

# What is a Land Code?

*Land Codes mean First Nations decide what happens on their land.  
It's about sovereignty, stewardship, and self-determination*

**A Land Code is a law created by a First Nation under the Framework Agreement on First Nation Land Management. It gives the community full control over its reserve lands and resources—without needing federal approval.**

**Once a Land Code is established, 44 sections of Canada's Indian Act no longer apply to ACFN's land and resources.**

**With a Land Code, ACFN can:**

- **Manage reserve lands and natural resources without federal approval.**
- **Create land laws that will protect ACFN lands.**
- **Approve housing, business, and environmental projects locally.**
- **Protect ACFN's rightful claim to its land.**

**A Land Code will not affect treaty rights, will not affect taxation or tax exemption, will not increase provincial or municipal jurisdiction, and will not affect additions to reserves or land claims.**