

The Florida Legislative session ended last month, most of the bills transmitted to the Governor have already been signed, the less popular ones signed quietly in Tallahassee and the more popular ones signed around the state with press access and dignitaries. This year, the Governor saved some of the most environmentally-detrimental bills to sign until the end of June.

In the past 7 days the Governor has:

Signed into law [the "Radioactive Roads" bill](#). This law gives the go-ahead to using phosphogypsum, a radioactive waste material from the fertilizer industry, in road construction, a practice banned by the Environmental Protection Agency.

LINK: <https://www.npr.org/2023/05/09/1174789570/florida-roads-radioactive-paving-phosphogypsum?emci=d9107a00-7c17-ee11-a9bb-00224832eb73&emdi=51fcf43a-9517-ee11-a9bb-00224832eb73&ceid=2102299>

[Gave developers even more control over local land use](#) prohibiting voter referendums or ballot initiatives on land development regulation. That means all decisions over zoning, building approval, annexations and various other pivotal matters related to a county or municipality's streets and skylines will be left to the members of its local governing body, not residents. County officials in Florida have historically had a strong affinity with development interests.

LINK: <https://floridapolitics.com/archives/621116-gov-desantis-signs-measure-banning-local-voter-referendums-on-land-development/>

And VETOED a BIPARTISAN bill designed to [add more electric cars to the state fleet](#).

LINK: <https://www.tampabay.com/news/florida-politics/2023/06/28/desantis-veto-electric-cars-state-agencies-legislature/>

All of the worst bills presented him by the legislature were signed into law.

It seems to me that individual conservation action is futile in the face of uniform, unwavering legislative and executive action that we and our beloved native plants and native plant communities are subject to year after year. I propose that we amend the well-worn saying that the legislative session is the sixty most dangerous years for Floridians and their property to "...Floridians and their environment".