

[Only one story for this week's conservation newsletter](#), an exceptionally thorough perspective on Florida's multitude of environmental threats and catastrophes, and the people and policies which have brought them on. The article from Tallahassee-based author Jeff VanderMeer runs the gamut from clean water and manatee die-offs to overdevelopment and how all of Florida's environmental problems are linked and accelerating.

The article appears in TIME magazine, reinforcing the national scale of the ongoing environmental disaster which is Florida, and serves as a warning to the rest of the country.

It's long, but for a single article catch-up on a decade of environmental ruin and how Florida got here, you couldn't do any better.

VanderMeer closes his article with consideration for what a DeSantis presidency, based on his reign in Florida, could mean for the nation: "His slogan of 'Make America Florida' contains the promise of environmental decisions based on pay-to-play, punishing perceived enemies, climate denialism, a reliance on fossil fuels, and a fundamental misunderstanding of core issues and their effect on the future.

"DeSantis, at this point, registers on the horizon as a catastrophic climate event embodied absurdly in one person, affecting millions—and disastrous for both the economy and national security."

LINK: <https://time.com/6288683/florida-desantis-environment-climate-change/>