



Vote for the Environment

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If you're concerned about climate change and the environment, you're not alone. A [recent poll by Florida Atlantic University](#) that included Floridians of all backgrounds—Democrats, Republicans, and Independents—found:

- **89% of Floridians value the conservation of Florida's natural resources as our state grows to ensure future generations can enjoy our state's natural beauty.**
- **85% of Floridians agree it is important to find climate change solutions.**

Similarly, a survey commissioned by Conservatives for Clean Energy Florida shows that nearly 80% back clean energy sources, including 63% of Republicans. And [an overwhelming number of Floridians](#) report that their utility costs are rising and could benefit from clean energy sources to mitigate those rising prices.

Environmental issues are hitting Floridians in the pocketbook in other ways, too. Insurance rates in Florida are among the highest in the nation—[more than twice the national average](#)—as stronger storms and more floods cause increasing property damage. [According to a 2025 survey](#), over half of Floridians are worried about being able to afford and maintain homeowners' insurance due to climate change. And sea level rise is putting Florida's coastal properties at risk of losing value. A [recent study](#) found that "as sea level rise drowns those properties, the state can expect to lose a combined assessed value of \$619 billion this century."

So one might think the elected officials who represent Floridians would be working to address these concerns shared across all voters in the state.

Unfortunately, that's not what is happening. Republicans in Congress have given a [green light to the Trump administration](#), which has launched an unprecedented assault upon the environment, instigating 145 actions [in its first 100 days] to undo rules protecting clean air, water and a livable climate...—more rollbacks than were completed in Trump's entire first term... Trump's blitzkrieg has hit almost every major policy to shield Americans from toxic pollution, curb the worsening impacts of the climate crisis and protect landscapes, oceans, forests and imperiled wildlife."

The Trump administration is [actively trying to undermine](#) clean, renewable energy sources like solar, wind and batteries that are actually cheaper and more efficient sources of power than fossil fuels by shutting down wind and solar projects and [eliminating the tax credits that make clean energy and electric vehicles more affordable for consumers](#). Most recently, the EPA Director took the extraordinary and possibly illegal step of [cancelling a grant](#) that had already been approved to put solar on the roofs of tens of thousands of low-income Floridians over the next four years. The Solar for All program would not only provide solar to low-income families who otherwise couldn't afford the upfront costs and help to lower their electricity bills, but also bring more clean energy onto the grid for the benefit of all rate payers.

In his recent U.N. address to dignitaries from countries around the world, Trump called climate change [the biggest con job ever perpetuated on the world](#).” This, despite decades of scientific study debunking such disinformation. No wonder. In May of 2024 during his presidential campaign, [Trump told oil executives they should donate \\$1B to his campaign](#) in exchange for tax and regulatory relief. He has been true to his promise: he has not [only weakened or wiped out hundreds of environmental rules](#) and policies, but also [tried to open more taxpayer-owned land](#) to drilling, logging, mining and grazing and even increased subsidies to fossil fuel companies, which were already making record profits. And these attacks on the environment have not come with broad economic gains but rather with [loss of jobs, lower economic growth, higher prices and inflation](#). Moreover, the fossil fuel subsidies are estimated to [cost taxpayers](#) over \$80 billion over the next 10 years.

Florida's representatives in Congress have also been a big part of the problem. In their 2024 report, the League of Conservation Voters gave [Senators Rick Scott, Marco Rubio, and Representative Byron Donalds each a zero](#) out of one hundred on their environmental voting records.

At the state level, the Governor and State House have been schizophrenic on environmental action. Governor DeSantis has made [restoration of the Everglades his signature environmental issue](#) and has helped to channel billions of state and Federal dollars into the effort. But then he turned around and built “Alligator Alcatraz” in the heart of the Everglades with [no environmental review as required by law](#). The [Sierra Club has given Governor DeSantis a D-](#) for his overall environmental record in its 2024 scorecard. The State House passed bills removing the term “climate change” from Florida legislation, woefully underfunding the Florida Forever and other land conservation programs, undercutting protections for Florida's wetlands, and prohibiting communities from being able to commit to 100% clean energy or ban single use plastics.

The contrast between the two parties on environmental and climate policy could not be more stark. The Democrats have recognized global warming as an [existential threat](#).” The last three years of the [Biden administration](#) brought the finalizing of more than [100 new environmental regulations](#) aimed at cutting air pollution and greenhouse gas emissions, restricting toxic chemicals, and conserving public lands and waters.²⁰ At the same [time, Democrats in Congress](#)

[passed legislation](#) that would substantially reduce climate change, increase domestic manufacturing of clean energy systems, and deliver a fourfold return on taxpayer investment by generating \$2.7 trillion in U.S. economic benefits from 2025 to 2035.

For Florida voters who care about the environment, climate change, and a sustainable economy, the Democratic Party is the only party offering constructive solutions that can help us leave a positive legacy to our children and future generations. Make your vote count!