

The Florida Springs Council launched a lawsuit to stop the water use permit that allows the owners of Ginnie Springs northwest of Gainesville to pump nearly 1 million gallons of water per day from the springs to sell to Nestle/BlueTriton for bottling.

Last week, a court decided [the Florida Springs Council has the right to challenge the permit](#).

Long way to go to stop this giveaway of Florida's precious and pristine drinking water to a huge corporation which bottles it into millions of plastic bottles which further pollute the environment when they're made and then discarded and truck it across the country, which further pollutes the environment, but it's a win and good news.

You aren't still drinking out of plastic bottles, are you? Get a reusable bottle and go to the tap. Make that a simply New Year's Resolution for the environment for you and your family.

LINK: <https://www.instagram.com/p/ClmgyhfOL6i/?igshid=Nzg3Njl1NGI%3D>

[LINK: Backstory](#)

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[Two Galapagos tortoise were stolen](#) from the St. Augustine Alligator Farm.

DYK the Alligator Farm is the only facility in the world to house and display every species of alligator and crocodile on earth? A remarkable place.

LINK: <https://www.news4jax.com/news/local/2022/12/01/st-augustine-alligator-farm-searching-for-stolen-galapagos-tortoises/>

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There is a runoff election occurring in Fernandina Beach with two city council seats up for grabs. Because runoff elections experience such small voter participation, there's actually a chance for pro-conservation, non-developer backed candidates to win. Genece Minshew and Mike Lednovich are two such candidates. I live in Fernandina Beach and that's who I'm voting for.

Get out and vote for them. It's the easiest thing you can do to help the environment.

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Conservation groups want the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration to extend its [protections for North Atlantic right whales](#) against boat strikes to the Southeast.

LINK: <https://www.savannahnow.com/story/news/environment/2022/11/25/petition-urges-speed-regulations-save-north-atlantic-right-whales-noaa/10755412002/>

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How scientists in an Orlando warehouse are trying to save Florida's coral by creating a ["Noah's Arc for coral."](#)

LINK: <https://www.npr.org/2022/11/29/1138631989/scientists-florida-coral-barrier-reef-survival-restoration>

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[The Recovering America's Wildlife Act](#) is working its way through Congress and could be the most significant piece of wildlife legislation since the 1973 Endangered Species Act. DYK the Endangered Species Act, along with much of America's best clean air and clean water laws, were enacted under Richard Nixon? Are you old enough to remember when the environment was a bi-partisan issue and not an appendage to the right wing's culture war?

The Recovering America's Wildlife Act could have a major impact in Florida where politicians – especially now – are averse to buying up land to protect critical habitat for wildlife.

LINK: [https://www.theguardian.com/environment/2022/dec/03/how-patch-of-land-landmark-bill-could-save-florida-panthers-aoe?utm\\_term=Autofeed&CMP=edit\\_2221&utm\\_medium=Social&utm\\_source=Twitter#Echobox=1670073811](https://www.theguardian.com/environment/2022/dec/03/how-patch-of-land-landmark-bill-could-save-florida-panthers-aoe?utm_term=Autofeed&CMP=edit_2221&utm_medium=Social&utm_source=Twitter#Echobox=1670073811)

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[This Panhandle petrochemical company](#) is one of the worst polluters in the nation.

LINK: <https://floridaphoenix.com/2022/12/01/this-florida-chemical-plant-is-the-biggest-greenhouse-gas-polluter-in-the-state/>