



**DAVIS**  
**CONSERVATION**  
FOUNDATION

## **2024 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, 2024**

**ASSETS**

Interest and dividends receivable	\$ 128,672
Investments	40,188,749
Other assets	<u>390</u>
Total assets	\$ <u>40,317,811</u>

**LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS**

Liabilities	
Accounts payable	\$ 34,238
Accrued expenses	2,056
Due to related parties, net	<u>33,552</u>
Total liabilities	69,846
Net assets	
Without donor restrictions	<u>40,247,965</u>
Total liabilities and net assets	\$ <u>40,317,811</u>

**Davis Conservation Foundation**  
**Statement of Activities**  
**Year Ended December 31, 2024**

Changes in net assets without donor restrictions

Revenues and gains

Contributions	\$ 259,130
Net return on investments	<u>5,986,833</u>

Total revenues and gains	<u>6,245,963</u>
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Expenses

Grantmaking

Grants, net of returns	1,531,783
Grant related expenses	<u>71,792</u>

Total grantmaking expenses	1,603,575
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General and administrative	<u>51,262</u>
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Total expenses	<u>1,654,837</u>
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Change in net assets without donor restrictions	4,591,126
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Net assets, beginning of year	<u>35,656,839</u>
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Net assets, end of year	\$ <u>40,247,965</u>
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**Davis Conservation Foundation  
Grants Made and Payable  
During the Year Ended December 31, 2024**

7 Lakes Alliance, Belgrade Lakes, ME Sandy Coves Upland Conservation Plan	\$7,800
Bangor Area Stormwater Group, Orono, ME Follow the Flow Outfall Outreach: Actively Engaging Maine's Penobscot River Community in Stormwater Pollution Prevention	\$5,000
Bigelow Laboratory for Ocean Sciences, East Boothbay, ME Match Funding for Gulf of Maine Lobster Shell Disease Research	\$25,000
Blue Hill Heritage Trust, Inc., Blue Hill, ME Accessible Trail & Viewing Platform at EdgeHill	\$15,000
Bonnyvale Environmental Education Center, Brattleboro, VT Mud Season Speaker Series	\$5,000
Brunswick-Topsham Land Trust, Brunswick, ME Conservation of Pleasant Hill Road Corridor - Hill Property	\$50,000
Coastal Maine Botanical Gardens, Inc., Boothbay, ME The CMBG Seed Bank: Conserving Seeds of Maine Plant Species Most Vulnerable to Climate Change	\$15,000
Coastal Mountains Land Trust, Camden, ME Town Pound Preserve, a Learning Landscape	\$20,000
Cold Hollow to Canada Incorporated, Montgomry Ctr., VT Hazen's Notch: A Conservation Opportunity in Vermont's Northern Green Mountains	\$20,000
College of the Atlantic, Bar Harbor, ME A Research Initiative to Study the Impact of Climate Change on Baleen Whales in the Gulf of Maine	\$14,300

Connecticut River Watershed Council, Inc. DBA Connecticut River Conservancy, Greenfield, MA Engineering Fieldwork for Stream Restoration Projects on the Ammonoosuc and Ashuelot Rivers	\$29,790
Conservation Law Foundation (CLF), Boston, MA Maine Dam Removal and River Restoration	\$20,000
Crabtree Neck Land Trust, Hancock, ME Outdoor Education Collaboration Between Crabtree Neck Land Trust and Maine Outdoor School	\$20,000
Ducks Unlimited, Memphis, TN Rachel Carson National Wildlife Refuge Tidal Marsh Restoration Phase II	\$15,000
Eastern Trail Alliance, Saco, ME Website Redesign and Trail Signage Update	\$5,000
Falmouth Conservation Trust DBA Falmouth Land Trust, Falmouth, ME Increasing Climate Resilience on Blackstrap Hill Trails	\$20,000
Forest Stewards Guild, Santa Fe, NM Sustaining Ash in New York, Vermont, and Maine	\$10,000
Francis Small Heritage Trust, Inc., Limerick, ME Porter Hills Initiative: Phase II – Making Connections	\$15,000
Friends of Baxter State Park, Belfast, ME Engaging Youth as Environmental Stewards in the Katahdin Region	\$20,000
Friends of Constitution Park Ossipee, Center Ossipee, NH Deer Run All Accessible Trail	\$15,000

Friends of Taunton Bay, Hancock, ME Community-Based Water Quality Monitoring Program for the Taunton Bay Watershed	\$14,353
Friends of Tucker Mountain, Inc., Newbury, VT All Persons Accessible Trail at Tucker Mountain Town Forest (Phase 1)	\$10,000
Friends of Wilson Lake, Wilton, ME Volunteer Watershed Survey	\$7,000
Great Works Regional Land Trust, South Berwick, ME Trail Accessibility & Wayfinding	\$20,000
Green Mountain Conservancy, Inc., West Dummerston, VT Old Oaks Headwaters Preserve	\$15,000
Green Mountain Conservation Group, Effingham, NH Environmental DNA Analysis as a Tool to Advance Conservation Management	\$10,000
Healthy Ocean Coalition, Boston, MA Gulf of Maine Healthy Ocean Advocacy Academy	\$15,000
Hearty Roots, Inc., Bristol, ME Intergenerational Impact	\$15,000
Hirundo Wildlife Trust, Orono, ME Capacity Expansion Through Volunteerism Project	\$7,000
Kismet Rock Foundation, North Conway, NH Kismet 2024: Grit, Empathy & Love	\$10,000
Lake Stewards of Maine, Auburn, ME Safeguarding Maine's Lakes: Resilient Strategies for a Changing Climate	\$15,000
Lake Winnepesaukee Association, Meredith, NH Lake Winnepesaukee Comprehensive Protection Initiative	\$10,000



