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How Will Gainesville Meet Its Future Energy Needs?

BY KATHY CANTWELL

Gainesville Regional Utilities has caused a stir by proposing a new coal-burning power plant as the most reasonable way to meet future energy needs.

Alachua County is requesting that an independent consultant be hired to analyze this supposed need and to see if it can be met in a less polluting way.

Some in the community believe that GRU is not emphasizing conservation of energy enough or that it should be looking at alternative fuels.

Tom Cunilio, president of the Center of Sustainable Agroforestry believes that some of our future energy needs can be met by burning "waste wood", the wood that is left after routine harvesting of trees.

Presently this wood is burned on site, polluting the air. He proposes that this wood can be sold as chips and combusted

in a controlled environment.

"There is no sulfur in wood and very little nitrogen," Cunilio said. (Editor's note: sulfur and nitrogen are common sources of pollutant emissions from coal-burning power plants.)

"What does have to be controlled is particulate matter. Another outcome would be on a stronger definition of 'stewardship'—recycling wood ash back to the land may be much better than leaving wood to rot in the newly planted forests.

"A final impact would be on jobs to bring this local energy source in to a plant thus providing additional income to land owners," he said.

Come to the April 1 meeting to hear Tom Cunilio and M. Langholtz as they present this idea at our next program.

GENERAL MEETING

Thursday, April 1, 7:30 PM

Nematology/Entomology Building on the UF campus
(Just east of the Performing Arts Center. Turn right off
Hull Road on to Natural Areas Road.)

FUTURE ENERGY NEEDS

TOM CUNILIO
AND
M. LANGHOLTZ

CENTER OF SUSTAINABLE AGROFORESTRY



Levy Denies Manatee Pit Application

BY ANNETTE LONG

The Levy County Commission voted unanimously in early March to deny White Construction Company a Special Exception for the Manatee Pit, Chiefland.

This limerock mine project was originally proposed by White Construction in 2001, but the day before it was to be heard by the Levy County Planning Commission the application was withdrawn.

White Construction, predominantly road contractors, continued to pursue its Environmental Resource Permit application with the Florida Department of Environmental Protection's Bureau of Mine Reclamation (BOMR). In November 2003, White Construction resubmitted its Special Exception Request to Levy County.

This proposed mine is in a sensitive karst area near the Manatee Spring Cave System. The pit site is located in the "near" springshed of Manatee Spring. The proposed pit is in an area that is dotted with sinkholes and other karst solutional features. There is already a water-filled,

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Let the Session Begin!

THERE ARE MANY WAYS SIERRANS CAN PARTICIPATE IN THE FLORIDA LEGISLATIVE SESSION.

BY DAVID AUTH

Sierra Club is intimately involved in the legislative process at all levels of government, both through evaluation of thousands of ordinances and bills with environmental content across the United States, and through endorsing candidates for elected government offices of public trust.

It is the responsibility of every citizen of the United States to know as much as possible about the members of their legislative delegations at the city, county, state, and federal levels, especially in regards to what legislation each commissioner and legislator votes for and against.

This is a very challenging responsibility of citizenship, because the number of bills is large — over a thousand each session at the state level alone — and the players are continually changing. With term limits now the law of Florida, the faces change more quickly. In my opinion, institutional memory has suffered terribly under voter-approved mandatory term limits.

From March 2 until April 30, only 44

working days, 40 Senators (26 Republicans; 14 Democrats), each representing approximately 400,000 Floridians, and 120 Representatives (81 Republicans; 39 Democrats), each representing approximately 133,333 Floridians, get together in Tallahassee to determine the legislative future of our state. Quite often in recent years, the Florida Legislature has reconvened after April for one or more special sessions—but it probably will not this year because it is an election year.

The Florida Chapter of Sierra Club employs one full-time legislative lobbyist, Susie Caplowe, who lives and works in Tallahassee. She also represents Florida Consumer Action Network (FCAN).

