

Comparison of Conservation Easements (CE), Environmental Reserves (ER), and Environmental Reserve Easements (ERE)

A simple side-by-side comparison of three tools available to Alberta municipalities.

	CE	ER	ERE
Enabling Legislation	Alberta Land Stewardship Act	Municipal Government Act	Municipal Government Act
Who can use it	Qualified Organizations	Municipalities	Municipalities
Purpose	Environment, Aesthetics, Agriculture,	Undevelopable land, water body access, pollution control	Environment
Requirement	Voluntary	Required	Optional
Title change	Restriction	Transfer	Restriction
Original landowner	Conservation landowner	Developer	Developer
Ultimate landowner	Conservation landowner	Municipality	Developer
Removal / Changes	By agreement or Ministerial order	By bylaw	Cancellation of subdivision plan
Trigger	Common interest	On subdivision application	On subdivision application
Parcel limitations	None	None (but affects other reserve amounts)	None (but affects other reserve amounts)
Allowable land uses	Any beyond the restrictions	Natural state or public park	Natural state
Enforcement	Qualified organization	Municipality	Municipality