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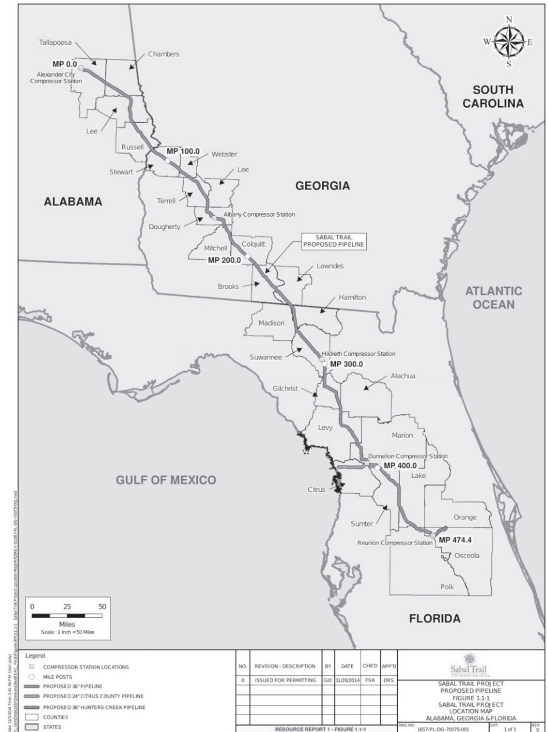
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Please ask Congress to Stop the Sabal Trail Pipeline

We need to ask our Congressional representatives to protect our drinking water by requesting that the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) and the Army Corps of Engineers stop the construction of the Sabal Trail pipeline. This proposed 515-mile long pipeline would carry fracked gas from Louisiana to the Orlando area with the pipeline crossing the Florida Aquifer which provides for over 60% of Florida's drinking water and up to 90% of the drinking water for residents of north and central Florida. This drinking water would be at severe risk from any leakage or explosion of the pipeline. Several leakages and explosions of fracked gas facilities have occurred in recent years in other states. Additionally, over 940 acres of wetlands will be threatened if the pipeline is constructed.

In the past the FERC and the Army Corps of Engineers has disregarded the requests from multiple experts, three separate county commissions, and over 25,000 individuals who have spoken up to try to stop the pipeline. Hence the necessity for concerned citizens to request their Congressmen and Senators to take Congressional action to stop the pipeline.

In your communications to your Congressmen and Senators please emphasize that the pipeline must be stopped to protect our precious drinking water. To find your local representatives contact information visit <https://www.usa.gov/elected-officials>. You can contact FERC congressional affairs directly at 202-502-8870 or 1-866-208-3372.



This too, Shall Pass.

Regardless of political affiliation, we can all agree that president elect Donald Trump's platform on the environment poses a significant threat to the progress that we have made regarding climate change and other environmental issues. Now, more than ever, we will need to collectively fight to speak up for the environment and the voiceless creatures that we have worked so hard to protect. Together, we can defend clean air, clean water, halt pipelines, and stand up for environmental justice. With our collective, grassroots power, we can, and *will*, continue to be on the offense for climate and clean energy. We at Sierra Club, and our sister organizations, are planning for the scenarios that could unfold under the Trump administration, and will have much to share as our plans actualize. Meanwhile, it is gratifying to see volunteers coming forward asking what they can do. We need to channel our frustrations and fears into constructive activity. As an initial step, we have updated our volunteer activities list and posted it on our website.

"[Sierra Club] stands in total solidarity with communities of color, immigrants, Muslims, women, and all those who may be threatened under a Trump administration. They have an ally in the environmental movement. Today, we aren't defeated, we are determined." For more information on getting involved sign up for action alerts at <http://www.sierraclub.org/florida/northeast-florida/take-action>, check out our list of volunteer activities posted on the Sierra Club website (www.sierraclub.org/florida/northeast-florida) and we will update you as our plans unfold, or contact Janet Stanko at janestan@bellsouth.net.