Although the session lasts only two months, legislative committees meet almost year-round and state agencies are continually working, requiring administrative lobbying rather than legislative lobbying. Administrative lobbying is pretty much left up to Sierra volunteers, because the chapter does not have the money to hire a full-time administrative lobbyist. This is unfortunate because overseeing the Florida Department of Environmental Protection, the Florida

Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission, and the five water management districts, among others, is just as important as keeping tabs on the Florida Legislature and Cabinet.

You don't have to drive to Tallahassee to get involved in the legislative process. If you have a computer and access to the Internet, the first thing you should do is to subscribe to the Tallahassee Report, written by Susie Caplowe and others. The TR evaluates the bills with the most environmental impact. Susie and others also send out alerts to subscribers, so you can call, write, or e-mail your legislators about specific senate and house bills which the Florida Chapter wants passed or defeated. Of course, you are free to make up your own mind about each bill, if you have the time to do so.



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Next, you must become familiar with the players, their committees, the legislative process, and the bills. This has become much easier with the Internet. The Florida Legislature has a superb homepage

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Happenings in April

BY KAREN GARREN

Outings Coordinator

Love is in the air. For wild things, be they plant or animal, now is the season for making babies. But sometimes tragedies occur when humans and wildlife come into contact. If you find a baby bird on the ground, try to return it to its nest. A folk myth says birds will abandon nestlings after handling by humans, but parental instinct isn't that fragile. If you find a fully feathered baby bird that hops away from you, leave it alone, the parents are nearby, it will fly soon. Bell those cats! Or better yet, keep them indoors, especially at night. Drive cautiously, and watch for reptiles during the day and mammals at night. If you do find an obviously injured animal, protect it from further harm and call the Florida Wildlife Care Center; (352) 371-4443, 24-hour hot line (352) 371-4400. And please don't pick flowers, enjoy them *in situ*.

UPCOMING OUTINGS

APRIL 10: The Natural Area Teaching Laboratory, south west Gainesville.

This is an educational trip to a lovely remnant area of diverse mesic woods around the Hogtown Creek floodplain. NATL is a University of Florida property and contains several research experiments, including a natural-looking revegetated retention basin and a recent prescribed burn effort to restore oak/pine savannah. Each year, the Florida Museum uses NATL to provide hundreds of school children with their first introduction to plants, birds, bugs, and ecology.

This area is now the site of much controversy. Butler Enterprises, seeking expansion of its mega-conglomerate shopping extravaganza, has proposed that the city install a 4-lane extension of 24th Avenue across the NATL to Archer Road, offering to chip in \$2 million of the projected \$11.2 million the project will cost. The University is considering disposing of this green space over much faculty and local protest. Come see the site for yourself. To participate in this Saturday after-

noon trip (1-3 p.m.), please contact Karen Garren at (352) 371-0008 or at email address: IluvFla@GRU.net.

APRIL 19 – 26: Shenandoah National Park. We will probably meet up at the Park, camp for a few days, check out the area and, depending on the weather, meander our way south through North Carolina and northern Georgia. Please contact Karen Garren (above) for more information.

COMING UP:

Leon Sinks/Wakulla Springs, tentatively set for May 22. And for May 29, we will again

visit the Temple of the Universe property for mushroom hunting. In early June, Regional Outing Coordinator Rudy Scheffer will conduct an Outings Leaders' training workshop if enough people express interest in participating. A bit later in June will be a canoe/camping/hiking visit to Rainbow River State Park.

The Suwannee/St. John's Sierra Club Group Outings Committee will meet at 7:30 p.m., on Wednesday, May 12. All are welcome, contact Karen Garren (above) for more information. All Sierra Club outings are open to the public. There will be a \$2 charge to non-leader participants to cover costs—all participants must sign a waiver.



Outing Review

CANOEING AND KAYAKING AT ALEXANDER SPRINGS ON FEB. 21.

BY KAREN GARREN

"Welcome to Paradise!" That's what the raucous cries from a pair of red-shouldered hawks seemed to say as seven of us enjoyed a relaxing paddle in mid-February. The pair was joined by a third, probably last year's fledgling.

