

Big effort in Nassau County underway to raise awareness and support for a ballot measure this November which will establish public funding for the purchase of conservation land.

Nassau County voters will see it on the reverse side of their ballots in the upper right hand corner labeled as "COUNTY REFERENDUM," the only such measure on the ballot, titled: NASSAU COUNTY GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS FOR LANDS TO PROTECT WATER QUALITY, WILDLIFE HABITAT, AND RIVERS.

VOTE YES and tell all your friends to do the same!

[Learn more.](#)

[Support the measure.](#)

LINK: <https://protectnassau.org/>

LINK: <https://fernandinaobserver.com/featured-story/take-note-of-a-very-important-referendum-on-the-november-ballot/>

[America's first solar powered town](#), Babcock Ranch, Florida, 12 miles north of Fort Myers, survived Hurricane Ian with barely a scratch. In addition to using solar power, the town has numerous other climate resiliency strategies such as native plant landscaping along roads to control flooding and buried utilities.

LINK: <https://www.cnn.com/2022/10/02/us/solar-babcock-ranch-florida-hurricane-ian-climate/index.html?fbclid=IwAR3uP9GQB2uvCYZnvInNKUTCiPKFrFCNR0PqNi5UyKgDToAaYY7Yrv2Q1Cw>

Meanwhile, taking the opposite approach, the Gas and Oil Party (GOP's) current strategy for "climate resiliency" is spending big dollars on gray infrastructure – more built environment: concrete, asphalt, dikes, dams, sea walls, pumping stations – while ignoring green infrastructure – natural solutions like native plants and trees – while also doing nothing about the cause of climate change... which is not a phrase you will hear cross their lips. [At the head of this climate denial 2.0 charge: Ron Desantis.](#)

LINK: <https://time.com/6219326/ron-desantis-climate-florida/>

More good news from the North Florida Land Trust which continues putting points on the board for conservation land. [400 more acres protected in Clay County.](#)

LINK: <https://www.nflt.org/2022/10/06/north-florida-land-trust-has-acquired-400-acres-for-conservation-in-clay-county/>

[The national movement to ditch water and chemical guzzling turfgrass lawns](#) in favor native plants receives [the profile treatment from CNN.com](#). Property owners in the Western U.S. are especially keen on the idea considering increasing water scarcity across the region.

Here are tips on how to do it.

VIDEO: <https://www.cnn.com/videos/us/2022/09/30/residential-lawns-removal-us-drought-lbb-orig.cnn>

LINK: <https://www.cnn.com/style/article/lawns-american-yard-us/index.html>

Longleaf pine forests once covered the Southeast, including north Florida. Logging and development wiped them out. Conservation groups are working to bring them back. [Why are they so important?](#)

LINK: https://www.nature.org/en-us/what-we-do/our-priorities/protect-water-and-land/land-and-water-stories/longleaf-pine-restoration/?en_txn1=e.ch_fl.eg.x.gpn.1005.n.sas.loc_fl&en_txn8=NewSch.WJEMSA2210NPNZNZZE01Z00-ZZZZZ-ST00&lu=72cbb21b-3a33-4505-b2f6-1dc548534a04&customer_id=19567367
