

# EARTH ETHICS NEWS

## EXPLORING ENVIRONMENTAL AND SOCIAL ISSUES

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**Take Climate Action**—On March 25th we held action in opposition of the Willow Project and Lease Sale 259. The Willow Project is a massive oil drilling endeavor that is estimated to produce 260 million metric tons of heat—trapping gases over the next 30-years. The ConocoPhillips project is proposed to impact Alaska's Western Arctic. ConocoPhillips whose earnings for 2022 reached \$18.7 billion is touting a staggering amount of oil, amounting to 3 billion barrels. (Learn more at [Willow Project, explained: What to know about the Alaska oil-drilling venture | CNN Politics](#))

And if that weren't enough, the Gulf of Mexico is being sacrificed yet again. Lease sale 259 opened on Tuesday, March 28th. This is the largest in U.S. history. This area is posed to produce more than 1 billion barrels of oil and 4 billion cubic feet of natural gas. Reports have shown that 25% of U.S. carbon emissions since 2005 have come from oil, gas, and coal extracted from public lands and waters leased to the fossil fuel industry. (Learn more at [redgreenandblue.org](#).)

A promise was made to the citizens of the U.S. to transition off fossil fuels. This isn't it. We made a promise to the world that we would lower our emission with the Paris Climate Accord. This isn't it either.



**Florida's Right to Clean Water Amendment**—Volunteers have been working extremely hard to gather all the signatures we need to have the FRTCW amendment placed on the 2024 ballot. The amendment is needed if we want to protect and conserve our waterways from exploitation. "It has become clear that the current system of water protection has failed; the state executive branch is not enforcing clean water legislation according to environmental laws, legislative intent and constitutional policy. Although a right to clean water already exists by statute, it defers too much to state executive agencies to guard against harm." Learn more about the amendment and how you can become engaged at [Sign Petition | Florida Right To Clean Water](#)



Volunteer Rock Stars Dianne Krumel (left) and Susan Creel (right).

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### Eco-Anxiety

"Researchers coined the term "eco-anxiety" to describe chronic or severe anxiety related to humans' relationship with the environment." ([Eco-anxiety: What it is and how to manage it \(medicalnewstoday.com\)](#))

And for those of us who have been working in the environmental field for decades, we get this. It's even more devastating for those of us who believe and know that we are directly connected and related to the earth.

The work can be exhausting, isolating, rewarding, and satisfying all at the same time. Self-care is essential to maintain physical, mental, and spiritual well-being. This self-care can come in many forms, meditation, travel, writing, etc. Whatever it looks like, it's important that you do it.

And where we live doesn't help. Short sightedness, racism, sexism, and ageism is strong and persistent, making work difficult and getting things accomplished even more so.

I've been an environmental professional, advocate, activist for close to 30 years. I'm not done yet, but will be stepping back even more than I have already from certain groups, individuals, and committees. I won't submit myself to those who don't actually care about the work they do or who they are doing I for and are only concerned about marking a box and pretending to be self-aware or "woke".

It's all about self-care.

## The Poet's Corner

EARTH ETHICS  
RECOGNIZES THE  
SURROUNDING  
ENVIRONMENT AND OTHER  
SPECIES AS FAMILY.  
THEREFORE, THE NATURAL  
ENVIRONMENT IS HELD IN  
THE HIGHEST REGARD AND  
WITH GREAT RESPECT. WE  
ALSO RECOGNIZE THAT THE  
ARTS PLAY AN INTRINSIC  
ROLE IN RELATIONSHIPS  
WITH OURSELVES, OTHERS,  
AND THE EARTH. NATURE  
HAS LONG SINCE PLAYED A  
MAJOR ROLE IN THE  
WRITTEN AND SPOKEN  
WORD AS WELL AS THE  
CREATION OF  
INSTRUMENTS TO MIMIC THE  
SOUNDS OF NATURE.  
WE LIFT UP OUR EFFORTS  
TO PROTECT AND  
CONSERVE THE EARTH AND  
HER GIFTS BY  
INCORPORATING POETRY,  
ART, AND MUSIC IN OUR  
ACTIONS AS MUCH AS  
POSSIBLE.  
IT IS OUR HOPE TO IMPROVE  
THE QUALITY OF  
INTERACTION  
BETWEEN HUMANS AND THE  
SURROUNDING  
ENVIRONMENT THROUGH  
THESE EFFORTS.



### The Gulf

All I hear is the waves on the shore and the  
birds in the air,  
others are muffled in these sounds.  
The whiteness of the sand brings  
a glare to my eyes  
as the sun shines overhead.  
The sand feels coarse against my skin  
as I try to wipe it away as quickly  
as the breeze brings it back.  
Yet, I do not mind.  
This is how She is.

I know the earth, the Gulf  
and Her white sandy shores  
I understand how She came to be  
and She knows I know,  
but I leave this knowledge behind  
as I speak with Her  
because I accept that She will always  
know more than me.

