

The Florida legislature will take up a bill in the coming session seeking to remove most oversight, bypass local ordinances, and exclude public input from [the largest land developments in Florida](#).

LINK: <https://floridaphoenix.com/2025/12/18/florida-lawmakers-promote-blue-ribbon-developers-at-public-expense/>

The bill essentially gives land development projects over 10,000 acres – you read that right – a rubber stamp of approval statewide.

Doesn't it make sense that the largest proposed developments in Florida should face the most scrutiny, not the least?

The best government money can buy.

LINK: <https://jasongarcia.substack.com/p/florida-legislature-2026-a-bill-written>

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[Florida has cut more environmental protection jobs than any other state](#) in the past 15 years.

The state cut 394 jobs, or 19% of full-time positions, at the Florida Department of Environmental Protection from 2010 to 2024, according to the Environmental Impact Project's latest report.

Florida also saw environmental spending cut by 7% during that same time frame.

Look to who has been governor and running the state legislature over that period for your answers as to why this is. The environment is politics.

LINK: <https://weartv.com/news/local/florida-ranks-near-top-in-epa-staff-cuts-raising-concern-about-environmental-protection>

How many black bears have been killed as a part of the state's maniacal bear hunt? [It's not saying](#).

LINK: https://www.winknews.com/news/state/florida-bear-hunt-debate-intensifies-as-officials-withhold-kill-data/article_b0033abb-93ba-48c9-bd0c-896113031945.html

The Central Florida Expressway Authority has revealed its preferred route for the so-called Osceola Connector near Kissimmee. The path for the 6-lane, \$2.5 billion highway will [run directly through the Florida Wildlife Corridor](#).

Who cares, I guess? Not road builders.

Roads and cars matter more than trees and bears.

The planners have already acknowledged that expected traffic on the 15-mile toll road will not come close to generating enough revenue to offset its massive construction cost... who cares, I guess. Roads come first.

LINK: <https://www.wusf.org/environment/2025-12-15/osceola-connector-highway-approved-despite-concern-over-florida-wildlife-corridor>

Florida, and most of America, has a mania for roadbuilding. It's big business for construction companies specializing in it. This despite study after study showing that [more and bigger roads don't reduce traffic congestion](#).

The Osceola Connector will destroy thousands of acres of potential wildlife habitat and kill animals and cut down trees and make roadbuilders even richer than they are; it is unlikely to meaningfully reduce congestion in the area long-term.

Who cares, I guess?

LINK: <https://www.scientificamerican.com/article/why-widening-highways-doesnt-fix-traffic-but-congestion-pricing-can/>

Jeff Bezos' (Amazon oligarch) rocket company, Blue Origin, has applied for a permit from the Florida Department of Environmental Protection to [dump up to 500,000 gallons of industrial wastewater per day](#) into a stormwater system that drains toward the Indian River Lagoon.

Take a wild guess whether or not it will be approved.

In Florida, industry vs. nature is a route.

Let's make Blue Origin our corporate eco-villain of the week.

LINK: <https://www.change.org/p/stop-blue-origin-from-dumping-wastewater-into-indian-river-lagoon>

University of Georgia researchers have found [that the Okefenokee Swamp is more closely tied to the vast aquifer beneath it](#), suggesting changes in or around the Swamp could affect groundwater supplies relied on by millions of people.

This summer, [a \\$60 million land acquisition](#) by a conservation organization prevented a proposed titanium mine on the doorstep of the Swamp that would have likely fouled the aquifer.

LINK: <https://www.ajc.com/business/2025/12/would-okefenokee-mining-affect-a-key-aquifer-likely-yes-new-study-finds/>

LINK: <https://thecurrentga.org/2025/06/20/okefenokee-mine-sale-conservation-fund/>

A species of [native bamboo](#) could prove to be a critical tool for fighting stream bank erosion and flooding across the South.

LINK: https://grist.org/solutions/how-rivercane-a-native-bamboo-could-help-protect-the-south-from-future-floods/?utm_medium=email&utm_source=newsletter&utm_campaign=daily

[The U.S. military uses 270,000 barrels of oil a day](#) making it the largest single consumer of fossil fuels and the largest polluter in the world.

LINK: <https://youtu.be/YykTD3EOjVE?si=gyP2GbD8GRHbOdqJ>

What good is having that giant war machine if you don't use it?

America's war machine is currently being used to menace Venezuela for the purpose of [taking that country's oil](#) to further fuel our war machine and enrich oil companies and defense contractors. Just like Iraq.

See how this all works together?

LINK: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Pgwyny1BiCYk>

The administration intends to dismantle Colorado's National Center for Atmospheric Research, [the largest federal climate research lab](#). The author of Project 2025 who now oversees federal spending made the announcement on social media, claiming the scientists there spread "climate alarmism."

LINK: <https://www.nbcnews.com/science/climate-change/trump-administration-break-climate-research-center-ncar-rcna249668>

[More climate denialism from on high](#): the Environmental Protection Agency has purged 80 pages of facts about climate change — including that it's caused by humans – from the department's website.

LINK: https://grist.org/politics/epa-website-erases-climate-science-basics/?utm_medium=email&utm_source=newsletter&utm_campaign=daily

Atrazine is a toxic, hormone-disrupting weedkiller. It's so dangerous that it's banned in 60 countries. The International Agency for Research on Cancer states that atrazine is a probable carcinogen.

Despite this, atrazine is still sprayed across millions of acres of American cornfields, threatening farmers, farmworkers, and neighbors, washing into waterways and harming fish, frogs, and the ecosystems that sustain us all.

In October, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service released its draft assessment of atrazine claiming [it does not pose an extinction risk to a single protected species](#). Not one.

Interesting, because the EPA's 2020 draft assessment concluded that atrazine was likely to harm over 1,000 imperiled species.

Atrazine's maker, Syngenta, has spent decades funding its own studies and pressuring agencies to look the other way, and now with a regime committed to war on nature for the benefit of industry controlling the federal government, atrazine is A-OK!

Let's make Syngenta our second corporate eco-villain of the week. There's so many to choose from.

LINK: <https://www.agrolatam.com/crops/atrazine-endangered-species-fws-ruling-controversy/>

Speaking of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, it has [delayed a decision on whether to extend federal protections to monarch butterflies](#) indefinitely despite years of warnings from conservationists that populations are shrinking.

The big chemical companies like Syngenta are sure to love this.

War on nature.

Favors to industry.

LINK: <https://apnews.com/article/monarch-butterfly-endangered-list-trump-delay-5bf6501d2ecc605aa25b42164e396923>