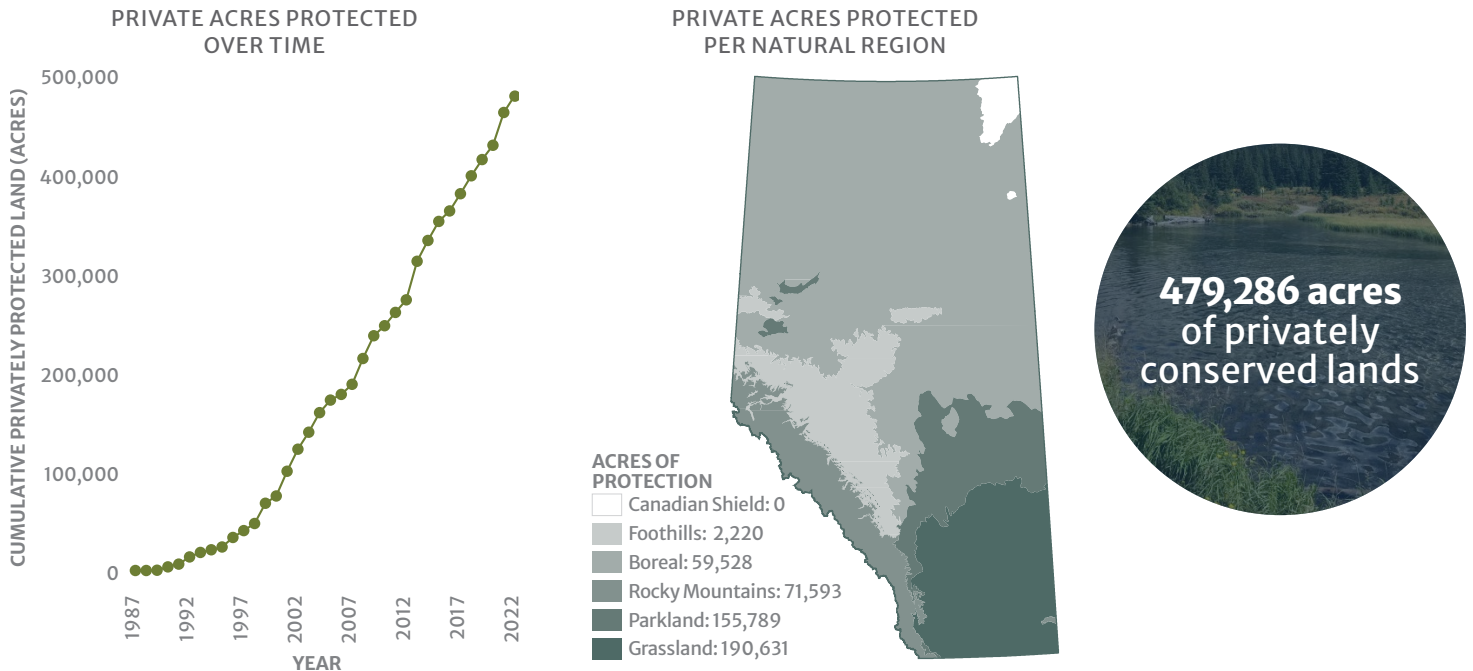


Private Land Conservation in Alberta

Private land conservation in Alberta is growing, seeing a strong, steady increase over the past 35 years. Private land conservation promotes biodiversity, watershed resiliency, climate resiliency and enhances human well-being. Together privately conserved areas in Alberta make up almost the equivalent of 4 Waterton Lakes National Parks.

AT A GLANCE



FOUR THEMES

Biodiversity

Ungulate (Elk, Moose, Deer, Bighorn Sheep) Winter Range:

- 148,990 acres of ungulate range is protected through private land conservation
- This represents 7% of private land in the range
- Secures land to promote winter survival



Climate Resiliency

Climate Connectivity:

- 278,123 acres of privately conserved land is within corridors connecting current species distributions and predicted climate refugia
- Will help wildlife adapt to a changing environment by letting them get to their ideal habitat



Watershed Resiliency

Water Quantity and Quality:

- Private land conservation protects land that has been identified by the Government of Alberta as important for preserving watershed resiliency
- These high priority lands include 246,330 acres for protecting water quality, 424,394 acres for mitigating flood risk and 98,153 acres for combating drought



Human Well-being

Proximity to Parks:

- Albertans love their parks. Private land conservation contributes to overall park health by conserving 167,021 acres of land within 5 km from parks by ensuring healthy buffers and connectivity
- Some privately conserved lands are open to the public, providing recreational opportunities for Albertans



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