

## Community Conserve Project to Support Municipalities Officially Launched

- Is your municipality challenged with addressing environmental and conservation issues?
- Is finding funding to do so a barrier?
- Do you know where to go for support?
- Do you feel other municipalities face the same challenges?

A new way now exists for Alberta municipalities to pool their resources to address common environmental and conservation issues. *Community Conserve* is a web-based forum that allows Alberta municipal staff, managers, and councilors to 1) post their environment and conservation issues or ideas, 2) vote on the priority issues/ideas as a community, and 3) 'crowd-fund' efforts to address the most common ones. *Community Conserve* is officially launched and available at [www.communityconserve.ca](http://www.communityconserve.ca).

The *Community Conserve* team creates and proposes project plans for addressing the top issues/ideas, and facilitates the process of municipalities "crowd-funding" those projects. All project results and products are posted back on the Community Conserve site, and are available to everyone. Some projects already underway include:

- Conservation Easement Guide for Municipalities
- Environmental Assessment Guide for Municipalities
- Clarity on Using Environmental Reserves for Conservation
- Frequently Asked Questions: Municipal Jurisdiction and Environmental Law
- ALSA's Conservation Tools for Municipalities – A Webinar Series

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