After passing the bridge, we had the river to ourselves. Lazy clouds drifted across a bright blue sky. Turtles sunned on logs, and maples colored riverbanks. Most channels were clear but a few routes

turned into dead ends. A couple spiders came down the river with us!

After picnicking, we found the lovely white spider lily (*Hymenocallis crassifolia*) in flower. We saw many cloudless sulfur butterflies, and a magnificent male tiger swallowtail, and we were serenaded by warblers, wrens, woodpeckers, titmice, vireos, and gnatcatchers.

Trip Highlights: during discussion of great egret and great white heron differences, what should conveniently come into view but a spectacular flock of a dozen egrets with white ibis and great blue

herons mixed in. A ten-foot alligator thrashed its way to deeper water in response to Rosi's squeal, as she said, "Next time I'll not be so surprised and won't scream!"

Later, Jack pointed to an otter slipping under the water. It surfaced and watched us curiously for a bit.

Comments from some participants: "Canoeing the Alexander River is like life: the further you go, the more passageways open up!" and "This is a listening river, far from roads and towns. There's a lot of wildlife here if you listen." And, "Look out for that log!"



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Florida Rock Sand Mine in West Putnam County Lake Region

BY KATHY CANTWELL

This past February, a group of angry citizens formed the West Putnam County Lake Region Association. This was in response to a request by Florida Rock Industries to amend Putnam County's Comprehensive Plan.

Florida Rock wants the county to allow it to build a 680-acre sand mine in the middle of the lake region in west Putnam County.

Residents have many concerns about the sand mine. The area lakes have been hit hard by a drought of several years. On top of that, more water is being sucked out of the Floridan aquifer as a result of Florida's unrestrained growth.

Most of the lakes in this region are tied to the Floridan aquifer. The so-called "spring-fed" lakes that people rave about in this area are actually the result of sinkhole formation that links the surface to the aquifer.

As a result, many of these lakes, depend-

ing on the habitat surrounding them, are "oligotrophic" or nutrient poor and very clear. Some of these qualities have been deteriorating as a result of pollution runoff from fertilizers and decreased quantity of supply from the aquifer.

Residents are concerned that the mine will make matters worse—Florida Rock is requesting a consumptive use permit for water of 2 million gallons per day.

Residents are also concerned about the effect a mine of this size will have on traffic and wildlife in the area. The truck noise and lights and the mine running 24 hours a day will have a profound effect on this still relatively pristine area.

For more information and to get involved, check the website [http://westput-](http://westputnamlake.org/)

[namlake.org/](http://westputnamlake.org/).

Also, contact the Putnam County commissioners and let them know you do not want this sand mine, and they should not amend the comprehensive plan to allow it. Their mailing address is: Putnam County Commission, P.O. Box 758, Palatka, FL 32178

Their e-mail addresses are: Nancy Harris, District 1, harris@putnam-fl.com; Linda Myers, District 2, [**THE AREA LAKES HAVE BEEN HIT HARD BY A DROUGHT OF SEVERAL YEARS. ON TOP OF THAT, MORE WATER IS BEING SUCKED OUT OF THE FLORIDAN AQUIFER AS A RESULT OF FLORIDA'S UNRESTRAINED GROWTH.**](mailto:lindamyers@put-</p>
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unpermitted sand mine at the proposed limerock site. In addition, the applicant has been in trouble for polluting other mines in both Alachua and Levy Counties.

Three very critical tests were ordered by the BOMR prior to consideration of a permit. None of these tests had been completed, so in January of 2003, the Bureau of Mine Reclamation issued an Intent to Deny.

Following this White Construction agreed to do the tests. One test was performed but was inadequate to prove whether the mine would impact the Manatee Spring Cave System.

Several more tests have been required of the applicant prior to any intent to issue the permit.

This time, attorney Patrice Boyes represented White Construction at the Levy County Commission Hearing for the Special Exception.

She threatened the county with additional challenges to the decision several times throughout the proceedings.

