



Land Management Class
The land management classes indicate the varying degree of protection of lands from potential urban or more intensive uses based on the variety of potential land uses allowed within each class. Conservation Lands (Class 1) represent the most protected land management class, whereas Class 4 (Agriculture and Crown Leases) offer the least opportunity for protection of the four classes.

Class 1 - Conservation Lands
Conservation Lands have the highest degree of protection for biodiversity conservation. This management class consists predominantly of publicly-owned conservation lands and may include:

- Migratory bird sanctuaries
- Wildlife management areas
- Provincial parks and protected areas
- Regional parks (special preservation or natural environment)
- Ecological reserves
- Federal Crown conservation lands
- Crown lands designated for environmental protection/conservation (Section 16)
- Private conservation lands
- Canadian Wildlife Service (CWS) National Wildlife Areas

Class 2 - Dedicated Open Space
These are lands that are currently protected as green space due to their land use designation. They are more heavily impacted by human disturbance than Conservation Lands (Class 1) areas and may not have long term protection. Dedicated Open Space may include:

- Regional parks (outdoor recreation or park services)
- Municipal parks
- Crown recreation and research lands
- Forest tenure recreation areas
- Provincial recreation areas
- Lands surrounding reservoirs zoned for conservation purposes (e.g. RDCO CL8 zoning)

Class 3 - Resource Lands
Resource Lands (Class 3) are predominantly forested crown lands. These are areas where urban expansion will be unlikely to occur, however, these lands are not protected to the same degree as classes 1 and 2. For example, they may be designated for potential timber harvest. Class 3 land use designations include:

- Crown land
- Community watersheds

Class 4 - Agriculture and Crown Leases
Class 4 lands are agricultural lands and crown leases. The agricultural lands are predominantly privately owned, however, for this map's purpose, they are considered a management class.

- Agricultural Land Reserve (ALR)
- Crown leases

It should be noted that a given parcel may fall into more than one land management class. In most cases, the parcel is assigned to the most protected class (e.g., a regional park on agricultural land would be in both classes 2 and 4 but would be assigned to Class 2).
The Land Management Class map identifies private lands and Indian Reserves, however, apart from where these lands fall within the ALR, they are not considered within the land management classes. It should be noted that private ALR properties are allowed to develop subject to the Agricultural Land Commission and local government bylaws. This map does not imply that there is any level of conservation commitments attached to the Class 4 designation of private lands. It may be that private or reserve lands do offer protection or consideration for biodiversity through, for example, covenants, development permit areas, or zoning; however as each government would have different bylaws or regulations, private or reserve land protection mechanisms have not been taken into account at this scale of mapping.

Conservation Planning
The land management class map provides a comprehensive look at the level of protection and/or management of land in the Okanagan Region. Together with other maps in the series (conservation ranking, relative biodiversity, and habitat connectivity), individuals and organizations can begin to make more informed decisions on conservation and land use planning, at a regional scale.

Legend

- Study Area
- Regional District Boundary
- River/Stream
- Lake/Major River

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- Class 1 - Conservation Lands
- Class 2 - Dedicated Open Space
- Class 3 - Resource Lands
- Class 4 - Agriculture & Crown Leases
- IR - Indian Reserves
- Private lands (non-ALR)

*While there are some crown land areas in ALR, the majority of agricultural lands are privately owned.

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Kilometres

Data sources:
Ministry of Forests and Range, Ministry of Environment, TRIM, Regional District of Central Okanagan, Regional District of North Okanagan, Regional District of Okanagan-Similkameen, City of Kelowna, City of Vernon, District of West Kelowna, District of Peachland, District of Lake Country

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