

The U.S Army Corps of Engineers has completed [a major Everglades restoration project](#) which will help keep polluted stormwater out of the St. Lucie River and, as a result, should help the struggling manatee populations in the Indian River Lagoon. Manatee there have been starving in startling numbers this year due the sea grass they feed on not growing in the volume it has historically a result of polluted water.

LINK": <https://www.tcpalm.com/story/news/local/indian-river-lagoon/2021/11/19/army-corps-completes-c-44-reservoir-curb-st-lucie-river-discharges-stormwater-runoff-toxic-algae/8623519002/?fbclid=IwAR2f3AzGL-GgGBqQ5U8oJxJ-oWHhSfppYAFzm-AYIM1V0K6pl-HlaHmZolM&eType=EmailBlastContent&eld=8db5e618-bb57-462d-b8df-3882ddab65b0>

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Roundabouts are better for the environment, and public safety, than four-way intersections. [Here's how.](#)

LINK: <https://www.nytimes.com/2021/11/20/climate/roundabouts-climate-emissions-driving.html?referringSource=articleShare>

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Florida Power & Light, Mosaic Co., the phosphate-mining giant, and sugar growers Florida Crystals and U.S. Sugar appear to be key donors behind a "dark money" entity in Florida [which ran "ghost candidates"](#) posing as progressives to siphon votes from Democrats in a variety of state-wide races.

What does the power company, a mining company and Big Sugar have in common? All are opposed to environmental regulation and willing to spend millions to make sure they can continue polluting by supporting Republican politicians who will keep allowing them to do so.

LINK: <https://www.orlandosentinel.com/news/os-ne-lets-preserve-the-american-dream-senate-ghost-candidates-20211118-fhpqycqaijcxkrr3nipee5qne-story.html?eType=EmailBlastContent&eld=0870ab05-89ec-4dc0-849c-8024ab8d9bb4>

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Environmental advocates fear the gopher tortoise could lose protections after the Florida Fish and Wildlife Commission decided to [temporarily give developers more flexibility](#) on where gopher tortoises can be relocated. You expected different from a state body with the word "conservation" in its name? From the state organization charged with protecting the environment?

Remember, this is Florida and 99 times out of 100, developers get their way regardless of the impacts on wildlife or wild lands. Florida Fish and Wildlife Commission commissioners are nominated by the governor, and with 20 years of Republican

governors in Florida, most FWC commissioners are stooges for development and industry.

LINK: <https://www.winknews.com/2021/11/23/environmental-advocates-worry-gopher-tortoises-will-lose-protections/>

On a recent episode of [my "Welcome to Florida" podcast](#), I discussed the history of gopher tortoise devastation and conservation in Florida.

LINK: <https://www.stitcher.com/show/welcome-to-florida/episode/episode-64-gopher-tortoise-86612331>

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How the recently signed federal Infrastructure Bill was [a win for pollinators](#).

LINK: <https://xerces.org/press/infrastructure-bill-is-win-for-bees-and-butterflies-including-monarchs>