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Sierra Club Outings

No pets allowed on outing except where designated in the outings description. Outing participants are required to sign a waiver and release of liability at the start of the outing. The waiver can be found at: sierraclub.org/outings/national/participantforms/forms/individual_waiver.pdf

JOIN US ON MEETUP: OUTINGS HAVE BEEN FILLING UP FAST!

For the most up to date information and to ensure your spot, join our MeetUp site. Details of all outings can be found there with easy access to programs and interactions, or check our website.

www.meetup.com/Sierra-Club-Northeast-Florida-Group

Saturday, December 10, 10:00 a.m.: Hike Hanna Park

We will hike approximately five miles along the beautiful trails of Hanna Park (<http://tinyurl.com/qaqo53c>). We'll also take a bit of a beach walk along the way. The trail is pretty narrow with some minor elevation changes.

We will meet in the parking lot just past the entrance station. The park is located at 500 Wonderwood Dr, Jacksonville, 32233. After the hike, take full advantage of Hanna Park by taking a swim in the ocean or lake, renting a kayak or canoe, or ride the biking trails. Bring sunglasses, water, insect repellent, and sun tan lotion. There is a \$5.00 admission fee per carload to enter the park. No pets, please.

RSVP on Meetup or to Outing Leader Bill Armstrong at armsfam@yahoo.com.

Saturday, December 17, 9:00 a.m.: Hike the Nocatee Trail

Come join us for an easy 6-mile hike on Ponte Vedra's beautiful Nocatee Preserve. Trail-head sign-in will begin at 8:45 and we will start hiking about 9:00 a.m. The trail is well-maintained, running from the northern trailhead just past Ponte Vedra High School to nearly the beaches. It is a multi-use trail. The scenery changes along the way and is both beautiful and interesting.

Bring sufficient water, sunscreen, and insect repellent. Dress for the season. Sturdy hiking boots are advised as the trail is subject to flooding near the eastern end. We will walk approximately halfway to the end and then return to trailhead, avoiding most of the flood-prone area. No pets are allowed on this hike.

Following the hike we can meet for lunch at one of several nearby restaurants. RSVP on Meetup or to Outing Leader Mike DiAngelo, [919-523-5965](tel:919-523-5965).

Thursday, January 12, 9:30 a.m.: Hiking in Guana

We'll hike about 5 miles with good views of marshes and the inter-coastal waterway on some of Brian's favorite trails. Please meet at 9.30 a.m. at the trail head for the Guana trails which is about 200 yards beyond the dam. The address is: 505 Guana River Rd., Ponte Vedra, FL 32082.

No pets please. Children who are capable of hiking 5 miles are welcome. Please bring water, lunch and bug spray. Entrance fee of \$3.00. Please RSVP on Meetup or to Outing Leader Brian Paradise at bgparadise@comcast.net

Thursday, February 23, 10:00 a.m.: Hiking and Exploring Tree Hill Nature Center

This gem of a nature center with 50 acres of unspoiled nature and lots of good trails and wildlife exhibits is located in the heart of Jacksonville. We'll walk for a couple of miles or so on easy trails then visit the wildlife exhibits. We'll meet at the amphitheater which is located near the east entrance to the Center at 7152 Lone Star Road, Jacksonville, 32211.

No pets please. Please bring lunch, water and bug spray. Children are welcome. Entrance fee of \$5 for Adults, \$4 for Seniors and \$3 for children and teenagers 3-17. Please RSVP on Meetup or to Outing Leader Brian Paradise at bgparadise@comcast.net

There Goes The Neighborhood

Tree Protection Presentation

We have a portfolio of projects related to trees and tree protection. One of our initial projects will be to offer to present a presentation to organizations about topics related to trees—benefits of trees, proper trimming techniques and trees and property insurance. If you know of an organization that would like a presentation of 15 – 45 minutes, please contact Carolyn Cooper (ckcooper51@gmail.com) or Lisa Williams (lisaow@gmail.com).

