



2019 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.

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Davis Conservation Foundation
Balance Sheet
December 31, 2019

ASSETS

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| Interest and dividends receivable | \$ 48,702 |
| Investments | 28,527,826 |
| Other assets | <u>390</u> |
| Total assets | <u>\$ 28,576,918</u> |

LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS

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| Liabilities | |
| Accounts payable | \$ 23,511 |
| Due to related parties, net | <u>39,472</u> |
| Total liabilities | 62,983 |
| Net assets | |
| Without donor restrictions | <u>28,513,935</u> |
| Total liabilities and net assets | <u>\$ 28,576,918</u> |

Davis Conservation Foundation
Statement of Activities
Year Ended December 31, 2019

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| Changes in net assets without donor restrictions | |
| Revenues and gains (losses) | |
| Contributions | \$ 1,500,000 |
| Net returns (losses) on investments | <u>5,115,422</u> |
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| Total revenues and gains (losses) | <u>6,615,422</u> |
| Expenses | |
| Grantmaking | |
| Grants, net of returns | 774,724 |
| Grant related expenses | <u>66,712</u> |
| Total grantmaking expenses | 841,436 |
| General and administrative | <u>40,265</u> |
| Total expenses | <u>881,701</u> |
| Change in net assets without donor restrictions | 5,733,721 |
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| Net assets, beginning of year | <u>22,780,214</u> |
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| Net assets, end of year | <u>\$ 28,513,935</u> |

**Davis Conservation Foundation
Grants Made and Payable
During the Year Ended December 31, 2019**

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| Allagash Wilderness Waterway Foundation, Bath, Maine The Allagash: To Preserve, Protect, and Enhance | \$10,000 |
| American Friends of Canadian Nature, Toronto, ON, Canada Expansion of the Musquash Estuary Nature Preserve | \$10,000 |
| Appalachian Mountain Club, Boston, Massachusetts Restoring Native Trout Habitat in Maine's 100-Mile Wilderness | \$15,000 |
| Atlantic Salmon Federation, Brunswick, Maine Head Tide Dam Modification | \$15,000 |
| Audubon Vermont, Huntington, Vermont Audubon Forester Endorsement: Building Capacity in Forest and Bird Conservation | \$13,000 |
| Bangor Land Trust, Bangor, Maine Creating Edible Landscapes for People and Wildlife in Greater Bangor | \$10,000 |
| Beaver Brook Association, Hollis, New Hampshire BBA Environmental Education Classroom and Technology Upgrade | \$4,719 |
| Belgrade Regional Conservation Alliance dba 7 Lakes Alliance, Belgrade, Maine Conserving and Promoting Forest Connectivity on Great Pond | \$10,000 |
| Black Mountain of Maine, Rumford, Maine Black Mountain of Maine Adventure Camp | \$8,000 |
| Blue Hill Heritage Trust, Blue Hill, Maine Surry Coastal Ecosystem Conservation Project | \$20,000 |
| Camp Beech Cliff, Mount Desert, Maine Eco Lake Nature Trail | \$5,000 |
| Center for Coastal Studies, Inc., Provincetown, Massachusetts Portable Marine Animal Education Kit for the Gulf of Maine | \$5,000 |
| Cobscook Community Learning Center, Trescott, Maine River Camp: Supporting Rural Conservation and Recreation for Teens | \$7,500 |
| Downeast Coastal Conservancy, Machias, Maine Vining Lake Community Preserve – Healthy Communities through Conservation Preserves | \$20,000 |
| Downeast Lakes Land Trust, Grand Lake Stream, Maine Downeast Lakes Land Trust Headquarters Project | \$10,000 |

