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*If we pollute the air,
water and soil that keep
us alive and well, and
destroy the biodiversity
that allows natural
systems to function, no
amount of money will
save us.*

~David Suzuki, scientist and



How to Take Action

Call for the Army Corps of Engineer's Permit for the Sabal Trail Pipeline to be rescinded. Call the

- White House at (202) 456-1111 or (202) 456-1414

- Army Corps of Engineers Jacksonville, FL District at (904) 232-3131

- Federal Energy Regulatory Commission at (202) 502-6088

- Florida Department of Environmental Protection at (850) 245-2118

- Senator Bill Nelson (D) supports renewable energy at (202) 224-5274

- Senator Marco Rubio (R) does not believe in eminent domain or climate change at (202) 224-3041

- Duke Energy at (855) 355-7042 to report an environmental concern

- NextEra Energy (owner of Florida Power & Light) at (561) 691-7171

Donate to Sacred Water Camp, Water is Life Camp, or Crystal Water Camp by contacting them through Facebook at

-<https://www.facebook.com/groups/SacredWaterCamp>

-<https://www.facebook.com/WaterIsLifeCamp>

-<https://www.facebook.com/CrystalWaterCamp>



Sabal Trail Pipeline



Sabal Trail will include approximately 515 miles of interstate natural gas pipeline (86 miles in Alabama, 162 miles in Georgia, 268 miles in Florida) and, initially at least two compressor stations at the beginning and end of the pipeline system. A total of five stations along the pipeline will be constructed by 2021. The pipeline will be capable of transporting 1 billion cubic feet per day or more of natural gas.

The pipeline is a joint venture between Florida Power & Light, NextEra, Duke and Spectra Energy, the Houston-based company that will build and operate it.



Local Impact

Construction on the Sabal Trail Pipeline has already started. 160 eminent domain lawsuits have been filed by Spectra Energy. So far, 25 properties in Central Florida, mostly in Osceola County have been impacted. The pipeline company insists that it has federal authority to seize property under the Natural Gas Act. Spectra claims its project must be in service by May 1, 2017.

The \$3.2 billion, 516-mile, 3-foot-wide pipeline will carry up to 1 billion cubic feet of natural gas a day through a dozen Florida counties, including Alachua, Gilchrist, Suwannee, Levy and Marion, to a connector pipeline in Osceola County. According to maps provided by the utilities, the Sabal pipeline will come through the Four Corners area of northwestern Osceola County, dip south of Walt Disney World property, cross Interstate 4 near Celebration and connect with a hub of pipelines just west of Reunion Resort Golf Course.

A serious concern for ALL Florida residents, regardless of where they live in relation to the pipeline, is the potential danger to over 60 percent of Florida's drinking water. Methane (fracked gas) is a serious threat to the Florida Aquifer.

The Sabal Trail Pipeline will have a direct impact on Florida State Parks such as the Marjorie Carr Cross Florida Greenway State Recreation and Conservation Area, Florida National Scenic Trail and Suwannee River State Park.

Pipeline Concerns

-Pipelines cross in, around, and over numerous rivers, streams, springs, wetlands and wildlife areas. Wildlife is often destroyed to make way for pipeline construction.

-Pipelines increase our dependence on fracking for natural gas, which is a fossil fuel. For short time frames and if natural gas leakage rates are high, natural gas may offer little benefit compared to coal or solar and could even exacerbate global warming.

-Gas transmission companies must file an application with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) for approval of an interstate gas pipeline. If FERC approves the pipeline, these companies may go to federal court and use **eminent domain** to acquire rights of way that landowners are unwilling to grant permission for pipeline construction.

-Pipelines often leak and/or explode. According to the Center for Biological Diversity, since 1986 there have been nearly 8,000 incidents of hazardous materials from pipelines (nearly 300 per year on average), resulting in more than 500 deaths, more than 2,300 injuries and nearly \$7 billion in damage. Oil is the most commonly spilled substance, followed by natural gas and gasoline.

-Pipeline failures are concentrated in states with a long history of oil and gas development like Texas and California, but have caused damage to people, property and the environment in 48 states.

-Cleanup of pipeline spills is often only partially successful. On average, the government's data shows that more than 31,000 barrels of oil or other substances are not cleaned up following pipeline incidents, and in some years many more barrels are left, polluting our environment for years to come.

Call to Action

This is the single most important environmental issue happening in the SE region of the US right now and most people don't even know about it.

1. Stay Informed! Take a look at the websites mentioned in the "sources" section of this brochure for additional, updated information.
2. Contact your representatives in Congress. Go to www.usa.gov/elected-officials to learn how to get in touch with your federal, state and local elected leaders. Let them know you OPPOSE the Sabal Trail Pipeline. All VOICES MATTER. You can call or email your message.
3. Share information about the Sabal Trail Pipeline with friends and family.
4. Join organized protests and gatherings to raise awareness about this issue.
5. Join www.facebook.com/StopSabalTrail for the latest information.

Sources

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