



# **2018 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 accepts applications only from 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) status and is prohibited from making grants to other 509(a)(3) organizations. The Foundation will need evidence of the applicant's 501(c)(3) and 509(a) status.

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 from the deadline date. In addition, declined applicants should not submit a request for the same project within 12 months from the deadline date.

The Foundation's highest geographic priority is Northern New England, particularly projects involving the Northern Forest and the Gulf of Maine. Grants are made infrequently in Southern N.E. or outside of New England.

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 not accept applications via e-mail or mail. You may access the online application and submission guidelines by 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 questions to:

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**Davis Conservation Foundation**  
**Balance Sheet**  
**December 31, 2018**

**ASSETS**

Interest and dividends receivable	\$ 46,431
Investments	22,776,224
Other assets	<u>390</u>
Total assets	<u>\$ 22,823,045</u>

**LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS**

Liabilities	
Accounts payable	\$ 19,822
Due to related parties, net	<u>23,009</u>
Total liabilities	42,831
Net assets without donor Restrictions	<u>22,780,214</u>
Total liabilities and net assets	<u>\$ 22,823,045</u>

**Davis Conservation Foundation**  
**Statement of Activities**  
**Year Ended December 31, 2018**

Changes in net assets without donor restrictions	
Revenues and (losses) gains	
Contributions	\$ 300,000
Net (loss) on investments	<u>(980,063)</u>
Total revenues and (losses) gains	<u>(680,063)</u>
Expenses	
Grantmaking	
Grants, net of returns	727,008
Grant related expenses	<u>59,402</u>
Total grantmaking expenses	786,410
General and administrative	<u>43,152</u>
Total expenses	<u>829,562</u>
Change in net assets without donor restrictions	(1,509,625)
Net assets, beginning of year	<u>24,289,839</u>
Net assets, end of year	<u>\$ 22,780,214</u>

**Davis Conservation Foundation  
Grants Made and Payable  
During the Year Ended December 31, 2018**

30 Mile River Watershed Association, Farmington, Maine Building Our Lake Stewardship Community through Kayaking	\$10,000
American Rivers, Northampton, Massachusetts Restoring Rivers in New Hampshire through Dam Removal	\$10,000
Bigelow Laboratory for Ocean Sciences, East Boothbay, Maine Center for Venture Research for Seafood Solutions	\$15,000
Biodiversity Research Institute, Portland, Maine Community Outreach Program and Intern Mentoring at River Point Bird Observatory	\$5,000
Blue Hill Public Library, Blue Hill, Maine “Caring for the Shore and More!” Youth Programs	\$2,250
Bowdoin College, Brunswick, Maine Nature Moments Video Series: Connecting People to Nature	\$5,400
Brunswick-Topsham Land Trust, Brunswick, Maine Cathance River Corridor – Williams Properties	\$15,000
Cape Elizabeth Land Trust, Cape Elizabeth, Maine Expansion of Robinson Woods Preserve	\$10,000
Catamount Trail Association, Burlington, Vermont Volunteer Program Enhancement	\$5,000
Cathance River Education Alliance, Topsham, Maine Enhancing the Ability of K-6 Teachers to Provide Place-Based Environmental Education	\$5,000
Center for Woodlands Education, Lyme, New Hampshire The Resilient Forest: Stories to Strengthen Community Support for Conservation	\$10,000
Citizens Organization for Rural Education (CORE), Danforth, Maine East Grand Middle School Camping, Outdoor Learning and Rafting Trip to Chewonki Big Eddy, West Branch of the Penobscot	\$3,500
City of Waterville, Waterville, Maine RiverWalk at Head of Falls	\$10,000
Coastal Maine Botanical Gardens, Boothbay, Maine Developing the CMBG Herbarium – A Growing Resource for Plant Biodiversity Research and Education	\$10,000

