

The developers who brought you Nocatee are envisioning another 6,000 acre project for undeveloped land they own in Jacksonville on which they'd site some 10,000 homes.

LINK: <https://www.msn.com/en-us/money/realestate/developers-behind-nocatee-etown-propose-6-000-acre-development-in-southeast-jacksonville/ar-AA17xBb5?cvid=bb2f7cedacdc4f82b05356bfa7c14c3e&ocid=winp2fptaskbarhover>

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service is proposing [removing the wood stork](#) from the Endangered Species Act and the protections which come along with it due to the bird's increased population. That sounds like good news, but ask the manatee how removal from the list has worked out?

Species are added to the Endangered Species List for a reason, they need additional protection to survive, and when their numbers rebound and they're delisted, the protections which brought their populations back are removed and they fall again.

LINK: <https://www.chron.com/news/article/us-proposes-removing-wood-stork-from-endangered-17783820.php>

[How does your grocery store rank](#) when it comes to sustainably sourcing its tuna? If you shop at Winn-Dixie or Publix, awful. Worst in the nation bad according to Greenpeace, not that any national chain ranks highly.

LINK: <https://www.greenpeace.org/usa/wp-content/uploads/2023/02/TunaScorecard-23.jpg?a>

If you live in Jacksonville, [the City wants to hear from you](#) about its resiliency efforts/plans.

LINK: https://jacksonvilleu.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_7009gupqmKxrVKS

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers began construction last week on [the Everglades Agricultural Area \(EAA\) Reservoir](#). The reservoir, located south of Lake Okeechobee in western Palm Beach County, will be as large as Manhattan and is expected to take 8 years to complete. The Everglades Trust considers the EAA Reservoir "the single most important project to store, clean, & send water south from Lake Okeechobee into the Everglades & Florida Bay, as well as cut down on the discharges that damage both of Florida's coasts."

Presently, polluted water from Lake O is sent east through the St. Lucie River to the Indian River Lagoon and west through the Caloosahatchee River to the Gulf of Mexico when lake levels are deemed too high by Big Sugar and risk potentially flooding their plantations south of the Lake. These massive discharges of polluted water cause algae blooms, kill fish and other wildlife species, and kill the seagrass beds manatee feed on, causing their starvation.

The discharges also prevent the excess Lake O water from flowing south, the way nature intended it to, and nourishing the Everglades. Everybody loses with Lake O discharges to the east and west except Big Sugar.

Completion of the EAA Reservoir, along with some 6,500 acres of restored wetlands in the area, will allow "excess" Lake O water to be sent south where it belongs and be stored in the wetlands and reservoir instead of east and west where it's unwanted.

LINK: <https://www.wlrn.org/florida-news/2023-02-24/everglades-reservoir-underway-but-theres-new-concerns-over-whether-it-will-work>