

Ron DeSantis tops a list of [Florida politicians bought and paid for by polluting industries](#), with Big Sugar spending the most to purchase our elected officials.

LINK: <https://floridaphoenix.com/2024/10/17/new-database-helps-show-which-florida-politicians-are-owned-by-which-polluters/>

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What [Jacksonville can learn from Memphis](#) about riverfronts, resiliency, and trees.

LINK: <https://www.jacksonville.com/story/news/columns/mark-woods/2024/10/08/opinion-resiliency-a-recurring-piece-of-great-cities-symposium/75548776007/>

Speaking of resiliency, The Army Corps of Engineers will host [a public workshop](#) to gather feedback on proposed projects to combat flooding in downtown St. Augustine. Come out to the public meeting on Wednesday, Oct. 23 at 6 p.m. at the Alcazar Room at City Hall (75 King Street) to share which measures you support (GREEN INFRASTRUCTURE: sand dunes, sea grass, living shorelines, costal hammock, trees, native plants, restored marshes, and wetlands) and which you oppose (GRAY INFRASTRUCTURE: seawalls, concrete, dams, dykes, levees).

LINK: <https://www.instagram.com/p/DBPB5Xiv-A9/?igsh=MW9sc2xtYnJycWE3dA%3D%3D>

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North Florida Land Trust's Smith Lake Preserve is a 487-acre property located in Clay County within the Ocala to Osceola Wildlife Corridor. The Ocala to Osceola Corridor is a 1.6-million-acre network of public and private lands that connects the Ocala and Osceola National Forests, a critical link within the Florida Wildlife Corridor.

Earlier this year, [NFLT received a grant](#) to complete renovations around the property and create a greenhouse supporting the restoration and management of NFLT's nature preserves. The greenhouse will enable NFLT to grow approximately 20,000 plugs of various native plant species like wiregrass, blazing star, lopsided Indian grass, and prairie dropseed grass.

The preserve is open to the public.

LINK: <https://www.nflt.org/2024/10/03/25-weeks-of-memories-for-25-years-of-conservation-smith-lake-preserve/>

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[U.S. blocking port access](#) to international fishing vessels in violation of environmental/catch regulations.

LINK: <https://usa.oceana.org/press-releases/u-s-denies-port-access-to-fishing-vessels-of-17-nations/>

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You love the environment, but would you give your life to protect it? In 2023, nearly 200 [environmental defenders/activists were murdered](#) for their actions around the world.

LINK: <https://x.com/triofrancos/status/1835005339940409660>

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Fascinating graphic here that shows almost [half of all global shipping traffic](#) is the transportation of fossil fuels.

LINK: <https://twitter.com/Tzoporah/status/1845829160503292059>

Shipping traffic contributes [roughly 3% of all carbon emissions](#) annually.

LINK: <https://www.bbc.com/news/science-environment-66064838>

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The computing power required to run artificial intelligence has devastating environmental consequences. Consider the Elon Musk xAI facility outside Memphis, TN: “When the supercomputer gets to full capacity, the local utility says it’s going to need [1,000,000 of water per day and 150 megawatts of electricity](#) — enough to [power 100,000 homes](#) per year.”

LINK: <https://www.npr.org/2024/09/11/nx-s1-5088134/elon-musk-ai-xai-supercomputer-memphis-pollution>