Coastal Mountains Land Trust, Camden, Maine Round the Mountain Collaboration: Trail Construction	\$10,000
College of the Atlantic, Bar Harbor, Maine Testing the Application of Computer Visualization Algorithms in the Process of Individual Photo-Identification of Humpback Whales	\$10,000
Conservation Law Foundation, Boston, Massachusetts Restoring Maine's Migratory Fish Population	\$15,000
Damariscotta River Association, Damariscotta, Maine Pemaquid River Bend	\$25,000
Dirigo Outdoor Programs dba Outdoor Sport Institute, Caribou, Maine Building Team OSI for Lasting Change in Maine	\$15,000
Downeast Institute for Applied Marine Research and Education, Beals, Maine Communicating Results of Scientific Research About Causes of Declining Clam Populations in Casco Bay to Inform Shellfish Management Decisions	\$10,000
Eastern Trail Alliance, Saco, Maine Blazing the Trail South	\$10,000
Episcopal Diocese of Vermont, Burlington, Vermont Rock Point Pollinator Project	\$11,040
Frenchman Bay Conservancy, Hancock, Maine Crossing the Finish Line: Building a Match Pool to Encourage New Gifts and Reach Our Revitalize Tidal Falls Campaign Goal	\$10,000
Friends of Baxter State Park, Belfast, Maine Engaging Youth as Environmental Stewards in Baxter State Park	\$10,000
Friends of Katahdin Woods and Waters, Portland, Maine The Katahdin Learning Project	\$10,000
Friends of Merrymeeting Bay, Richmond, Maine Merrymeeting Bay Aquatic Vegetation and Upland Habitat Changes Over Time	\$10,000
Friends of the Cabbossee Watershed, Augusta, Maine Cabbossee Annabessacook Milfoil Project	\$10,000
Good Will-Hinckley Home Association, Hinckley, Maine Observing Ornithology: To Motivate Curiosity about Our Natural World Through Exploring Bird Life	\$5,000
Great Works Regional Land Trust, South Berwick, Maine Nurturing Habitat Restoration: Invasive Species Mapping and Control	\$5,885

Green Mountain Club Inc., Waterbury Center, Vermont Upper Valley Appalachian Trail Open Areas Initiative	\$7,000
Green Mountain Conservation Group, Effington, New Hampshire Water Resources Wonders on the Ossipee River Summer 2018	\$5,000
Gulf of Maine Institute, West Newbury, Massachusetts Brining Community-Based Stewardship to the Gulf	\$10,000
Gulf of Maine Research Institute, Portland, Maine Casco Bay Aquatic Systems Survey (CBASS)	\$10,000
Hurricane Island Foundation, Rockland, Maine Inferring Source Populations for the Atlantic Sea Scallop in Coastal Maine	\$9,200
Intervale Center, Burlington, Vermont Intervale Road Walking Path	\$6,000
Land Trust Alliance, Washington, DC Advancing Community Conservation in Northern New England	\$20,000
Loon Echo Land Trust, Bridgton, Maine Peabody-Fitch Woods Preserve	\$20,000
Loon Preservation Committee, Moultonborough, New Hampshire Measuring Contaminants in Loon Eggs as Indicators of Environmental Quality	\$15,000
Mahoosuc Land Trust, Bethel, Maine McCoy-Chapman Forest Connectivity Project	\$10,500
Maine Conservation Alliance, Augusta, Maine Securing Maine's Future: A Publication Outlining Investments Needed in Conservation, Innovation and Growth	\$5,000
Maine Farmland Trust, Belfast, Maine Maine Farmland Trust: Protecting a Vital Resource for Maine's Future	\$15,000
Maine Island Trail Association, Portland, Maine Closing the Gap on Maine's Bold Coast	\$13,706
Maine Maritime Museum, Bath, Maine First Impressions	\$10,000
Maine Timber Research and Environmental Education Foundation, Augusta, Maine Forests of Maine Teachers' Tour	\$5,000
MapleStone, Acton, Maine The Outdoor Adventure Mobile Classroom Project: Engaging High- Need, Special Education, At-Risk Youth in Outdoor Recreation and Environmental Stewardship	\$7,176