Amendment 1 Victory

Wow! The voters really got it right both in the primary and the general election—YES on Amendment 4 in August and NO on Amendment 1 in November. This is a victory of grass roots and social media over the big bucks monopoly utilities. The utilities thought we could be fooled by their Trojan Horse amendment. Because of all you did to spread this message far and wide, we were able to go up against one of the most expensive ballot campaigns in Florida history and WIN! Thanks to our volunteers and those who helped spread the word. We will keep you posted on future solar developments.

Opt for Electronic to Help us Go Green!

Looking for a way to make a difference for your planet? Simply request an electronic version of our monthly newsletter! We are really striving to decrease our ecological footprint in the upcoming year. We would really appreciate it if you would help us save the trees and go paperless! To request an electronic version of the Sierra Sentry, simply email sierrasentry@gmail.com with your full name and email address.

Climate Change and the Citizens' Climate Lobby

At a November 15 meeting in Jacksonville Beach hosted by the Sierra Club, Oceana, and Surfriders, Bob Tancig of the Citizens' Climate Lobby (CCL) outlined the mission and program of the CCL.

By building constructive working relationships with members of Congress, the CCL hopes to see the passage of a Carbon Fee and Dividend, a revenue-neutral carbon tax, with 100% of the net revenue returned directly to households. It is estimated that this Carbon Fee and Dividend will reduce greenhouse gas emissions by 52% below 1990 levels within 20 years while growing the economy and saving lives.

The Carbon Fee and Dividend will do four things:

1. Account for the cost of burning fossil fuels in the price that consumers pay.
2. Cut emissions enough to stay below the 2 degrees centigrade threshold for "dangerous" warming.
3. Grow jobs and GDP without growing government.
4. Recruit global participation.

To join CCL, or for further information, please contact CCL at: ccl@citizensclimatelobby.org
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Life	<input type="checkbox"/> \$1000	<input type="checkbox"/> \$1250
Senior	<input type="checkbox"/> \$24	<input type="checkbox"/> \$32
Student/Limited Income	<input type="checkbox"/> \$24	<input type="checkbox"/> \$32

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Executive Committee Candidates

Cindy Baker We have a choice to make in this world... will each of us choose to be ambassadors in the care of our planet or not? We see so many poor decisions being made all around us. In my case, this thought spurred me to action in the form of environmental educator at Tree Hill Nature Center for the last ten years, leaving my bachelor's degree in business far behind. It was clear to me that we love only what we understand and we understand only what we have been taught, which implies the necessity of environmental education if we are to protect our land, water and animal life for future generations.

During my time at Tree Hill I completed the Florida Master Naturalist Program offered through the University of Florida Extension Service. This certification covered topics in freshwater wetlands systems, uplands and coastal systems of Florida. My strong belief in the importance of intact ecosystems as a requirement for a healthy planet led me to participate in Amendment 1 petitioning with Lisa Williams.

Other volunteer pursuits include my ten years assisting a non-profit agency with refugees entering Jacksonville. I would be honored to be a part of The Sierra Club's work in educating all ages on the importance of our natural world and how to keep it that way.



Carolyn Cooper has recently retired from teaching after 25 years at Episcopal School of Jacksonville. She taught middle and upper school science. One of the courses she taught was Environmental Science. She became aware of the many problems facing our planet and recognized the need to educate and to seek solutions.

Carolyn earned her Bachelors in Science Education from the University of Florida and her Masters in Science Education from the University of North Florida. She taught public school for 5 years before teaching at Episcopal. She is honored to be asked to help the Sierra Club. Carolyn has been a member for many years and appreciates the work that so many have accomplished.