WUFT Radio reported that Boyes has promised to request an administrative hearing to overturn the decision of the Levy County Commission as soon as it can be arranged.



Poultry on drugs

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Explore, enjoy and protect the planet.

First the Comp Plan, Then the LDRs!

BY DWIGHT ADAMS

Just when you thought it was safe to take your eyes off the Alachua County Board of County Commissioners (BoCC), with the comp plan battle awaiting the judge's decision, there is no relaxation because the "LDRs" are being updated.

What in the world are LDRs? The abbreviation is for Land Development Regulations, these are the actual ordinances that must be enacted to enforce the

provisions of the Comprehensive Plan. The BoCC must pass these within one year of adoption of the Comp Plan, which is late summer 2004, except for the 2003 amendments that we have challenged.

Even if a comprehensive plan were fantastic, a developer controlled BoCC could enact weak LDRs to implement it unless citizens are watching over the process. Two meetings have already been held to explain the process, but the first date where LDRs will be taken up is on March 16 at 1:30 p.m., in the BoCC meeting room. Other meetings occur on the first, third, and fifth Tuesdays of each month right through to August 17 for presenta-

tion of complete LDR draft document. In addition there are Public Workgroup Meetings on the second and fourth Thursdays in Grace Knight Conference Room, from 4:00-5:00 p.m.

More information, including the schedule of topics at the various meetings, is available at:

www.growth-management.alachua.fl.us/

Call or email me at 378-5129, adams@phys.ufl.edu to learn more about how to become involved in this important process.



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called "Online Sunshine." Type in www.leg.state.fl.us using your search engine and then click on Online Sunshine. The text of each bill eventually gets posted, if it ever gets filed. A bill almost always goes through a lot of changes before the floor vote, and those changes in wording are eventually reflected in the version you see on the screen.

Because we are talking about a huge body of written words, constantly changing, a lag time is inevitable. A bill's wording is not up-to-the-minute. Unless you are a legislator or a lobbyist pushing for a particular bill, getting an up-to-the-minute version of a bill is almost impossible, even when you are walking the halls of the Capitol.

Online Sunshine also has a map of all the Florida House and Senate districts, a fairly detailed biography of each legislator, all the committees on which each legislator serves, and all the bills the legislator is sponsoring or co-sponsoring. And there is much more to read.

The Suwannee St Johns Group (SSJ Group) encompasses 15 counties in North Central Florida. It is the largest Sierra Club group geographically in the chapter, which consists of 17 groups. Thus, our group's Florida House and Senate legislative delegations are larger than the one or two each in your legislative delegation as a citizen living in one county.

What we try to do in the SSJ Group is to divide up the contact responsibilities for our six senators and eleven representatives,

with at least one volunteer responsible for personally getting to know one legislator. For example, Sen. Rod Smith (District 14, Dem.) represents Alachua, Bradford, S. Columbia, Gilchrist, N.E. Levy, N. Marion, W. Putnam, and Union Counties. Because most of our members live in Alachua County, Sen. Smith is probably the only Florida senator you are likely to know by name, except maybe the President of the Senate Jim King, of Jacksonville.

But we need volunteers to get to know our other five regional senators: Nancy Argenziano (District 3, Rep.), Anna P. Cowin (District 20, Rep.), Anthony C. Hill (District 1, Dem.), Evelyn Lynn (District 7, Rep.), and Stephen R. Wise (District 5, Rep.).

Realistically, we concentrate on Smith and Argenziano, because their districts are mostly in our group's area. The other Sierra groups in our area—Big Bend, Nature Coast, Nassau, Northeast, Volusia-Flagler, and Central Florida—help cover all our other senators.

Contact our SSJ Group Government Liaison Christopher Thurow (cthurow@thurow.us; 352-528-9352) if you want to pick a specific Florida senator or representative to visit.

The best time to do this is any time

other than during the session, when legislators are very busy and spending a lot of time in Tallahassee. Again, check Online Sunshine to find the mailing addresses of each legislator's Tallahassee and district offices and their telephone numbers and e-mail addresses.