Laudholm Trust, Wells, ME Enhancing Maine's Marine Invader Monitoring and Information Collaborative (MIMIC)	\$7,500
Loon Preservation Committee, Moultonborough, NH PFAS in New Hampshire's Loons	\$27,294
Maine Appalachian Trail Club, Inc., Portland, ME Hundred-Mile Wilderness Conservation	\$16,604
Maine Audubon Society, Falmouth, ME New Training Curriculum for Maine's CoastWise Program to Reconnect Tidal Systems	\$19,249
Maine Coast Heritage Trust, Topsham, ME Marsh Restoration on the Coast of Maine	\$181,000
Maine Conservation Alliance, Augusta, ME Advancing Conservation Policies through Maine's Environmental Priorities Coalition	\$10,000
Maine Island Trail Association, Portland, ME Island Storm Support 2024	\$10,000
Maine Lakes Society DBA Maine Lakes, Yarmouth, ME Helping Homeowners Restore and Enhance Climate-Resilient Natural Shoreline Buffers	\$18,500
Manomet Inc., Manomet, MA Mud Matters: Improving our Understanding of Mudflat Habitat to Benefit Shellfish Resources and Harvester Livelihoods	\$151,275
Merryspring, Inc., Camden, ME Merryspring Nature Center Environmental Educational Programs	\$5,000
Momentum Conservation, Portland, ME Climate Change Observatory Network (CCON) 2025 Activities	\$5,000

Mount Washington Observatory, North Conway, NH Improving Understandings of Climate Change Through Undergraduate Training in Meteorology	\$17,050
National Wildlife Federation, Reston, VA Engaging Tribes and Indigenous Partners to Advance Northeast Conservation	\$34,950
New Hampshire Association of Conservation Commissions, Concord, NH Community Conservation Internship Program	\$18,400
New Learning Journey, Waitsfield, VT Returning Land to the Mi'kmaq Nation in Littleton, ME	\$25,000
Northern Forest Center, Inc., Concord, NH Building Local Capacity for Climate Resilience and Community Forest Stewardship	\$45,000
Northwoods Stewardship Center, East Charleston, VT All Person's Trail Community Program	\$25,000
Ocean Alliance, Gloucester, MA Whale Research & Conservation on the Gulf of Maine	\$20,000
Putney Mountain Association Incorporated, Putney, VT Fall Brook Acquisition	\$10,000
Scarborough Land Conservation Trust, Scarborough, ME Silver Brook Preserve	\$30,000
Seacoast Science Center, Inc., Rye, NH SSC Splashes Out! Expanding Community-Based Environmental Education & Outreach	\$20,000
Seabaticook Regional Land Trust, Unity, ME Expand Stewardship of Conserved Working Woodlands & Wild Lands in the Seabaticook Watershed	\$10,000

Small Woodland Owners Association of Maine, Augusta, ME Tree Identification Program	\$20,000
Society for the Protection of NH Forests, Concord, NH Connecting with our Community in Concord, NH	\$75,000
Somerset Woods Trustees, Skowhegan, ME Parkman Hill Farm	\$8,000
South Hero Land Trust, Inc., South Hero, VT Islandacres Trail Project	\$10,000
Southeast Land Trust of New Hampshire, Epping, NH Birch Ridge Community Forest All-Access Trail	\$25,048
St. John Valley Soil & Water Conservation Dist., Portland, ME Northern Forest Stewardship Outreach Education Program	\$6,000
Stewardship Education Alliance (SEA), Camden, ME SEA Fair 2024: Organizing Community Environmental Stewardship	\$5,000
The Nature Conservancy in Vermont, Montpelier, VT Conserving 700 Forested Acres at Bear's Nest Wilderness Preserve in Vermont	\$15,000
University of New Hampshire, Durham, NH Integrated Assessment of PFAS Contamination in the Southern Gulf of Maine Marine Food Web	\$37,170
Upper Saco Valley Land Trust, Conway, NH Chain of Ponds Community Forest – A Landmark Conservation Effort for Biodiversity, Education and Climate Resilience	\$50,000
Upper Valley Trails Alliance, Norwich, VT Upper Valley High School Trail Corps and Trail Stewards	\$10,000
Vermont Huts Association, Ltd., Stowe, VT Velomont Trail and Huts - Connecting Communities	\$11,500

Viles Arboretum, Augusta, ME	\$25,000
Viles Arboretum Conservation and Climate Change Educator Program	
Western Foothills Land Trust, Norway, ME	\$12,000
Otisfield Community Forest, Moose Pond	
Windmill Hill Pinnacle Association (WHPA), Saxtons River, VT	\$20,000
Widen the Reserve	

<b>TOTAL GRANTS</b>	<b>\$1,531,783</b>
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# **Davis Conservation Foundation**

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