Davis Conservation Foundation 2013 Annual Report



History and Mission

The Davis Conservation Foundation is a public charitable foundation founded in 1989 by Mr. and Mrs. H. Halsey Davis of Falmouth, Maine, in support of their concern for protection of the environment and conservation of our natural resources. Its broad purpose is the wise utilization, protection and advancement of our physical environment and the different natural forms of life which inhabit it – including wildlife, sea life and mankind as they are impacted by the environment. The Foundation supports organizations whose areas of interest include projects and activities related to wildlife, wildlife habitat, environmental protection or outdoor recreation. Projects which strengthen volunteer activity and outreach/community involvement in the above categories are of particular interest.

Policies and Application Procedure

The Foundation supports only organizations that are tax-exempt under Section 501(c)(3) of the IRS code and not private foundations under Section 509(a) of the code. The Foundation has a 509(a)(3) foundation status and is prohibited from making grants to other 509(a)(3) organizations. The Foundation requires evidence of the applicant's 501(c)(3) and 509(a) status for its files.

The Foundation's highest geographic priority is Northern New England, particularly projects involving the Northern Forest and the Gulf of Maine. The next geographic priority is the remainder of New England, and only infrequently are grants made outside of New England.

The Foundation does not make grants to individuals, nor does it support annual giving campaigns, deficit reduction, scholarships, fellowships, loans or travel. The Foundation does not normally make multiple-year gifts. In order to support as many worthwhile organizations as possible, the Foundation discourages organizations that receive a grant from submitting subsequent requests within 24 months. In addition, declined applicants should not submit a request for the same project within 12 months.

The Trustees meet in May and November to consider requests. The respective submission deadlines are April 10 and October 10. Applications for deadlines that fall on a holiday or weekend must be received by the next business day. The Foundation does <u>not</u> accept applications via e-mail. You may obtain an application form and submission guidelines by contacting the Foundation office or visiting our website. Proposals are judged on their merits and in comparison to others received. The Foundation normally notifies applicants of the Trustees' decision within one week of each regular meeting, and applicants receiving grants may expect to receive payment within a month of notification. Organizations that receive grants from the Foundation are required to submit completion reports.

Please direct inquiries, letters and grant requests to:

Davis Conservation Foundation

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Davis Conservation Foundation Balance Sheet December 31, 2013

Assets

Interest and dividends receivable Investments	\$ 16,935 20,739,972
Total assets	20,756,907
Liabilities and Net Assets	
Liabilities Accounts payable Due to related party	\$ 11,010 31,417
Total liabilities	<u>42,427</u>
Net assets Unrestricted net assets	20,714,480
Total liabilities and net assets	\$20,756,907

Davis Conservation Foundation Statement of Activities Year Ended December 31, 2013

Changes in unrestricted net assets Revenues and gains

Income on investments Contributions Interest and dividends Investment management and custodial fees Net realized gains on investments Net unrealized gains on investments	\$ s	90,857 359,656 (31,742) 1,220,482 2,105,865	
Total revenues and gains		3,745,118	
Expenses			
Program services			
Grants		662,400	
Trustee fees		15,000	
Travel		288	
Foreign Taxes		6,079	
Total program services expenses		683,767	
Management and general		82,719	
Total expenses		766,486	
Increase in unrestricted net assets		2,978,632	
Not essets beginning of year			
Net assets, beginning of year		17,735,848	
Net assets, end of year	\$	20,714,480	

Davis Conservation Foundation Grants Made and Payable During the Year Ended December 31, 2013

Allagash Wilderness Waterway Foundation, Bath, ME	\$10,000
Capacity-Building for Support of Allagash Wilderness Waterway	,
Androscoggin River Watershed Council, Harrison, ME Improving Native Brook Trout Habitat	\$5,000
Appalachian Mountain Club, Boston, MA Recreation Infrastructure in Moosehead Lake Region	\$5,000
Atlantic Salmon Federation, Brunswick, ME Etna Pond Fishway	\$15,000
Belgrade Regional Conservation Alliance, Belgrade Lakes, ME Belgrade Wetlands Restoration	\$15,000
Bicycle Coalition of Maine, Portland, ME BikeMaine	\$5,000
Bigelow Laboratory for Ocean Sciences, East Boothbay, ME The Keller BLOOM Program - 25th Anniversary	\$5,000
Biodiversity Research Institute, Gorham, ME River Point Wildlife Monitoring	\$5,000
Boothbay Region Land Trust, Inc., Boothbay Harbor, ME Wayfarer Program	\$4,900
Carrabec High School, Anson, ME Carrabec Takes Back the Tap!	\$1,000
Center For Wildlife, Cape Neddick, ME Teaching Ecology Through the Eyes of the Wild	\$3,000
City of Bath, Bath, ME Climate Action Plan Implementation	\$5,000
City of Ellsworth, Ellsworth, ME Knowlton Community Park	\$10,000
City of Westbrook, Westbrook, ME Suckfish Brook Conservation Area (land acquisition)	\$7,000
Coastal Mountains Land Trust, Camden, ME Bald and Ragged Mountains Campaign: H. Wright (land acquisition)	\$10,000