The other thing you should do at least once in your life is spend a full day or more at The Capitol during session. Remember, this is the center of power in Florida, and that power impacts your life in many ways. The best way to "Learn the Capitol" is to have Susie Caplowe show you the ropes. In April, following the once a year weekend meeting in Tallahassee of the Sierra chapter's Florida Executive Committee (Flexcom), Susie will introduce any Sierrian

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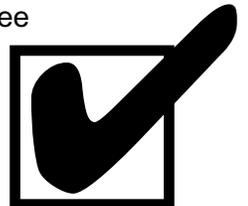
to the legislative process. She will logically hope this is just the beginning of sustained personal action.

Call me the first week in April if you are interested, when the dates and arrangements are known to me. I suggest staying over night, to be available for at least one full day. The training is free, but you must arrange your own food, lodging, and transportation.

The most active days of session are Tuesday through Thursday, so staying two days is better than just a single Monday.

**SSJ Sierra Club Group Executive Committee
Elections Calendar 2004**

- 3/12 Calendar ready for publication in April newsletter (NL)
- 5/13 Begin search for members of Nominating Committee (NomCom)
- 6/10 Appoint NomCom, publish names in NL, call for nominations by 9/2
- 8/15 Publish in September NL: nominations by petitions allowed, due by 9/23
- 9/2 At general meeting: NomCom announces ExCom nominees and voter eligibility requirements.
- 9/9 Official NomCom report to standing Excom; appointment of Election Committee
- 9/23 Receipt of petition candidates by NomCom
- 10/14 Ballot prepared by Election Committee for ExCom approval
- 10/25 Mail ballots in November NL;
- 12/2 Deadline for receipt of ballots by Election Committee chair
- 12/3-8 Count ballots (date to be announced), prepare report to ExCom
- 12/9 Report results to Excom (including newly elected members); Excom reorganization



national sierra club news

Superfund "Polluter Pays" Amendment Loses in Senate

WASHINGTON, D.C. – A measure to shift the burden of Superfund toxic waste cleanups back to polluters was defeated in the Senate, but the measure gained bipartisan support and increases pressure on the Bush administration to put the health and safety of communities before corporate polluters.

The amendment to reinstate the "polluter pays" fees, cosponsored by Senators Frank Lautenberg (D-NJ), Jon Corzine (D-NJ), Barbara Boxer (D-CA), and James Jeffords (I-VT), lost 43-53. The landmark program ran out of polluter-contributed funds last year, and the amendment would have relieved taxpayers of the significant financial burden of cleaning up abandoned toxic waste sites.

"The Bush administration has abandoned the landmark principle that corporate polluters should be held responsible for the toxic messes they leave behind. We are deeply disappointed that the Senate today failed to change this irresponsible course," said Carl Pope, Sierra Club Executive Director.

"If the administration embraced this idea, we could more easily afford to protect Americans' health and safety."

Earlier this week, the Environmental Protection Agency proposed to add 11 sites to the Superfund National Priority List (NPL), but this announcement loses its luster in light of the Senate vote and the Bush administration's failures to support the Superfund program.

"The Bush administration should demand that corporate polluters contribute to the Superfund because it is a sound fiscal measure, would enhance revenues and help cut the skyrocketing deficit," said Pope. "The Senate failed today to relieve taxpayers of an unnecessary burden. The Bush administration should move forward to put the health and safety of families and communities ahead of corporate polluters."

Already, 1 in 4 Americans, including 10 million children, lives within 4 miles of a toxic waste site that is considered a

Superfund cleanup priority. Once a site is listed on the NPL, it takes on average 11 years before the cleanup is complete. Without the polluter-funded trust fund, sites are forced to compete with other Superfund site and the entire program competes with other federal environmental priorities.

The rate of completed cleanups has fallen by 50 percent during the Bush administration compared to 1997-2000, and site listings have slowed down as well.

