

[The controversial Northern Turnpike Extension](#), which Florida citizens have over and over and over again expressed their disapproval of, remains in the Department of Transportation's plans and work will begin again next year to ram a project through in the face of community and environmentalist opposition. After all, Ron DeSantis supports it, so in our current state autocracy, he – and his developer and road builder buddies – get what they want.

LINK: <https://www.ocalagazette.com/northern-turnpike-extension-remains-in-fdot-plans/>

Here's something I'm sure you've heard before: wind turbines kill birds.

That is a fact, but when compared to fossil fuel infrastructure, the losses are fractional. The “turbines kill birds” argument is a clever and devious tool used by fossil fuel companies to subversively combat clean energy initiatives.

The data:

https://twitter.com/curious_founder/status/1595185015884767235?s=43&t=BGSVD2GAgyVKs9Zf-XtH3Q

A lawsuit has been filed challenging a Trump era decision that [removed Clean Water Act protections](#) from almost 600 acres of wetlands on the doorstep of the Okefenokee National Wildlife Refuge.

LINK: https://biologicaldiversity.org/w/news/press-releases/lawsuit-challenges-army-corps-decision-imperiling-wetlands-near-okefenokee-swamp-2022-11-15/?utm_source=eeo&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=eeo1168&utm_term=EndangeredSpecies&emci=e012254a-5b6b-ed11-ade6-14cb65342cd2&emdi=391eb7bb-086c-ed11-ade6-14cb65342cd2&ceid=2023608

Another Trump era decision, this one from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service which in 2017 reclassified the manatee as “threatened,” down-listed from “endangered,” [is being challenged](#). Placing the manatee back on the endangered list would enhance federal scrutiny of development projects and issues involving manatees like septic tank approvals – septic tanks contribute to groundwater pollution which kills the seagrass beds manatee feed on – and bring more resources and expertise to tackle the problem.

LINK: <https://apnews.com/article/florida-animals-wildlife-pollution-us-fish-and-service-58f6c4e49a7268eba1fdb534a954ceec?emci=e012254a-5b6b-ed11-ade6-14cb65342cd2&emdi=391eb7bb-086c-ed11-ade6-14cb65342cd2&ceid=2023608>

Voters in Titusville overwhelmingly approved a “right to clean water” ballot referendum seeking to hold polluters accountable for their despoiling the area’s water. The city’s mayor and council have [refused to certify the vote](#), believing it is unconstitutional.

LINK: https://www.floridatoday.com/story/news/2022/11/22/titusvilles-right-clean-water-amendment-passed-but-not-enacted/10757415002/?a=a&utm_source=floridatoday-DailyBriefing&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=daily_briefing&utm_term=list_article_thumb&utm_content=PBRE-1028FT-E-NLETTER65

The U.S. House Select Committee on the Climate Crisis, formed in 2018 and “charged with coordinating and advancing policies, strategies, and innovations to achieve substantial and permanent reductions in

pollution and other activities that contribute to the climate crisis,” [will be disbanded](#) now that the Gas and Oil Party has regained control of the chamber.

LINK: <https://floridapolitics.com/archives/572397-kathy-castor-sounds-alarm-about-likely-end-of-climate-crisis-committee/>

[Florida’s history of land conservation](#) for environmental protection from the late 1800s to today was the topic on a recent episode of my “Welcome to Florida” podcast.

LINK: <https://www.stitcher.com/show/welcome-to-florida/episode/episode-126-florida-land-preservation-208521936>