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| Downeast Salmon Federation, Columbia Falls, Maine Restoring River Herring to the Pennamaquan River | \$15,000 |
| Ecology Action Centre, Halifax, NS, Canada Protecting Our Coastline: A Coastal Protection Act for Nova Scotia | \$5,000 |
| Ecology Education, Inc. dba The Ecology School, Saco, Maine Creating Educational Permaculture Gardens at River Bend Farm | \$10,000 |
| Falmouth Conservation Trust dba Falmouth Land Trust, Falmouth, Maine Norton Brook to Mill Creek Phase I | \$25,000 |
| Forest Stewards Guild, Santa Fe, New Mexico Forestry for Maine's Birds in a Changing Climate | \$10,000 |
| Freeport Conservation Trust, Freeport, Maine Marshview Acquisition and Improvement: Habitat Protection and Access for People | \$15,000 |
| Friends of Casco Bay, South Portland, Maine Volunteer Water Reporters: An Observing Network for Casco Bay | \$20,000 |
| Friends of Messalonskee Lake, Oakland, Maine Messalonskee Watershed Stewardship Program | \$15,850 |
| Georges Pond Association, Franklin, Maine Developing a Watershed-Based Management Plan for Georges Pond | \$5,500 |
| Great Pond Mountain Conservation Trust, Orland Maine Wildlands Bird Atlas Project | \$2,000 |
| Greater Lovell Land Trust, Lovell, Maine Charles Pond Acquisition : Galvanizing Conservation in the Cold River Watershed | \$10,000 |
| Green Mountain Conservancy, West Dummerston, Vermont Deer Run Nature Preserve, Phase I | \$5,000 |
| Harpwell Invasive Plant Partnership, Harpswell, Maine Removal of Invasive Plants from Harpswell's Otter Brook Preserve | \$3,000 |
| International Appalachian Trail, Maine Chapter, Presque Isle, Maine Tools for an International Community of IAT Sustainers | \$2,000 |
| Kennebec Land Trust, Winthrop, Maine Surry Hill Community Forest Campaign | \$5,000 |
| Kennebunk Land Trust, Kennebunk, Maine Sharing Open Space: Creating a Map that Promotes Recreation | \$5,000 |

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| Lakes Environmental Association, Bridgton, Maine Pinehaven Trail Challenge Course Expansion | \$9,600 |
| Main Street Skowhegan, Skowhegan, Maine Run of River Whitewater Recreation Area | \$10,000 |
| Maine Appalachian Trail Club, Inc., Portland, Maine Appalachian Trail Ridgerunners | \$5,000 |
| Maine Audubon Society, Falmouth, Maine Reaching New Audiences and Building Technical Expertise with Stream Smart | \$17,246 |
| Maine Center for Coastal Fisheries, Stonington, Maine Eastern Maine Coastal Current Collaborative – Collaborative Research, Co-Management and Stewardship | \$25,000 |
| Maine Coast Heritage Trust, Topsham, Maine Cousins River Marsh Project | \$15,000 |
| Maine Lakes Society, Belgrade Lakes, Maine LakeSmart 2020: Updating Standards, Expanding Outreach, and Engaging Communities | \$16,900 |
| Maine Natural History Observatory, Gouldsboro, Maine Capacity Building for Maine Nightjar Monitoring Project | \$9,000 |
| Maine Rivers, Yarmouth, Maine Alewife Restoration Initiative: Box Mill Fishway | \$15,000 |
| Maine Volunteer Lake Monitoring Program dba Lake Stewards of Maine, Auburn, Maine Expanding Maine’s Network of Lake Stewards to Address Climate Change | \$10,000 |
| Massachusetts Audubon Society, Lincoln, Massachusetts Offshore Wind for Seabird Sustainability in the Gulf of Maine | \$10,000 |
| Midcoast Conservancy, Edgecomb, Maine Opper Parcel: McLaughlin’s Crossing Project | \$10,000 |
| Moosehead Lake Region Economic Development Corporation, Greenville, Maine Moosehead Lakefront Public Park – Downtown Greenville | \$5,000 |
| Mount Holly Conservation Trust, Inc., Belmont, Vermont Okemo Wildlife Corridor Project, Mount Holly, Vermont | \$10,000 |
| National Audubon Society, Bremen, Maine Vegetation Management for Endangered Terns at Stratton Island, Maine | \$5,000 |
| Native Gardens of Blue Hill, Blue Hill, Maine ADA Compliant Trail Phase I | \$5,000 |