For information on how the Bush administration EPA is misleading the public about the Superfund toxic waste cleanup program, please read the new U.S. PIRG and Sierra Club report at: <http://www.sierraclub.org/toxics/factsheets/cleanups.pdf>

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Sierra Club Moves for Scalia Recusal in Cheney Case

WASHINGTON, DC: The Sierra Club today formally requested the recusal of Supreme Court Justice Antonin Scalia from its case against Vice President Cheney and the secret Energy Task Force.

Citing the intense public attention drawn to the January duck hunting trip taken by Cheney and Scalia, the Sierra Club reluctantly concluded that recusal is necessary to "redress an appearance of impropriety and to restore public confidence in the integrity of our nation's highest court."

calling for Justice Scalia's withdrawal from the case as evidence that his impartiality is being reasonably questioned—the federal test for recusal.

From the editorials and cartoons in papers across the country, to Jay Leno's monologue on the Tonight show, opinion leaders are questioning this trip and how it reflects on the Supreme Court.

"The public debate clearly echoes the common sense conclusion that the duck-hunting vacation taken by Cheney and Scalia creates the appearance of impropriety," said Bookbinder.

Sierra Club is suing Vice President Cheney and the Energy Task Force under the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA), seeking an accounting of energy industry participation in crafting the Bush Administration's destructive energy policy, which relies on subsidies to polluting and outdated fossil fuel industries.

The District Court ordered the Administration to provide information about participation from these industries, which the Bush Administration refused to do, claiming Constitutional immunity from such inquiries.

The District Court rejected that contention, pointing out that the Administration was attempting to "cloak what is tantamount to an aggrandizement of Executive power with the legitimacy of precedent where none exists."

The Administration appealed, asking the D.C. Circuit to make new law that would effectively shield it from any legal

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DAVID BOOKBINDER, SIERRA CLUB'S WASHINGTON LEGAL DIRECTOR

"Unfortunately, the Cheney-Scalia vacation mirrors the secrecy with which the Bush Administration often conducts business," said David Bookbinder, Sierra Club's Washington Legal Director. "The public is continually shut out."

The recusal motion filed today cites the dozens of editorials and editorial cartoons

scrutiny. The Circuit Court denied their request. The Bush Administration appealed to the Supreme Court, which will hear arguments in April.

Copies of the brief, including several examples of editorial cartoons, are available by contacting David Willett at 202-675-6698 or david.willett@sierraclub.org

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APRIL 2004 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

April 1, Thursday, 7:30 p.m. General meeting at the entomology/nematology building on UF campus, room 1031-1033.

April 8, Thursday, 7 p.m. Executive Committee meeting at Santa Fe Comm. College, Downtown Campus.

April 10, Saturday. Natural Areas Teaching Lab educational outing. Public is welcome! See Outings article, page 3.

April 17, NatureFest at Fanning Springs. Call Annette Long for information 352-490-8930, email mlongkorn@aol.com

April 23, Friday, 7:30 p.m. Newsletter folding party, Scott Camil & Sherry Steiner's house, call 352-375-2563 for directions.

April 24, Saturday, Earth Day at Gainesville Downtown Plaza. Music, food, information and fun. Contact Shanti Vani 352-337-1112.

April 19 - 26, Shenandoah National Park camping and hiking. See Outings, page 3. Contact Karen Garren 352-371-0008, ILuvFla@gru.net

April 29 - May 2, Farm & Forest Festival at Morningside Nature Center, 3540 East University Avenue. Contact Gary Paul at 334-2170.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We need volunteers to table at 3 upcoming events:

1. Nature Fest 2004 at Fanning Springs, Sat., April 17th, 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
2. Earth Day, Saturday, April 24, at the Downtown Plaza in Gainesville. 11 a.m. to to 10 p.m.
3. 2004 Farm and Forest Festival at Morningside Nature Center, Sat., May 1st, 8:30 - 6:00p.m., or Sun., May 2nd, 8:30 - 6:00 p.m.

The more help we get, the more events we can participate in,
 so please call Sherry Steiner at 352-375-2563.

Membership

Yes, I want to help safeguard our nation's precious natural heritage. My check is enclosed.

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