

Another critically endangered North Atlantic right whale has been [killed by an apparent ship strike](#), this time off the coast of Virginia. There's a simple solution to this problem Congress refuses to take: slow down the ships!

When conservation squares off with capitalism in America, conservation loses 99% of the time.

LINK: <https://www.capecodtimes.com/story/news/environment/2024/04/04/north-atlantic-right-whale-dead-virginia-fourth-2024/73193699007/>

This law passed in the most recent legislative session seems to [allow private companies to pollute our water](#) without penalty provided they're doing good water work elsewhere. Say what?

LINK: <https://www.wusf.org/environment/2024-03-25/private-companies-offset-water-quality-pollution-credits-florida-legislature>

While our news is filled with stories of crimes, how come this crime has received almost no national attention: an agriculture company [spilled 265,000 gallons of liquid nitrogen fertilizer](#) into a river in Iowa, resulting in the death of almost all aquatic mammals in a 60-mile stretch of the river. That includes some 750,00 dead fish.

Why haven't we heard about this?

What would be an appropriate penalty for this violation of the clean water act?

Should a company with such an outrageous breach of the law be allowed to continue operating?

LINK: https://www.yahoo.com/lifestyle/iowa-fertilizer-spill-wipes-river-180000710.html?guccounter=1&guce_referrer=aHR0cHM6Ly93d3cuZWNVc2lhLm9yZy8&guce_referrer_sig=AQAAAN3tZj724LijZ6vzjibyG-s3huhT4WLHDuD_3Ajae3W9GjH8_W4bNXOLN6FLUuk4w1yozGPYnMJ16kJWpPK5jlS3MuY1RpxFogfO4cg0Gc88RFrawOl1sLEU6UXA_Iz_jmhRer0ppZYaMZy9Eu3t3iOkQII8f8xvwZkho2V5

[Carbon capture is a scam.](#)

Always was, always will be.

Carbon capture technology is a fantasy promoted by the fossil fuel industry encouraging people to believe a magic solution is just around the corner that will allow consumers to continue burning fossil fuels, guilt free.

SCAM!

LINK: <https://www.theguardian.com/uk-news/2024/mar/31/exxonmobil-accused-of-greenwashing-over-carbon-capture-plan-it-failed-to-invest-in>

This landscape architect has a different solution for coastal cities fighting rising sea levels. Accept and manage the water instead of trying to do the impossible and keep it out. [His vision is for "sponge cities."](#)

Native plants are surely part of the solution.

Are you listening Jacksonville, St. Augustine, Miami, St. Pete?

LINK: <https://www.nytimes.com/2024/03/28/climate/sponge-cities-kongjian-yu.html>

Landfills in the United States are [larger sources of methane than previously thought](#)—according to a new study, more than half of these facilities are methane “super-emitters,” releasing more than 100 kilograms of the potent greenhouse gas each hour.

Methane is a more potent greenhouse gas than carbon. The methane released by landfills comes from organic matter – all the food and yard waste we throw away instead of composting or leaving be.

LINK: <https://www.smithsonianmag.com/smart-news/more-than-half-of-us-landfills-may-be-methane-super-emitters-study-finds-180984071/>

A necropsy on the body of Flaco, the famous Eurasian Eagle-Owl that captivated many in New York City after escaping from the Central Park Zoo and hanging around the city, has revealed a grim and sobering reminder of pesticides' impacts on wildlife.

While traumatic injuries from a window collision — an all-too-common occurrence that kills hundreds of millions of birds each year — ultimately caused Flaco's death, the well-loved owl was also found to be carrying lethal levels of rodenticide and high levels of pigeon herpesvirus.

A reminder, stop using rat poison! That poison ends up in the food chain. If you have a rodent problem, work with an exterminator to eliminate the problem at the source.

LINK: <https://www.msn.com/en-us/news/us/flaco-the-owls-necropsy-reveals-that-bird-had-herpes-exposed-to-rat-poison-before-death/ar-BB1kzwhq>

In the face of all this tragic news, what can you do?

You can plant native plants, it's a small thing that's a big thing.

Ixia's 9th Annual Native Plant Sale will be held in Native Parks 1 and 2, 3306 Park Street, Jax 32205 on April 13th, 2024, from 10 am – 2 pm.