Connecticut River Watershed Council, Greenfield, MA Bank Stabilization and Trail Protection	\$5,000	
Downeast Salmon Federation, Columbia Falls, ME Headwaters Fisheries Restoration	\$15,000	
Essex County Greenbelt Association, Inc., Essex, MA Wheeler Brook Farm Conservation Restriction	\$5,000	
Falmouth Conservation Trust, Falmouth, ME Blackstrap Hill Preserve Trail Improvement Project	\$5,000	
Flying Pond Improvement Association, Mount Vernon, ME Flying Pond Watershed Survey	\$7,500	
Forest Guild - Northeast Region Office, Brunswick, ME Foresters for the Birds	\$8,000	
Forest Society of Maine, Bangor, ME Moosehead-Seboomook Inholding Project (land acquisition)	\$10,000	
Francestown Land Trust, Inc., Francestown, NH Brennan Brook Conservation Area (land acquisition)	\$7,500	
Frenchman Bay Conservancy, Hancock, ME Study of the Economic Impacts of Conservation in Down East Maine	\$5,000	
Friends of Casco Bay, South Portland, ME Measuring the Health of Casco Bay	\$10,000	
Friends of Quarry Road, Fairfield, ME Trail Enhancement to Improve Public Use	\$10,000	
Friends of Sears Island, Searsport, ME Expanding Recreational and Educational Use of Sears Island	\$5,000	
Friends of the Maine Wildlife Park, Gray, ME Old Growth Pine Forest Restoration	\$2,100	
Friends of the Merrimack River Greenway Trail, Concord, NH Merrimack River Greenway Trail Development-Phase 1	\$10,000	
Friends of the North Branch Nature Center, Montpelier, VT Vermont Master Naturalist Program	\$2,000	
Friends of the Presumpscot River, South Windham, ME Saccarappa Dam Fish Passage	\$10,000	
Georges River Tidewater Association, Thomaston, ME St. George Estuary Water Quality Monitoring Program	\$10,000	

Gloucester Maritime Heritage Center, Gloucester, MA Gloucester Harbor Watch	\$5,000
Great Pond Mountain Conservation Trust, Orland, ME To the Summit Campaign (land acquisition)	\$10,000
Great Works Regional Land Trust, South Berwick, ME North Berwick Farmland Conservation (conservation easer	\$10,000 ment)
Green Mountain Conservation Group, Effingham, NH Ossipee Watershed Management Plan	\$5,000
Green Mountain Horse Association, South Woodstock, VT Trail and Open Space Preservation Program	\$5,000
Gulf of Maine Research Institute, Portland, ME Identification and Modeling of Alewife Stock Structure	\$10,000
Hidden Valley Nature Center, Alna, ME Sustainable Forestry Education Program	\$7,800
High Peaks Alliance, Strong, ME People and Wildlife in the High Peaks	\$2,000
Island Heritage Trust, Deer Isle, ME Lily Pond Phase II Project (land acquisition)	\$10,000
Lake Sunapee Protective Association, Sunapee, NH Beck Brook Stabilization and Restoration	\$5,000
Loon Echo Land Trust, Bridgton, ME The Perley Mills Community Forest Project	\$10,000
Mahoosuc Land Trust, Bethel, ME Stewardship Monitoring and Public Use Programs	\$8,000
Maine Adaptive Sports and Recreation, Newry, ME Maine Adaptive Winter Equipment Initiative	\$5,000
Maine Audubon Society, Falmouth, ME Preserving Wild Eastern Brook Trout's Last Stronghold	\$15,000
Maine Coast Heritage Trust, Topsham, ME Long Point Conservation Project	\$20,000
Maine Timber Research and Environmental Education Foundation, Augusta, ME Environmental Education Outreach	\$7,500
Manomet Center for Conservation Sciences, Brunswick, M. Clear Water Carbon Fund	E \$5,000

