

Thanks to everyone who completed a recent action item asking the St. John's River Water Management District to remove the Kirkpatrick Dam and restore a free-flowing Ocklawaha River. Support for this action on the survey was overwhelming with [nearly 90% of the more than 10,000 respondents](#) wanting the dam taken down and the river freed.

The public has spoken loudly and clearly. The dam has never served a meaningful purpose and no compelling reason exists to maintain it. Will that be enough to finally get the state and St. John's River Water Management District to undertake removal of the dam which is a half century overdue?

We'll see.

LINK: https://www.freetheocklawaha.com/sjrwmd-survey-results-demonstrate-strong-support-for-ocklawaha-river-restoration/?utm_source=mailpoet&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=sjrwmd-survey-results-show-strong-support-for-ocklawaha-river-restoration_47

Florida would stand to receive [billions in federal infrastructure dollars](#) to support clean energy if it had a clean energy plan, which it doesn't, so it won't.

LINK: <https://floridaphoenix.com/2021/11/11/florida-could-cash-in-on-president-bidens-infrastructure-bill-if-we-had-a-plan/>

Here's the latest on the effort to bring parks and greenspace to Jacksonville's riverfront instead of more development. This presentation outlines current thinking on [activating public spaces](#) along the riverfront and has a shocking lack of attention to flood mitigation, resiliency, trees, shade and natural features.

LINK: <https://www.dupontfund.org/news/activating-jacksonvilles-riverfront-activation-plan-presentation>

An attempt by the Miami-Dade County Commission to expand the Urban Development Boundary it set for itself in order to [convert 800 acres of farmland on the edge of the Everglades](#) into an industrial park continues to draw the ire of conservation groups, and now, government agencies in the Florida Keys concerned about how the development project would effect their drinking water supply.

LINK: [https://fl.audubon.org/news/audubon-florida-launches-advocacy-effort-against-urban-sprawl-threatens-everglades?ms=fl-eng-email-ea-newsletter-engagement_\(fl\)_advocate_11052021_&utm_source=ea&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=engagement_\(fl\)_advocate_11052021_&emci=d90105c9-783e-ec11-9820-c896653b26c8&emdi=9a461f17-043f-ec11-9820-c896653b26c8&ceid=4030367](https://fl.audubon.org/news/audubon-florida-launches-advocacy-effort-against-urban-sprawl-threatens-everglades?ms=fl-eng-email-ea-newsletter-engagement_(fl)_advocate_11052021_&utm_source=ea&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=engagement_(fl)_advocate_11052021_&emci=d90105c9-783e-ec11-9820-c896653b26c8&emdi=9a461f17-043f-ec11-9820-c896653b26c8&ceid=4030367)

Citrus is big business in Florida. That's why the Trump Administration [OK'd a toxic pesticide](#) for use on Florida's orange groves in its waning days despite the pesticide having been banned by the Environmental Protection Agency in 2010.

Nine times out of 10, as this story demonstrates, business concerns top health and environmental concerns in Florida.

LINK: <https://www.usatoday.com/story/news/nation/2021/11/02/epa-pressured-decision-toxic-pesticide-florida-citrus/8124503002/?gnt-cfr=1>