Julianne Mammana graduated from Bucknell University with a Bachelors of Arts in both Environmental Studies and English in 2013. She relocated to Jacksonville following her graduation and immediately fell in love with the environmental landscape. Julianne has been an active member of the Sierra Club, newsletter editor, writer, and passionate environmentalist for the past three years. She also currently holds the position of Environmental Education Chair.

In her spare time, Julianne enjoys yoga, visiting the beach, and spending time with her family. She hopes to continue her career in environmental outreach and communication in the near future.



Ed Schlessinger A breath of fresh air: \$0. A walk on the beach: \$0. One mile in an electric car: \$0.03. The cost of voting for NE FL Executive Committee: \$0.44 postage. One bottle of clean drinking water: \$1. Admission to a state park: \$4. Canoe rental: \$27. Hiking boots: \$90. Budget for National Park maintenance: \$2.6 billion. Everglades restoration: \$10.9 billion. Gulf oil spill mitigation: \$20 billion and counting. Vigilant protection of our natural resources: Priceless.



Lisa Williams is a gifted educator with an enthusiastic passion for environmentalism. She has acquired the majority of her extensive professional experience in environmental education through the Tree Hill Nature Preserve. Lisa served as an educator and program coordinator there for many years. She has also received her Master Naturalist certificate from the University of Florida.

As a seasoned Sierra Club board member, Lisa has exemplified strong leadership, reliability, and creativity. She has been a tremendous asset to our Sierra Club chapter and hopes to continue her journey in environmental education and stewardship in the future.

Executive Committee Election Ballot

Take advantage of this opportunity to vote for your own local Executive Committee members. There are five positions open this year. Households with a single membership, use box #1. Households with a joint membership, use box #1 and box #2. Cut this page on the dotted line, vote, put your ballot in an envelope, and mail to: **ExCom Election, c/o Brian Paradise 13 Arbor Club Drive # 315, Ponte Vedra Beach, FL 32082.**

Please keep your membership number intact on the reverse side so we know that you are a Sierra Club member with the right to vote in this election. **Ballots must be received by December 21.** Please review the candidate profiles on the adjacent page.

Vote for Five

Cindy Baker

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Carolyn Cooper

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Julianne Mammana

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Ed Schlessinger

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Lisa Williams

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Meeting Calendar

Monday, December 12 @ 6:00pm
Combined Program- Holiday Potluck
Lakewood Presbyterian Church, 2001
University Blvd W.

**Our normal meeting schedule will
resume in January...Happy Holidays!**

*"Today, we aren't defeated—
we are determined"*

-Michael Brune



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www.meetup.com/Sierra-Club-Northeast-Florida-Group

Combined Holiday Program Potluck Monday, December 12th @ 6:00pm

Come join the Jacksonville and Ponte Vedra groups for our annual Potluck Dinner and tour of Muir Woods, Yosemite and Sequoia National Parks with Bill Armstrong. Bill's presentation will include some amateur geology and botany, John Muir biography, National Park history, great pictures, tourist advice, and a touch of "What I did this summer."

Muir Woods National Monument is a unit of the National Park Service on Mount Tamalpa is near the Pacific coast, 12 miles north of San Francisco. It protects 554 acres, of which 240 acres are old growth coast redwood. Yosemite National Park is in California's Sierra Nevada mountains. It's famed for its towering vistas, beautiful valleys, and the granite monuments of El Capitan and Half Dome. Sequoia National Park is in California's southern Sierra Nevada mountains. It's known for its huge sequoia trees, notably the General Sherman Tree dominating the Giant Forest, the underground Crystal Cave featuring streams and striking rock formations, and Moro Rock, a granite dome offering sweeping park views.

Bring a dish to share 6:00-6:30. The eatin' starts at 6:30, followed by program. Refreshments and set ups provided. To be more sustainable, feel free to bring your own plates and cups. Lakewood Presbyterian Church, 2001 University Blvd W. Go to the rear of the Education building. Look for the driveway between the signs. The door to meeting room is beside the playground. Free. All welcome.

