore for oil](#). Period.

Oil spills off the California coast are a periodic occurrence. In 1969, a spill that [covered the beach in Santa Barbara](#) helped spark the modern conservation movement.

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The Nature Conservancy is partnering with the City of Orlando on the Treesilience project. Treesilience provides preventive tree maintenance for low-income homeowners in under-resourced communities and offers planting of wind-resistant trees to restore tree canopy.

Read more about [The Nature Conservancy's urban conservation](#) program in Orlando.

LINK: [https://www.nature.org/en-us/about-us/where-we-work/united-states/florida/stories-in-florida/orlando-metro-cities-conservation-monarchs/?src=e.ch\\_fl.eg.x.gpn.1006.n.sas.loc\\_fl&en\\_txn8=NewSch.WJEMSA2110PNZNZZE06Z00-ZZZZ-ST00&lu=cd668c06-3202-416c-aa82-1a74b7d58ac5](https://www.nature.org/en-us/about-us/where-we-work/united-states/florida/stories-in-florida/orlando-metro-cities-conservation-monarchs/?src=e.ch_fl.eg.x.gpn.1006.n.sas.loc_fl&en_txn8=NewSch.WJEMSA2110PNZNZZE06Z00-ZZZZ-ST00&lu=cd668c06-3202-416c-aa82-1a74b7d58ac5)

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The Jacksonville Riverfront is back in the news. Register to attend "Activating Jacksonville's Riverfront: October 19 Activation Plan Presentation & Community Feedback Session" at The Jessie downtown [in person HERE](#) or on [Zoom HERE](#).

This meeting will share results of The Jessie Ball duPont Fund's citizen surveys about the future of the riverfront.

In person link: <https://jbdftypeform.com/to/lmEoq6Nq>

Zoom link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZ0rceuoqTooGNyJzE7IEmB2nhB9XMfYhq9e>

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October is [Native Plant month](#) in Florida.

LINK: <https://www.floridatrend.com/article/28119/commissioner-fried-proclaims-october-is-florida-native-plant-month>

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This week's action steps include support for a Florida Fish and Wildlife Commission proposed new guideline for [protecting nesting shorebirds](#)

LINK: [https://click.everyaction.com/k/37241418/310493371/1639426176?ms=aud-email-advocacy\\_\(fl\)\\_beach-nesting\\_bird\\_guidelines](https://click.everyaction.com/k/37241418/310493371/1639426176?ms=aud-email-advocacy_(fl)_beach-nesting_bird_guidelines)

AND

Support to [Free the Ocklawaha](#) River.

LINK: [https://www.freetheocklawaha.com/action-alert/?utm\\_source=mailpoet&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_campaign=action-alert-respond-to-sjrwmd-survey-on-the-ocklawaha-river-restoration\\_43](https://www.freetheocklawaha.com/action-alert/?utm_source=mailpoet&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=action-alert-respond-to-sjrwmd-survey-on-the-ocklawaha-river-restoration_43)