

Florida will spend at least [\\$450 million annually](#) as part of an agreement related to gaming revenues generated by the Seminole Tribe on conservation initiatives including buying and managing land in the Florida Wildlife Corridor and fighting invasive species.

LINK: <https://www.tallahassee.com/story/news/politics/2024/04/04/florida-gambling-money-environmental-conservation-seminole-tribe-compact-desantis/73202703007/>

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April was the deadliest month of the year so far for Florida [panther fatalities from vehicle strikes](#) with five.

LINK: <https://winknews.com/2024/04/18/florida-panthers-deadliest-month-april-roadkill-fwc/>

More panthers die from car collisions than anything else. A similar situation effects the North Atlantic right whales, another critically endangered species, which has strikes from shipping vessels as its No. 1 cause of death. The ocean is so big, how can the fewer than 300 surviving North Atlantic right whales so regularly find themselves in the path of the giant container ships which strike and kill them? This graphic shows how.

LINK: <https://www.instagram.com/reel/C5ldiYALgzH/?igsh=Y2gzY2swcWt6amV0>

Remember, studies show a reduction of shipping traffic in known right whale migratory routes could reduce 90% of whale/shipping mortality, but the federal government refuses to slow the ships down because commerce takes priority over conservation in this country.

Speaking of right whales, [they're becoming smaller](#), which is bad for their reproductive rate.

LINK: <https://www.livescience.com/animals/whales/critically-endangered-right-whales-are-shrinking-with-drastic-consequences-for-their-population>

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Did you know Publix was the biggest corporate campaign contributor in Florida politics? [The supermarket chain leaned on legislators](#) this session to block local municipalities from instituting rules requiring their parking lots install electric vehicle charging stations.

LINK: [https://jasongarcia.substack.com/p/publix-sought-to-block-electric-vehicle?utm\\_source=post-email-title&publication\\_id=687064&post\\_id=143451144&utm\\_campaign=email-post-title&isFreemail=true&r=g2ims&triedRedirect=true&utm\\_medium=email](https://jasongarcia.substack.com/p/publix-sought-to-block-electric-vehicle?utm_source=post-email-title&publication_id=687064&post_id=143451144&utm_campaign=email-post-title&isFreemail=true&r=g2ims&triedRedirect=true&utm_medium=email)

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Planting trees is important to combating climate change and biodiversity collapse, cleaning the air and filtering the water. [Saving existing trees is more so.](#)

LINK: [https://www.nytimes.com/2024/04/22/opinion/trees-cities-earth-day.html?campaign\\_id=9&emc=edit\\_nn\\_20240422&instance\\_id=121180&nl=the-morning&regi\\_id=94622599&segment\\_id=164436&te=1&user\\_id=22c72b5cf0663c6784557ed8747380db](https://www.nytimes.com/2024/04/22/opinion/trees-cities-earth-day.html?campaign_id=9&emc=edit_nn_20240422&instance_id=121180&nl=the-morning&regi_id=94622599&segment_id=164436&te=1&user_id=22c72b5cf0663c6784557ed8747380db)

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Ecological horticulturist Rebecca McMackin delivered a TED Talk on the benefits of [“letting your garden grow wild.”](#)

LINK: [https://www.ted.com/talks/rebecca\\_mcmackin\\_let\\_your\\_garden\\_grow\\_wild](https://www.ted.com/talks/rebecca_mcmackin_let_your_garden_grow_wild)

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Simple actions you can take to help [protect Florida's freshwater springs](#)... including planting native plants... and why buying bottled “spring water” is worse than buying regular bottled water, which is terrible itself.

LINK: <https://floridaspectacular.buzzsprout.com/1527562/14954226-episode-150-florida-springs-how-anyone-can-help>