

**Alberta Conservation Association**  
**2023/24 Project Summary Report**

**Project Name:** Corporate Partners (Securement)

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**Details**

Our Corporate Partners Program is a collaboration between Alberta Conservation Association (ACA) and key industry partners to offset the impact of industrial activity through the securement of ecologically important lands representing Alberta's Natural Regions. The properties that are secured through our Corporate Partners Program are incorporated into ACA's network of conservation sites and provide key habitat for wildlife and fish species while allowing for increased recreational opportunities for all Albertans. ACA has been working with industrial partners since 2003 to secure ecologically important land. However, in 2023/24, most of the companies that we discussed multi-year habitat agreements with indicated that their current focus and priority is on reducing carbon emissions and making community investments. We will continue to follow developments worldwide related to corporate commitments to conserve biodiversity, and the associated discussion on the role of biodiversity offsets.

In partnership with TransAlta, we expanded on the Wabamun/Whitewood Conservation Site in 2023/24 with the addition of 305.08 acres donated by TransAlta and 198.99 acres purchased from TransAlta through partner funding. Our goal is to continue working with industry partners in 2024/25 to secure financial partnerships aimed at conserving key habitats using a collaborative approach. ACA staff continue to respond to landowner enquiries wanting to sell, donate, or gift their land to ACA for conservation purposes.