Merryspring Nature Center, Camden, Maine Invasive Species Removal Planning	\$7,000
Moose Mountains Regional Greenways, Union, New Hampshire Capacity Building for Land Protection – Seed Funding	\$10,000
Mt. Ascutney Outdoors, Brownsville, Vermont Building for Our Community	\$10,000
National Wildlife Federation, Reston, Virginia Northeast Offset Wind Energy Program	\$15,000
Natural Resources Council of Maine, Augusta, Maine Protecting and Restoring Maine’s Fish and Wildlife Habitat	\$20,000
Nature Conservancy, Vermont Chapter, Montpelier, Vermont Accessible Trail and Boardwalk Construction at Raven Ridge Natural Area	\$10,000
New England Forestry Foundation, Littleton, Massachusetts Downeast Woods and Wildlife	\$20,000
New Hampshire Audubon, Concord, New Hampshire Monitoring & Management of Bird Species of Conservation Need in the Ossipee Pine Barrens	\$7,500
New Hampshire Lakes Association dba New Hampshire Lakes, Concord, New Hampshire New Hampshire Lakes LakeSmart Program	\$16,192
New Hampshire Public Radio, Concord, New Hampshire Outside/In	\$10,000
Northern Forest Canoe Trail, Inc., Waitsfield, Vermont Northern Forest Canoe Trail Comprehensive Infrastructure Improvement Project	\$12,000
Northwoods Stewardship Center, Island Pond, Vermont Community Access: Northwoods Winter Trails Open to All	\$12,580
Poland Conservation Commission, Poland, Maine Waterhouse Brook Project	\$10,000
Re-Tree Us, Durham, Maine School Orchard Expansion and Pollinator Habitat Education	\$10,000
Sebasticook Regional Land Trust, Unity, Maine Developing a Strategic Conservation Plan for the Lower Sebasticook	\$5,000
Southwest Harbor Conservation Commission, Southwest Harbor, Maine Rhoades Park Redevelopment Plan	\$10,000

Speaking Up For Us (SUFU), Augusta, Maine Working with Maine's Land Trusts to Ensure Their Written Materials are Understandable to All	\$5,000
Three Rivers Land Trust, Alfred, Maine Hansen Pond Restoration and Access	\$7,500
Town of Pembroke, Pembroke, Maine Improve Usage at Reversing Falls Park	\$6,000
Trout Unlimited, National Office, Arlington, Virginia Frost Gully Brook Salter Brook Trout: Frost Gully Brook Dam Removal Feasibility Assessment and Design	\$5,000
Two Countries, One Forest, Toronto, Ontario, Canada Supporting Implementation of the New England Governors-Eastern Canadian Premiers Resolution on Ecological Connectivity, Adaptation to Climate Change, and Biodiversity Conservation	\$10,000
University of New Hampshire Foundation, Durham, New Hampshire Community Science Seaweed Monitoring in the Great Bay Estuary	\$10,000
Vermont Institute of Natural Science, Quechee, Vermont Center for Wild Bird Rehabilitation Appliance Upgrade	\$4,000
Vermont River Conservancy, Montpelier, Vermont Bolton Potholes Swimming Hole Conservation and Management	\$7,500
Vermont Youth Conservation Corps., Inc., Richmond, Vermont Community Crews Making Vermont Stronger	\$10,000
Western Foothills Land Trust, Norway, Maine Universally Accessible Langlais Trail for Shepard's Farm Preserve, Norway	\$7,000
White Pine Program, York, Maine Wild Child Afterschool! Collaborative	\$5,000
Wolfe's Neck Farm Foundation, Freeport, Maine Wolfe's Neck Center Farm Loop Trail	\$5,000
York County Soil and Water Conservation District, Springvale, Maine Southern Maine Region Aquatic Invasive and Nuisance Species Collaborative Network	\$8,079

<b>TOTAL GRANTS</b>	<b>\$727,008</b>
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