I am speck of sand on her beach  
a drop of water in her vast ocean.  
I am still in my respect.  
I do not own her,  
She owns me.

Mary Gutierrez

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**Tuesday, May 23rd, 2023** - Let's Talk About it Tuesday—virtually beginning at noon CST. The event will be stream live via Facebook. Join us here [www.facebook.com/earthethics](http://www.facebook.com/earthethics). Our guest speaker is Grace Resendez McCaffery. Grace is the President of Latino Media Gulf Coast, Inc. and Publisher of LaCosta Latina Newspaper. Grace will discuss this work and other work she does within the community.

**Monday, June 12th, 2023**—Earth Ethics Environmental Education Series—A Movie Viewing of “Plastic Wars” beginning at 6 pm at Ever'man Education Center, 327 W Garden Street, Pensacola.

**Tuesday, June 27th, 2023** - Let's Talk About it Tuesday - virtually beginning at noon CST. The event will be stream live via Facebook. Join us here [www.facebook.com/earthethics](http://www.facebook.com/earthethics). Our guest speaker is Sarah Brummet. Sarah is one of the members and organizers of the Party for Socialism and Liberation. Learn more about the group and their efforts!

**Thursday, July 20th, 2023** - Plastics are hazardous: Press Conference and Public Forum beginning at 1 PM at Doug Broxson's District Office. 418 West Garden Street Room 403. Pensacola, FL 32502. Join us for a press conference and public forum on the hazards of plastics and why it is important the State of Florida gives local municipalities their power back to make decisions on how they deal with the plastic pollution crisis.

**Tuesday, July 25th, 2023** - Let's Talk About it Tuesday - virtually beginning at noon CST. The event will be stream live via Facebook. Join us here [www.facebook.com/earthethics](http://www.facebook.com/earthethics). Guest Speaker is Hale Morrisette with Dream Defenders.

**Monday, August 14th, 2023** - Earth Ethics Environmental Educational Series - Guest Speaker is Kaeli Williams with J.U.S.T. Pensacola as they discuss the who, what, why, and how others can get engaged with this inspirational group. 6 pm at Ever'man Education Center, 327 W Garden Street, Pensacola.

**Tuesday, August 22nd, 2023** - Let's Talk About it Tuesday - - virtually beginning at noon CST. The event will be stream live via Facebook. Join us here [www.facebook.com/earthethics](http://www.facebook.com/earthethics). Speaker TBD.

**Saturday, August 26th, 2023** - Clean Water Festival - Join us as we celebrate WATER and how it is important to us, other species, and the economy. We all need to do our part to protect it. We will be joined by water vendors, speakers, and musicians. There will also be food trucks on site. It'll be a relaxing, educational event for everyone. Stay tuned for more details.

**Tuesday, September 26th, 2023**- Equity in Energy- 9 AM – 2 PM 1170 Martin Luther King Jr Blvd, Fort Walton Beach. We will have speakers who will discuss different forms of energy, energy use, renewable energy, and practical energy conservation methods. Lunch is being provided for attendees. You must RSVP through Eventbrite in order to be counted for lunch. Light breakfast refreshments will be served as well. RSVP here [Equity in Energy Tickets, Tue, Sep 26, 2023 at 9:00 AM | Eventbrite](https://www.eventbrite.com/e/equity-in-energy-tickets-tue-sep-26-2023-at-9-00-am-tickets-501234567890)

**Monday, October 9th, 2023** - Earth Ethics Environmental Educational Series - Speaker TBD—6 pm at Ever'man Education Center, 327 W Garden Street, Pensacola.

**Tuesday, October 24th, 2023** - Climate Change: Energy, Solar, Land Use, and Public Health. 5:20 PM – 6:30 PM. 239 N Spring Street, Pensacola, FL 32502, Meeting Room A. Join us for a discussion on how we are creating climate change by our actions and what we can do to minimize those impacts. Speakers will discuss climate change and public health, land use, solar, and energy conservation. “This event is not sponsored or endorsed by the West Florida Public Libraries or Escambia County.”

These events do not include the day to day work Earth Ethics and Earth Action does.  
Stay up to date on activities by visiting <http://earthethics.us/community-events/>.

## WHO WE ARE

The **MISSION** of Earth Ethics is to educate the public and increase awareness about environmental and social issues at local, regional, and global levels in an effort to engage, empower, and encourage public involvement towards positive resolutions.

The **VISION** of Earth Ethics is to be a leader in identifying and resolving environmental and social issues while creating a positive, sustainable, and healthy way of thought and life.

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for humans and non-humans alike while protecting our Earth.*

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## EARTH ACTION

because the earth is not for sale

*"Treat the earth well: it was not given to you by your parents, it was loaned to you by your children."*

**First People Proverb**