Merrimack County Conservation District, Concord, NH Conservation Days (environmental education)	\$2,000	
Merryspring, Inc., Camden, ME Environmental Education Through Facilities Management	\$3,000	
Mount Desert Elementary School, Northeast Harbor, ME Growing Gardens, Growing Minds	\$5,000	
National Audubon Society, Ithaca, NY Restoring Roseate and Least Tern Nesting Habitat	\$10,000	
National Wildlife Federation, Montpelier, VT Building a Diverse and Stronger Wildlife Constituency	\$5,000	
Natural Resources Council of Maine, Augusta, ME Protecting Maine's Watersheds	\$10,000	
Nature Conservancy, Maine Chapter, Brunswick, ME Flagship Preserves	\$16,000	
Nature Conservancy, New Hampshire Chapter, Concord, NH Let's Grow Green Hills (land acquisition)	\$10,000	
New England Institute for Landscape Ecology, Canaan, NH Conserving Grassland Bird Habitat	\$1,250	
Nobleboro Historical Society, Nobleboro, ME Damariscotta Mills Fish Ladder Restoration	\$15,000	
Northern Forest Center, Concord, NH Advancing Community Forest Ownership	\$15,000	
Northern Maine Development Commission, Caribou, ME Household Hazardous Waste Collection	\$1,600	
NorthWoods Stewardship Center, East Charleston, VT Kingdom Heritage Lands Unknown Pond Trail	\$8,000	
Pemaquid Watershed Association, Damariscotta, ME Developing Plans for Nature Preserves	\$5,450	
Penobscot East Resource Center, Stonington, ME Pilot Ecosystem Management in Eastern Maine	\$15,000	
Portland Trails, Portland, ME Community Volunteer Engagement	\$10,000	
Project SHARE, Eastport, ME Student-Powered Stream Habitat Restoration	\$10,000	

Rippleffect, Inc., Portland, ME Cow Island Environmental Leadership Program	\$5,000
Southeast Land Trust of New Hampshire, Exeter, NH Conserving the John Prescott Chase Farm (land acquisition)	\$10,000
Southern Maine Conservation Collaborative, Portland, ME Stewardship Program Service Package	\$5,000
The Sustainability Lab, Yarmouth, ME The Semester on Sustainability	\$10,000
Three Rivers Land Trust, Acton, ME Trails2Conservation	\$7,000
Town of Cornwall, Cornwall, VT Natural Resources Inventory	\$2,000
Town of Eaton, Eaton, NH Foss Mountain Trail Rehab	\$5,000
Town of Swan's Island, ME, Swan's Island, ME Mill Pond Park Shade Trees	\$2,400
Town of Union, Union, ME Riverside Park (10/31/13 Reallocation to improve an existing park)	\$5,000
Trust for Public Land-Vermont, Montpelier, VT Partnership for the Green Mountains	\$10,000
University of Southern Maine, Portland, ME Restoration Monitoring of the Presumpscot River	\$5,000
Upper Valley Trails Alliance, Norwich, VT Town and Community Trail Services Expansion	\$5,000
Vermont Natural Resources Council, Montpelier, VT Planning Development with Wildlife Habitat in Mind	\$10,000
Vermont River Conservancy, Montpelier, VT Forest Protection and Campsite Development	\$5,000
Vermont Youth Conservation Corps, Inc., Richmond, VT Educating Youth through Conservation	\$10,000
Viles Arboretum, Augusta, ME Hike, Learn and Interpret Initiative	\$5,400
Vinalhaven Land Trust, Vinalhaven, ME Creation of the Tiptoe Mountain Preserve (land acquisition) Page 9	\$10,000

Waban Projects, Inc., Sanford, ME Commons Environmental Education Center	\$5,000
Western Mountains Charitable Foundation d.b.a Maine Huts and Trails, Kingfield, ME Youth Environmental Programs	\$10,000
Wilderness Guides Outdoor Education Fund, Augusta, ME Building Capacity for Educational Programming	\$5,000
Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution, Woods Hole, MA Fisheries Restoration in Downeast Maine	\$15,000

\$ 662,400

Total Grants:

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