

Governor Ron DeSantis signed legislation last week tying Florida to natural gas as the state's dominant energy sources for years – if not generations – to come, [preventing local governments](#) from pursuing clean energy sources. Florida receives roughly three-quarters of its energy from fossil gas – so much for the “Sunshine State.”

While fossil gas is “cleaner” than coal or oil, it is not clean energy, despite what the fossil gas industry would like you to believe. Natural gas is a fossil fuel and, as such, its burning emits global warming causing carbon into the air by the ton.

LINK: <https://www.floridaphoenix.com/2021/06/22/environmentalists-blast-gov-desantis-for-blocking-local-phase-outs-of-oil-and-gas-as-fuel-sources/>

Pesticides are [killing the world's soils](#).

LINK: <https://www.scientificamerican.com/article/pesticides-are-killing-the-worlds-soils/>

Petition to ask Lowe's and Home Depot to [stop selling Roundup/Glyphosate](#), a cancer-causing toxic pesticide which is pervasively used throughout the U.S. doing catastrophic damage to biodiversity.

PETITION: <https://action.foe.org/page/25914/action/1?ea.tracking.id=Website>

UNF researchers believe they've found a 16th or 17th century Mocama settlement on [Big Talbot Island](#).

LINK: <https://www.smithsonianmag.com/smart-news/researchers-may-have-rediscovered-long-lost-indigenous-settlement-florida-1-180977973/>

Local couple [donates \\$3 million to Nature Conservancy](#) for environmental protections and stewardship programs while trying to convert their large undeveloped property along the St. Mary's River to what it looked like “20,000” years ago.

LINK: <https://ixia.fnpschapters.org/data/uploads/documents/a-legacy-of-refusing-to-destroy-old-florida.pdf>

How the Florida Department of Transportation [murdered a river](#).

LINK: <https://www.floridaphoenix.com/2021/06/24/cracking-the-case-of-who-smothered-a-florida-river/>

California's deserts have [lost nearly 40% of their native plant life](#) in the last 30 years to rising temperatures and drought, proving even the most hardy plants are susceptible to climate change. The impacts of these losses on the animals these plants support, erosion control and a variety of other ecosystem services provided by native plants are predictably disastrous.

LINK: https://www.desertsun.com/story/news/environment/2021/06/22/california-deserts-lost-nearly-40-plants-hotter-drier-weather/5308298001/?utm_id=31921&sfmc_id=1642332
