

The St. John's River Water Management District [nearly liquidated 18,000 acres of "surplus" conservation land](#) between Jacksonville and Orlando had it not been for an eagle-eyed member of Florida Audubon combing through meeting agenda items. SJRWMD says it was an honest mistake, our bad, won't happen again, move along.

Don't be so sure.

A history of selling "surplus" conservation land in Florida and how this works. If you're interested in nitty-gritty, Florida conservation policy and chicanery, you'll love this.

LINK: <https://floridaphoenix.com/2022/06/30/florida-water-agency-caught-trying-to-get-rid-of-important-parkland/>

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The largest ever invasive Burmese python was [captured by researchers](#) west of Everglades National Park in Big Cypress National Preserve. The animal was 18-feet in length, weighed 215 pounds, had 100 eggs and the hoofs of a full-grown deer inside of it.

LINK: <https://www.nationalgeographic.com/magazine/article/largest-burmese-python-ever-found-in-florida?loggedin=true>

LINK: <https://www.instagram.com/p/CfHowxRvi49/?igshid=MDJmNzVkMjY=>

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While the U.S. Supreme Court codifies as law fossil fuel company's ability to pollute our air and continue destroying the global climate, [Canada recently passed a ban on some single use plastics](#) including checkout bags, six-pack ring carriers, straws, foodservice ware (ie. takeout containers, bowls, plates), stir sticks, and cutlery.

Great news, but remember, the population of Canada is roughly equivalent to that of Florida and Georgia combined.

LINK: <https://oceana.ca/en/blog/we-did-it-canada-now-has-a-ban-on-single-use-plastics/>

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Oh, regarding the U.S. Supreme Court. Here's the analysis of its anti-climate ruling from a website I like to follow, [the Land Desk](#):

"The case, *West Virginia v. EPA*, concerned the Obama administration's Clean Power Plan, which limited carbon dioxide emissions from power plants in a manner that aimed at phasing out coal-fired power plants altogether — albeit not immediately and, some might say, not quickly enough. The Court ruled, 6-3, that only Congress can limit carbon dioxide emissions to a level that forces a nationwide transition away from coal, which is to say: Given that most of Congress is owned by corporations and so will do nothing, this ruling essentially gives corporations free rein to spew climate changing pollutants into the atmosphere."

LINK: <https://www.landdesk.org/>

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A shred of good news from the Supreme Court which rejected Bayer AG's bid to dismiss legal claims by customers who contend its [Roundup weedkiller causes cancer](#) as the German company seeks to avoid potentially billions of dollars in damages.

Much like with the tobacco companies, the hope is that widespread, expensive and ongoing litigation against Bayer/Roundup will reduce the incredibly prevalent use of this poison which kills weeds and everything else it comes in contact with – native plants, insects, animals, people.

LINK: <https://www.reuters.com/legal/government/us-supreme-court-rejects-bayer-bid-nix-roundup-weedkiller-suits-2022-06-21/>