



# **2022 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 1 and October 1. 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, 2022**

**ASSETS**

Interest and dividends receivable	\$ 53,186
Investments	30,510,661
Other assets	<u>390</u>
Total assets	<u>\$ 30,654,237</u>

**LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS**

Liabilities	
Accounts payable	\$ 25,232
Due to related parties, net	<u>38,621</u>
Total liabilities	63,853
Net assets	
Without donor restrictions	<u>30,500,384</u>
Total liabilities and net assets	<u>\$ 30,564,237</u>

**Davis Conservation Foundation**  
**Statement of Activities**  
**Year Ended December 31, 2022**

Changes in net assets without donor restrictions	
Revenues and gains	
Net return on investments	<u>\$ (6,707,523)</u>
Total revenues and gains	<u>(6,707,523)</u>
Expenses	
Grantmaking	
Grants, net of returns	1,033,076
Grant related expenses	<u>59,794</u>
Total grantmaking expenses	1,092,870
General and administrative	<u>37,634</u>
Total expenses	<u>1,130,504</u>
Change in net assets without donor restrictions	(7,838,027)
Net assets, beginning of year	<u>38,338,411</u>
Net assets, end of year	<u>\$ 30,500,384</u>

**Davis Conservation Foundation  
Grants Made and Payable  
During the Year Ended December 31, 2022**

30 Mile River Watershed Association, Mount Vernon, ME Pocasset Lake Watershed Survey, Landowner Education, and Community Capacity Building	\$10,000
Ammonoosuc Conservation Trust, Franconia, NH Trailhead Parking Lots Improvement - Design phase	\$15,000
Androscoggin Land Trust Inc (ALT), Auburn, ME Spruce Mountain Conservation Area Trail Development	\$14,087
Bates College, Lewiston, ME The Basin Oyster Project: A community-based approach to oyster reef building	\$20,000
Bear-Paw Regional Greenways, Deerfield, NH Coveland Farm Conservation Easement	\$10,000
Berlin Pond Watershed Association, Montpelier, VT Crandall Farm Conservation Project	\$10,000
Bigelow Laboratory for Ocean Sciences, East Boothbay, ME Understanding Forever Chemicals in Maine Estuaries	\$20,000
Brunswick-Topsham Land Trust, Brunswick, ME Cathance River Conservation Corridor - Sczymecki parcel	\$15,000
Bull Creek Common Lands, Athens, VT Community Forest, Athens, Vermont	\$10,000
Cape Elizabeth Land Trust, Cape Elizabeth, ME Protecting the Final Piece of the Cross Town Trail	\$10,000
Chebeague & Cumberland Land Trust, Cumberland, ME Protection of the Read Family Farm & Woods	\$10,000
College of the Atlantic, Bar Harbor, ME Acadia Scholars Program	\$10,000
Conservation Law Foundation, Boston, MA Restoring Maine's migratory fish population	\$20,000

Downeast Institute for Applied Marine Research and Education Inc., Beals, ME Great Wass Island Land Purchase to Strengthen Downeast Marine Research and Ensure Access	\$10,000
Downeast Lakes Land Trust, Grand Lake Stream, ME Stewardship Improvements to the Downeast Lakes Water Trail	\$17,400
Ducks Unlimited, Memphis, TN Rachel Carson National Wildlife Refuge Tidal Marsh Restoration	\$15,000
Falmouth Conservation Trust DBA Falmouth Land Trust, Falmouth, ME Experiential environmental education and community outreach with the Falmouth Land Trust	\$18,000
Francis Malcolm Science Center, Easton, ME Exploring the Black Spruce Bog	\$10,000
Freeport Conservation Trust, Freeport, ME Public Access Initiative	\$15,000
Friends of Baxter State Park, Belfast, ME Engaging Youth as Environmental Stewards in the Katahdin Region	\$20,000
Friends of Haystack Mountain, Edgecomb, ME (Midcoast Conservancy - fiscal sponsor) Save Haystack Mountain	\$10,000
Friends Of Katahdin Woods and Waters, Portland, ME Expanding Place-Based Learning in the Katahdin Region	\$10,000
Friends of L.C. Bates Museum, Hinckley, ME Nurturing Young Naturalists	\$4,000
Friends of the Cobbossee Watershed, East Winthrop, ME Classroom to Streams 2.0: Climate Change Impacts on Brook Trout	\$5,000
Friends of the Presumpscot River, Westbrook, ME Education and Outreach Coordinator	\$10,000
Great Pond Mountain Conservation Trust, Orland, ME Growing the Dream, the Campaign for Great Pond Mountain Conservation Trust	\$25,000
Greater Lovell Land Trust Inc., Lovell, ME Kezar Corridor Lands: Protecting a Climate-Resilient Landscape	\$25,000

