

Congratulations to North Florida Land Trust which has secured funding to [permanently protect the “small islands”](#) located in the Intracoastal Waterway at J. Turner Butler Blvd in Jacksonville Beach.

More good news from NFLT will be coming soon!

LINK: <https://www.nflt.org/2021/09/20/north-florida-land-trust-has-acquired-the-funding-to-save-the-small-islands/>

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West Palm Beach is [passing on planting palm trees in favor of native oaks and pines](#) due to their increased ability to store carbon, provide shade and mitigate flooding – what are known as “ecosystem services.” Palm trees are aesthetically pleasing and evocative of Florida, but offer little in the way of environmental benefit when compared to other native trees.

This is a mindset and action that will hopefully spread across the state... you can start with your own yard and neighborhood.

LINK: <https://www.cnn.com/2021/10/23/weather/weather-trees-adapt-climate-change/index.html?fbclid=IwAR0FkjBPzYPRFidI2sJrFfSMBJs7rO7rxeKE2FtV81N1hImfPapXwBDDe2J8>

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The Biden Administration this month restored a number of national monuments, providing hundreds of thousands of additional acres for natural landscapes after they were contracted by the Trump Administration.

LINK: <https://www.wilderness.org/articles/blog/finally-bears-ears-grand-staircase-escalante-restored-biden?emci=b312489c-2e38-ec11-9820-c896653b26c8&emdi=2d2d3dc2-503a-ec11-9820-c896653b26c8&ceid=447574>

This is one of many actions which will need to be taken and expanded upon if the United States is to meet a goal of [30% of land and water conserved for nature by 2030](#) which scientist recommend to control climate change and the extinction crisis.

LINK: <https://www.nrdc.org/experts/helen-oshea/biden-administration-lays-out-30x30-vision-conserve-nature>

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You may have seen or heard the term “COP26,” this is the acronym for the [global climate summit](#) taking place beginning today in Glasgow, Scotland. Here’s a primer on what will take place and the key issues at stake.

LINK: <https://www.cnbc.com/2021/10/29/whats-at-stake-at-cop26-a-guide-to-the-make-or-break-climate-issues.html>