



## Sierra Club Executive Leadership Visits Florida Chapter



In June, Sierra Club Florida was thrilled to host Sierra Club Executive Director Ben Jealous and Deputy Executive Director Ana Yáñez Correa on their Listening Tour stop in Florida! During their visit, Ben and Ana heard from Sierra Club staff and volunteers alike on the great work our Chapter is doing all over the state, and discussed the key role Florida will play in growing and engaging Sierra Club's base of members and supporters.

We are thankful for the opportunity to meet and discuss our Chapter's successes and priorities with Ben and Ana, and are looking forward to more growth under their leadership.

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## Powerful Together: Sierra Club Florida Listening Tour



Earlier this summer, Sierra Club Florida Chapter Director Emily Gorman held a listening tour to meet and hear directly from our local volunteers, members, and leaders on the frontlines of Florida's environmental movement. Stops on Emily's tour included the Adventure Coast Group in Central West Florida, and the Suwannee-St. John's Group in the Gainesville area.

Since her appointment as Chapter Director in late 2021, Emily has been committed to deepening coordination across staff and volunteers, and strengthening Sierra Club Florida's work for the wellbeing of our people and planet. Together, we win!



# Sierra Club Florida Defends and Celebrates #FreedomForAll Floridians on July 1



On July 1, just days before America's annual observance of freedom and independence, an onslaught of dangerous and divisive laws that passed during the 2023 Legislative Session officially went into effect in Florida, attacking Floridians across race, place, class, and gender.

Read more [here](#).

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## 2023 Legislative Wrap up



**By: Luigi Guadarrama, Political Director, Sierra Club Florida**

We accomplished a lot together this year. We prevented dangerous bills that would have forced a local government to automatically approve development unless signed off in an unreasonably short time, stopped a utility's ability to recover cost from fracked gas and methane projects, and helped pass HB 111, which will help prevent reckless development in areas threatened by sea level rise.

Read more [here](#).

## Good News: Hernando County Acts to Stop Urban Fertilizer Pollution Bad News: DeSantis Stops Others from Doing the Same



**By: Cris Costello, Senior Organizing Manager, Sierra Club Florida  
Michael McGrath, Lead Organizer, Sierra Club Florida**

On May 23, after more than four months in the trenches, the Adventure Coast Group and the Red Tide-Wildlands campaign secured a strict (rainy season ban) urban fertilizer ordinance from the Hernando County Board of County Commissioners. As the 18th county in the state to pass such a measure in the last 16 years, Hernando adopted well-established provisions meant to stop urban fertilizer pollution at its source.

Read more [here](#).

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## Sierra Club Florida Marches Into Q3 With Much to be Proud of



Last month, Sierra Club Florida capped off a successful first half of the year with the Chapter's Quarterly Leadership Meeting in Tampa, and marching for equality with the Suncoast Group at St. Pete Pride!





## Tom Larson Awarded Sierra Club Florida Chapter Medal for 2023

**By: Janet Larson, Northeast Florida Group**

On June 24, Tom Larson received the Sierra Club Florida's Chapter Medal—the highest award on the Chapter level given to a Florida Sierran. Presented once every three years, this prestigious honor is awarded to a member who has sustained an exceptional record of leadership in the state, regional, or national levels.

Read more [here](#).

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## Palm Beach Co. Commissioners Vote to “Break” the County’s Agricultural Reserve

**By: Meryl Davids, Loxahatchee Group**

Its staff recommended against it. The county’s planning commission did, too. So did many environmental groups—Sierra Club high among them—along with area residents, interested citizens, and others.

Read more [here](#).



## Sierra Leader Appointed to Lands Panel

On April 4, Ancient Islands Group Chair Tom Palmer was appointed to Polk County’s Conservation Land Acquisition Selection Advisory Committee.

Read more [here](#).

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## Broward Group Announces New Junior Volunteer Team

**By: Leah Weisburd, Chair, Broward Group**

The Broward Group is pleased to announce its brand-new junior volunteer team!

Read more [here](#).



## Support the Sierra Club's Work for the Environment in Florida

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