

An EXTRAORDINARY commentary about [the language of yards](#) and how the lawncare and pest control industries have controlled landscaping standards through use of terms like “weeds,” “overgrown,” “unruly,” and “messy.” If you love native plants, give this a read – it’s long – and reconsider how you – and all of us – talk about lawns and plants.

A taste: “If you or your lawn service company apply herbicides, insecticides, or synthetic fertilizers, your yard is not immaculate. It is *contaminated*.”

LINK: <https://www.humanegardener.com/is-your-yard-undergrown-not-overgrown/?fbclid=IwAR1z9H9zWzKwDCAWyvEgtinpaHSTOBEZgT2EcdD0VTg0yCz3KraFr40nMag>

A \$400 million mystery from the Florida Legislature: who forwarded a last-minute measure in the state budget that seeks to create a 7,500-acre reservoir and stormwater treatment area in Okeechobee and Indian River counties? And would it do more harm than good, especially to the St. Johns River? And how can such a massive expenditure remain anonymous?

LINK: <https://floridaphoenix.com/2024/05/02/who-put-400-million-into-florida-budget-for-new-reservoir-no-one-will-say/>

Oil companies knew since the 1950s that their product was causing [catastrophic climate damage...](#) [their sophisticated disinformation campaigns](#) have kept people believing oil remains essential to the American economy and way of life.

LINK: <https://www.commondreams.org/opinion/big-oil-climate-deception-accountability>

LINK: https://www.theguardian.com/us-news/2024/apr/14/climate-disinformation-explainer?CMP=tw_t_a-environment_b-gdneco