

# DEFEND FLORIDA TREES



## IT'S TIME TO PROTECT OUR LOCAL LAWS

OPPOSE HOUSE BILL 521 AND SENATE BILL 574 THAT WILL DEVASTATE COMMUNITIES

Florida HB 521 (Edwards) and SB 574 (Steube) would prevent local governments from protecting trees. These bills are a direct assault on the local democratic process and overrule established local laws.



CONTACT YOUR STATE LEGISLATORS BEFORE IT'S TOO LATE!

The time is now to speak out against these destructive bills. We cannot allow them to devastate Florida's local democratic process along with our invaluable tree canopy.

FIND YOUR LEGISLATOR AT THE FOLLOWING LINK: [JAXDIGSTREES.ORG/FINDREP](http://JAXDIGSTREES.ORG/FINDREP)

Local tree mitigation laws reflect the distinctive needs and unique characteristics of our communities.

These bills would allow for the irreversible clear cutting of land, including old-growth forests.

An overwhelming majority of communities across Florida have local tree protection laws passed with widespread bipartisan support.

Our tree canopy contributes substantial economic benefits, including increased property values, to the state of Florida. A recent USF study found Tampa's trees save the city \$35 million annually in reduced energy costs, storm water flooding, prevention of soil erosion, air quality, and other vital environmental services.

### Defend Florida Trees by taking the following steps:

1. Call, send a letter, & email your legislators urging them to oppose these bills. Even a brief contact helps protect local tree laws!
2. Like & share our Facebook & Instagram page: @DefendFloridaTrees

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