

Alberta Land-use Knowledge Network



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Conservation in Alberta

Strategy 4 of the **Land Use Framework** is “Develop a strategy for conservation and stewardship on private and public lands.” Conservation and stewardship are a shared responsibility. Working together, land users, landowners and the government have a responsibility to protect and enhance the environment.

The LUF sets out an approach to manage public and private lands and natural resources to achieve Alberta’s long-term economic, environmental and social goals. The LUF identifies seven strategies to achieve these goals:

- Develop seven regional land-use plans based on seven new land-use regions.
- Create a Land-use Secretariat to oversee implementation of the LUF and establish a Regional Advisory Council for each region;
- Cumulative effects management will be used at the regional level to manage the impacts of development on land, water and air;
- Develop a strategy for conservation and stewardship on private and public lands;
- Promote efficient use of land to reduce the footprint of human activities on Alberta’s landscape;
- Establish an information, monitoring and knowledge system to contribute to continuous improvement of land-use planning and decision making; and,
- Include Aboriginal peoples in land-use planning.

Alberta Land Stewardship Act and Regulation (2009)

This Act enables government to provide direction and leadership in identifying current and future land-use objectives of the Province, including economic, environmental and social objectives, while respecting private property rights. The Act provides for the coordination of decisions concerning land, species, human settlement, natural resources and the environment while taking into account cumulative effects of human endeavours and other events. Updated: 11 December 2013.

Environmental Protection and Enhancement Act: **Conservation and Reclamation Regulation** (Alberta Regulation 115/1993)

Conservation Easement Registration Regulation: Alberta Regulation 129/2010



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New on the Land Use Planning Hub

The **Land Use Planning Hub** is an informal network that supports the implementation of Alberta's regional plans. It is regularly updated with news, resources, and information on regional planning in Alberta. It was launched in 2018 as a complement to the **Land-use Knowledge Network**. Check out the resources and join the conversation.

For more information about the Land Use Planning Hub, contact the website's coordinator, **Jeff Wiehler**.



Resource – Conservation Easements in Alberta

Conservation Easements in Alberta is a resource created by the Environmental Law Centre and Miistakis Institute to offer information and answers related to conservation easements in Alberta.



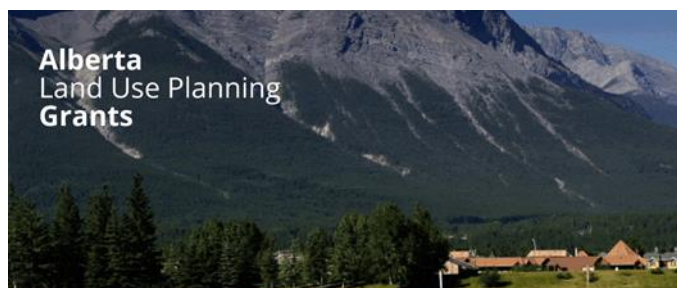
ALSA Conservation Tools for Municipalities

To assist municipalities to use conservation and stewardship tools from the Alberta Land Stewardship Act, this series of four webinars covers conservation easements, transferable development credits, conservation offsets and conservation directives.



Exploring the Calgary Metropolitan Region Board

The **Calgary Metropolitan Region Board** (CMRB) is expected to complete the Regional Growth and Servicing Plan in **2021**. Here is a background on the CMRB and what it means for the Calgary region.



Alberta Land Use Planning Grants (Updated 2021)

Find grants and funding related to land use planning in Alberta.

Resources

One with Nature: A Renewed Approach to Land and Freshwater Conservation in Canada (2019)

Benedict, M.A. & McMahon, E.T. (2001) **Green infrastructure: Smart conservation for the 21st century**. Washington, DC: Sprawl Watch Clearinghouse Monograph Series.

Riparian Land Conservation and Management Report and Recommendations (Alberta Water Council, 2013)

Hallstrom, L.K., Hvenegaard, G., Gould, J., & Joubert, B. (2019). **Prioritizing research questions for protected area agencies: A case study of provincial parks in Alberta, Canada**. Journal of Park and Recreation Administration, DOI: <https://doi.org/10.18666/JPRA-2019-9434>

Land Use Planning Topics: Conservation (scholarly references)

Video: **Mattheis Ranch: A conservation triumph** (Jerry Brunen, 2016)

Video: **Conservation Offsets** (Anish Neupane, 2015)

Video: **Conservation Easements** (Kim Good, 2012)

Video: **Land Swaps & Conservation Directives** (Kim Good, 2012)



Conservation Land Stewards are champions of EALT and ambassadors of their chosen conservation land, where they provide a consistent stewardship presence for at least two years. They perform basic monitoring and fieldwork on their chosen land and provide EALT with regular reports.

Conservation Land Stewards will work with another trained partner when out on conservation lands.

For more details about the program, **register for the information session** on March 11th, 2021 or e-mail Nikki at nikki.paskar@ealt.ca.

Events

If you have an event, announcement, or new report that you would like to see included in our monthly newsletter, please email **Linda** with the details.

March

Rural Municipalities of Alberta 2021 Spring Convention

16-17 March 2021, Online

Watch the Trailer

Source Waters (Film Premiere on World Water Day)

22 March 2021, Online

Building Ecosystems for Positive Change Webinar

24 March 2021, Online

Watershed Lunchtime Wednesdays Speaker Series

March Topic: Wabamun Lake Watershed Management Plan and other lake projects

24 March 2021, Online

Every 3rd Wednesday

Designing for Tomorrow 2021 ALIDP Unconference

March Topic: LID Applications in Infill Development - Edmonton

24 March 2021, Online

Partners for the Saskatchewan River Basin

Introduces ClimateWest (Free Webinar)

25 March 2021, Online

Must pre-register

Transforming Alberta's Environmental Regulatory System Webinar

29 March 2021, Zoom

April

Canadian Rural and Remote Housing and Homelessness Symposium

1-3 June 2021, Online

Every 3rd Wednesday

Designing for Tomorrow 2021 ALIDP Unconference

April Topic: Established Areas Calgary Planning Perspective – Raising the Profile of Stormwater to Meet Multiple Objectives; Gaps and Needs
21 April 2021, Online

Watershed Lunchtime Wednesdays Speaker Series

April Topic: Riparian Health Action Plan

28 April 2021, Online

May

Every 3rd Wednesday

Designing for Tomorrow 2021 ALIDP Unconference

May Topic: A TBL Approach to Achieving Integrated Stormwater Management in an Established Community

19 May 2021, Online

June

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June Topic: ALIDP Clean Runoff Action Guide rollout
tentative

16 June 2021, Online



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