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| Nature Trust of New Brunswick, Fredericton, NB, Canada Protecting 450 Acres of River Habitat in the St. John River/Wolastoq | \$10,000 |
| Northern Forest Center, Concord, New Hampshire Enhancing Community and Economic Benefit from Mountain Biking | \$20,000 |
| Nova Scotia Nature Trust, Dartmouth, NS, Canada Seal Island: A Model of Collaborative Coastal Island Stewardship | \$10,000 |
| Portland Trails, Portland, Maine Engaging Community Volunteer Stewards | \$10,000 |
| Presumpscot Regional Land Trust, Gorham, Maine Building a Stronger Future for Conservation through National Accreditation | \$5,000 |
| Project SHARE, Eastport, Maine Restoring Riverine Process and Habitat Suitability, Narraguagus River | \$10,000 |
| Putney Mountain Association, Inc. Missing Links Project - Phase I | \$5,000 |
| Rich Earth Institute, Brattleboro, Vermont Rich Earth Institute – Volunteer Engagement Campaign | \$5,000 |
| Rippleeffect, Inc., Portland, Maine High School Rippleeffect Outdoor Leadership Education (HSROLE) | \$10,000 |
| Rumney Ecological Systems, Rumney, New Hampshire Quincy Bog Natural Area Bridge, Trail and Boardwalk Improvements | \$10,000 |
| Schoodic Institute at Acadia National Park, Winter Harbor, Maine Developing Network Governance and Data Sharing Plan to Enhance NeCSA | \$10,000 |
| Seacoast Science Center, Rye, New Hampshire Teen Fellows: Making Waves at Seacoast Science Center | \$8,966 |
| Society for the Protection of New Hampshire Forests, Concord, New Hampshire North Country Conservation and Education Center | \$20,000 |
| Somerset Woods Trustees, Skowhegan, Maine Weston Woods and Waters | \$10,000 |
| Southeast Land Trust of New Hampshire, Exeter, New Hampshire Increasing Community Involvement through Property Management | \$15,689 |
| Southern Maine Conservation Collaborative, Portland, Maine Planning Year for Relearning Place Intensive Program | \$5,000 |
| Town of Bristol – Parks and Recreation, Bristol, Maine Creating Accessibility while Protecting the Dunes at Pemaquid Beach | \$10,000 |

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| Town of Durham, New Hampshire, Durham, New Hampshire Conservation of Orchard Drive Woods | \$15,000 |
| Town of Paris, South Paris, Maine Norway Branch Rail Trail – South Paris Side | \$12,000 |
| Trout Unlimited National Office, Arlington, Virginia Connectivity and Habitat Restoration in the Nulhegan Watershed | \$15,000 |
| Trust for Public Land, Portland, Maine Creating Kingfield Community Forest | \$10,000 |
| Unity College, Unity, Maine Characterizing Population, Habitat and Survey Methods in Declining Wood Turtles | \$5,000 |
| Upper Valley Trails Alliance, Norwich, Vermont Upper Valley High School Trail Corps | \$5,000 |
| Vermont Fish & Wildlife Department, Montpelier, Vermont Calls of the Wild: Vermont Podcast Series | \$5,000 |
| Vermont Huts Association, Stowe, Vermont Digging In | \$8,754 |
| Vermont Natural Resources Council, Montpelier, Vermont Maintaining Forest Blocks and Wildlife Connectivity | \$10,000 |
| White River Partnership, South Royalton, Vermont White River Water Trail Improvement and Stewardship Project | \$5,000 |
| Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution, Woods Hole, Massachusetts Molecular Tools for Understanding the Green Crab Invasion in Maine | \$10,000 |
| York Land Trust, York, Maine Acquiring and Restoring the Knight Lands | \$15,000 |

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| TOTAL GRANTS |
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| \$784,724 |
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Davis Conservation Foundation

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