Gulf of Maine Lobster Foundation Inc, Kennebunk, ME Student Drifters STEM Curriculum Project	\$15,000
Gulf of Maine Research Institute, Portland, ME Understanding Ecological Services of Maine Aquaculture Farms	\$10,000
Harpswell News, Harpswell, ME (Holbrook Community Foundation – fiscal sponsor) The Importance of Trees to Climate Change and Marine Environment	\$5,200
Harris Center for Conservation Education Inc., Hancock, NH Raptors: Pack Monadnock Raptor Observatory & Broad-winged Hawk Project	\$5,000
Hirundo Wildlife Trust, Orono, ME Plant Native!	\$4,800
Kennebec Estuary Land Trust, Bath, ME KELT's Bittner Project: Creating a Conservation and Recreational Hub	\$15,000
Kismet Rock Foundation, North Conway, NH Kismet 2022 Summer Program	\$10,000
Kittery Land Trust Inc., Kittery, ME Nooney Farm Wetland Crossing	\$8,000
Kroka Expeditions, Marlow, NH Conservation Easements Completion	\$15,000
Lake Stewards of Maine, Auburn, ME Lake Stewards of Maine Upgrading Statewide Invasive Aquatic Species Stewardship	\$10,000
Lakes Region Conservation Trust, Center Harbor, NH Land Conservation on Berry Bay, Ossipee Lake	\$10,000
Leahy Center for Lake Champlain Inc., Burlington, VT ECHO Live Animal Exhibit Docent Program	\$5,000
Little Sebago Lake Association, Windham, ME Level 3 Invasive Aquatic Plant Survey and Water Testing Equipment	\$5,000
Lobster Conservancy, The, Friendship, ME Mitigating the Impact of Sea Level Rise on Lobster Abundance	\$5,000
Loon Echo Land Trust Inc., Bridgton, ME Rolfe Hill Land Protection Project	\$20,000



Maine Appalachian Trail Club Inc., Portland, ME Appalachian Trail Ridgerunners	\$9,436
Maine Appalachian Trail Land Trust, Portland, ME Keystone Parcels Project	\$15,000
Maine Conservation Alliance, Augusta, ME Clean Energy for All Campaign	\$10,000
Maine GearShare, Portland, ME Maine GearShare - Gear Library Testing & Expansion	\$25,000
Maine Island Trail Association, Portland, ME Partnering with Fishermen to Clean Derelict Gear from Maine Islands	\$10,000
Maine Lakes Society (dba Maine Lakes), Yarmouth, ME Reducing Barriers and Increasing Action: Best Management Practices Video Series	\$15,000
Manomet Inc., Manomet, MA River Herring Network: Community-based monitoring to inform management and restoration	\$15,168
Merrimack River Watershed Council Inc., Lawrence, MA Diadromous Fish Habitat Restoration - Talbot Mills Dam Removal	\$12,000
Merryspring Nature Center, Camden, ME Invasive Plant Species Removal and Remediation - Year Four	\$5,000
National Forest Foundation, Missoula, MT Maine Bear Boxes with Volunteer Support	\$4,700
New Hampshire Audubon, Concord, NH The State of New Hampshire's Birds: Spreading the Message	\$30,000
New Hampshire Lakes Association Inc. (DBA NH Lakes4), Concord, NH Get LakeSmart! Using Digital Marketing to Make LakeSmart the Norm in New Hampshire	\$15,000
Northern Forest Center Inc., Concord, NH Building Trails in Lancaster Town Forest	\$20,000
Northern Rivers Land Trust, Hardwick, VT Wolcott Community Forest	\$15,000
Northwoods Stewardship Center, E Charleston, VT Clyde River Access and Trails – A Collaborative Conservation Project	\$26,000

Ocean Alliance, Gloucester, MA Innovative Methods for Monitoring and Measuring Large Whale Health	\$10,000
Presumpscot Regional Land Trust, Gorham, ME East Windham Conservation and Outdoor Recreation Project	\$25,000
Putney Mountain Association, Inc., Putney, VT Hinton Woods Project	\$10,000
Rippleffect Inc., Portland, ME Rippleffect Outdoor Center	\$20,000
Saco Valley Land Trust, Saco, ME Reach for Our Future Phase II - Expanding Capacity Through Collaboration	\$10,000
Scarborough Land Conservation Trust, Scarborough, ME Protecting a Corridor Along the Nonesuch River	\$20,000
Schoodic Institute at Acadia National Park, Winter Harbor, ME Sustaining and Expanding Seaweed Citizen Science	\$14,250
Seacoast Science Center Inc., Rye, NH Stories of Hope and Urgency from the Gulf of Maine	\$16,095
Southern Maine Conservation Collaborative, Portland, ME Climate Change Observatory Network (CCON) Expansion	\$5,000
Town of Hampton, Hampton, NH Barkley Conservation Purchase	\$10,000
Trust For Public Land, Montpelier, VT Willey Woods Community Forest: Protecting Wildlife and Biodiversity in Vermont's Northeast Kingdom	\$25,000
University of Maine, Orono, ME Monitoring Threatened Cats with Snow Track Genetics	\$21,490
Upper Valley Trails Alliance, Norwich, VT Upper Valley High School Trail Corps	\$10,000
Vermont Center for Ecostudies, Norwich, VT The 2nd Vermont Butterfly Atlas (2023 - 2028)	\$15,000
Vermont Huts Association Ltd., Stowe, VT Grout Pond Hut	\$15,000

Vermont Institute of Natural Science, Inc., Quechee, VT Avian Influenza Testing – Malaria-Monitoring Equipment	\$9,000
Vermont River Conservancy, Montpelier, VT Nulhegan River: Conservation and Public Access	\$15,000
Vermont/New Hampshire Trail Finder Coalition, Norwich, VT (Upper Valley Trails Alliance - fiscal sponsor) Strengthening Community Connections to Outdoor Recreation through Trail Finder	\$15,000
Waterville Community Land Trust, Waterville, ME Neighborhood Garden and Nature Park for the South End of Waterville	\$8,450
Western Foothills Land Trust, Norway, ME Acquisition of Twin Bridges Extension Parcels: Cummings and Robinson Woodlands	\$10,000
Wild Seed Project, Portland, ME Wild Seed Project Native Seed Collection and Propagation Nursery	\$10,000

<b>TOTAL GRANTS</b>
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<b>\$1,033,076</b>
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