

[Bravo to the North Florida Land Trust](#) which again pulled together a chunk of money to keep a piece of northeast Florida protected from development. The latest parcel in Jacksonville adjacent to existing conservation land.

LINK: <https://www.nflt.org/2022/08/31/north-florida-land-trust-has-raised-money-for-the-city-of-jacksonville-to-add-4-5-acres-to-ferngully-preserve/>

Decades of effort went into repairing the seagrass beds and health of Tampa Bay. In the past four years, [that progress has reversed](#).

LINK: <https://www.fox13news.com/news/seagrass-meadows-in-tampa-bay-see-significant-decline-over-last-four-years>

A reminder that oil drilling and oil spills go hand in hand. [They always have in California](#). One of the few areas of conservation policy where Florida bests California is in banning off-shore oil drilling along our coasts.

When you read those clever right-winger bumper stickers saying, “don’t California my Florida,” thank them for their support of bans on oil-drilling.

LINK: https://www.latimes.com/california/story/2022-08-26/pipeline-operators-amplify-energy-guilty-pleas-federal-charges-orange-county-oil-spill?utm_id=66233&sfmc_id=1642332

A chilling project from the Center for Biological Diversity: [The United States of Extinction](#). Its interactive map guides users through each and every state – Florida included – highlighting species which have gone extinct or are no longer found there and the reasons why.

LINK: <https://extinctionmap.org/index.html>

What can you do to stem the tide of earth’s manmade extinction crisis? A lot, by doing just a little. [The movement to reduce turfgrass lawns](#) which are ecological dead zones in favor of more natural landscaping and natural areas rife with native plants and the biodiversity they encourage continues growing globally.

[This month’s cover story](#) in National Geographic magazine is dedicated to the subject.

What’s so great about native plants? [Here’s a quick primer](#).

LINK: https://www.nationalgeographic.com/environment/article/rewilding-the-uk-one-abandoned-lot-at-a-time?rid=22C72B5CF0663C6784557ED8747380DB&cmpid=org=ngp::mc=crm-email::src=ngp::cmp=editorial::add=Daily_NL_Tuesday_Environment_20220830

LINK: https://www.nationalgeographic.com/magazine/article/in-a-warming-climate-we-need-to-rethink-how-we- conserve-nature-feature?rid=22C72B5CF0663C6784557ED8747380DB&cmpid=org=ngp::mc=crm-email::src=ngp::cmp=editorial::add=Daily_NL_Tuesday_Environment_20220830

LINK: https://www.americanmeadows.com/wildflower-gardening/why-native-plants?utm_campaign=20220824+-+Perennial+Wildflower+-+Native+Sale&utm_content=20220824&utm_medium=email&utm_source=bluecore&obem=LXhfN7zVuLbZm4-lAmOCD-JO-6FPxatX4hIF0yXWVw%3D&bc_lcid=t5926326213091328lw6702008060944384li0