

It's primary season in Florida and Ron DeSantis' opponent in the governor's race will almost certainly be either Nikki Fried or Charlie Crist. Florida Conservation Voters has endorsed Crist.

Why?

In part because of [Fried's cozy relationship with both Florida Power and Light and BIG SUGAR](#), two of the most environmentally ruinous businesses and industries in the state.

LINK: <https://jasongarcia.substack.com/p/fpl-and-big-sugar-want-nikki-fried>

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City commissioners in Fernandina Beach have [banned smoking on public beaches and parks](#). How is this a conservation story? If you've ever done a beach trash pickup, you know. The world is an ashtray for most smokers.

Now, will Fernandina Beach actually enforce this law? If history is a guide, probably not.

Fernandina Beach has a number of strong conservation recommendations/rules on its books, including many related to the use of native plants in landscaping, it fails to enforce due to a lack of will and/or resources.

LINK: <https://www.news4jax.com/news/local/2022/08/17/fernandina-beach-city-commissioners-give-thumbs-up-to-smoking-ban-on-beaches-parks/?fbclid=IwAR3zRxlDh3tOR0IPv8J9vmZ1vO7f9nq9OskXTt7-FArXHV2HTVivvEza8k>

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[This video explains](#) efforts to repair the Everglades ecosystem by returning fresh water to the southern tip of the state.

LINK: [https://www.outsideonline.com/video/everglades-fresh-water/?utm\\_campaign=OOL%20-%20NL%20-%20Watchlist&utm\\_medium=email&hsmi=222327209&hsenc=p2ANqtz-miA3ND6RrBhSZ\\_qa6Oz\\_06jQcfT-7yl4bvY-9Xa3yiD\\_AEADrmhKuslp1iwUlzXTlsc4NVqXhW7og8gRS59vi1HpIDw&utm\\_content=222327208&utm\\_source=hs\\_email](https://www.outsideonline.com/video/everglades-fresh-water/?utm_campaign=OOL%20-%20NL%20-%20Watchlist&utm_medium=email&hsmi=222327209&hsenc=p2ANqtz-miA3ND6RrBhSZ_qa6Oz_06jQcfT-7yl4bvY-9Xa3yiD_AEADrmhKuslp1iwUlzXTlsc4NVqXhW7og8gRS59vi1HpIDw&utm_content=222327208&utm_source=hs_email)

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This podcast examines efforts to [resuscitate monarch butterfly populations](#). The show focuses on what Indigenous groups are doing to help the problem in Oklahoma and Texas, but the lessons apply equally to Florida.

<https://podcasts.apple.com/us/podcast/native-america-calling/id926965977?i=1000575908427>

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Can anyone be [pro-offshore oil drilling in the Gulf of Mexico](#) AND vow to protect Florida beaches? Of course not, unless you're a member of the Gas and Oil Party (GOP).

<https://floridaphoenix.com/2022/08/18/touting-more-offshore-drilling-while-vowing-to-protect-florida-beaches-is-just-silly/>

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Profiling [the python hunters](#) in [South Florida](#).

LINK: [https://phys.org/news/2022-08-pythons-florida-profit-therapy.html?utm\\_source=fark&utm\\_medium=website&utm\\_content=link&ICID=ref\\_fark](https://phys.org/news/2022-08-pythons-florida-profit-therapy.html?utm_source=fark&utm_medium=website&utm_content=link&ICID=ref_fark)

LINK: <https://www.discovermagazine.com/planet-earth/on-the-front-lines-of-floridas-fight-against-pythons>