



DAVIS
CONSERVATION
FOUNDATION

2025 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 fund individuals, annual giving campaigns, deficit reductions, scholarships, fellowships, loans, or travel. It generally does not award multi-year grants. Grant recipients must wait at least 24 months from the deadline date before reapplying. Declined applicants may not resubmit the same project request within 12 months of 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 New England or outside of New England.

Trustees meet in May and November to review requests. Submission deadlines are April 1 and October 1. If a deadline falls on a holiday or weekend, applications must be received by the next business day. The Foundation does not accept applications by e-mail or mail. The online application and submission guidelines are available on our website. Applications are evaluated on their merits and in comparison with other applications. The Foundation typically notifies applicants of the Trustees' decision within one week of each regular meeting, and grant recipients can generally expect payment within one month of notification. Organizations that receive grants from the Foundation are expected to submit completion reports.

Please direct questions to:

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Davis Conservation Foundation
Balance Sheet
December 31, 2025

ASSETS

Interest and dividends receivable	\$ 148,282
Investments	<u>45,457,185</u>
 Total assets	 <u><u>\$ 45,605,467</u></u>

LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS

Liabilities	
Accounts payable	\$ 37,955
Accrued expenses	1,697
Due to related parties, net	<u>30,712</u>
 Total liabilities	 70,364
 Net assets	
Without donor restrictions	<u>45,535,103</u>
 Total liabilities and net assets	 <u><u>\$ 45,605,467</u></u>

Davis Conservation Foundation
Statement of Activities
Year Ended December 31, 2025

Changes in net assets without donor restrictions

Revenues and gains

Net return on investments	\$ 6,500,187
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Total revenues and gains	<u>6,500,187</u>
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Expenses

Grantmaking

Grants, net of returns	1,093,516
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Grant related expenses	<u>79,425</u>
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Total grantmaking expenses	1,172,941
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General and administrative	<u>40,108</u>
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Total expenses	<u>1,213,049</u>
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Change in net assets without donor restrictions	5,287,138
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Net assets, beginning of year	<u>40,247,965</u>
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Net assets, end of year	<u><u>\$ 45,535,103</u></u>
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Davis Conservation Foundation Grants Awarded During the Year Ended December 31, 2025
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30 Mile River Watershed Association Mt. Vernon, ME A Hub for Community Action: Expanding Volunteer Capacity to Protect Lakes Under Threat	\$10,000
Acton-Shapleigh Youth Conservation Corps (ASYCC) Springvale, ME Assisted Funding towards the ASYCC Courtesy Boat Inspections and Erosion Control Crew Programs	\$10,000
Acworth Conservation Commission at Town of Acworth Acworth, NH Planning for Keyes Hollow Wetland Restoration	\$15,000
The American Chestnut Foundation Asheville, NC Establishing a Community Chestnut Orchard for Climate Resilient Forest Restoration	\$20,000
American Rivers Washington, DC Getting the Balance Right – Reducing the Harm of Hydropower in Maine Rivers	\$20,000
Androscoggin Land Trust, Inc. Auburn, ME Jay Recreation Community Trail System	\$10,000
Appalachian Mountain Club Boston, MA Restoring Native Brook Trout and Salmon Habitat in Maine's 100-Mile Wilderness	\$15,000
Bangor Land Trust Bangor, ME Place-Based Learning and Environmental Education Collaboration with Maine Outdoor School	\$12,490

Beaver Brook Association, Inc. Hollis, NH Expanding Environmental Education in Southern New Hampshire	\$10,000
Boothbay Region Land Trust, Inc. Boothbay Harbor, ME BRLT Coastal Water Monitoring Program Advancement	\$15,000
Bull Creek Common Lands Athens, VT Bull Creek Headwaters	\$7,500
Cape Elizabeth Land Trust Cape Elizabeth, ME Conserving the Davis Forest: Restoring a Family's Legacy	\$25,000
Center for Wildlife, Inc. Cape Neddick, ME Restoring our Nature: Wildlife Healing and Recovery Enclosures	\$5,000
Central New Hampshire Climbers Association Campton, NH Parking Lot Construction	\$10,000
Chebeague & Cumberland Land Trust, Inc. Cumberland, ME Indian Point Restoration Project	\$10,000
Chocorua Lake Conservancy Chocorua, NH Management Plans for Fee-Owned Conservation Properties	\$10,000
Coastal Rivers Conservation Trust Damariscotta, ME Expanding Marsh River Bog Preserve in Newcastle, ME	\$20,000
Cobscook Community Learning Center DBA Cobscook Institute Trescott TWP, ME Creating New Pathways to Summer Science Learning	\$10,000

Forest Society of Maine Bangor, ME Magalloway Collaborative Project	\$75,000
Friends of Acadia Bar Harbor, ME Night Sky Protection in Acadia	\$15,000
Friends of Casco Bay Portland, ME Tracking, Protecting, and Restoring Eelgrass in Casco Bay	\$20,000
Friends of Katahdin Woods and Waters Portland, ME Katahdin Learning Project 2025	\$10,000
Friends of Messalonskee Watershed Oakland, ME Friends of Messalonskee Community Conservation Initiative	\$7,000
Friends of the Merrimack River Greenway Trail Concord, NH Merrimack River Greenway Trail “Riverside Connection”	\$10,000
Greater Lovell Land Trust, Inc. Lovell, ME Nature Playspace for Enriching Youth Environmental Engagement	\$10,000
Green Mountain Club, Inc. Waterbury Center, VT Green Mountain Club Invasive Species Management and Wildlife Habitat Enhancements	\$5,000
Gulf of Maine Research Institute Portland, ME Climate Finance Office Hours	\$10,000
Harris Center for Conservation Education, Inc. Hancock, NH Saw-Whet Owl Banding Program	\$15,000

High Peaks Alliance Farmington, ME Sandy River Shores	\$25,000
Hurricane Island Foundation Rockland, ME Pen Bay Marine Data Project: Phase 2 - Buoy Maintenance	\$35,000
Kennebunk Land Trust Kennebunk, ME Accessible Trail Amenities for Alewives Woods Preserve	\$10,000
Land Trust Alliance, Inc. Washington, DC Emerging Leadership Training for New England Practitioners	\$10,000
Local Motion, Inc. Burlington, VT Bike Ferry Support	\$9,733
Maine Appalachian Trail Land Trust Portland, ME Trillium Project	\$15,000
Maine Big Night Amphibian Migration Monitoring Canaan, ME Increasing Volunteer Participation & Piloting Crossing Project	\$25,399
Maine Chapter of the International Appalachian Trail Dresden, ME An Interpretative Framework and Implementation Plan for the IAT	\$10,000
Maine Coast Fishermen's Association Brunswick, ME Engaging Fishermen in Bat Conservation	\$16,531
Maine Farmland Trust, Inc. Belfast, ME Protecting Winslow Farm	\$50,000

Maine GearShare Freeport, ME Expanding Subsidized Outdoor Access Across Maine	\$27,000
Maine Mountain Collaborative Portland, ME Connecting Maine Mountain Pond Science to Conservation Stewardship	\$17,000
Maine Organic Farmers and Gardeners Association Unity, ME Climate Change Resilience and Adaptation in the Garden: Support and Education for Growers of all Abilities	\$20,000
Maine Timber Research and Environmental Education Foundation (Maine TREE Foundation) Augusta, ME New Education Pathways into Forestry Careers for Maine Students	\$20,000
Maine Tree Farm Program Augusta, ME Growing Maine's Stewardship Hub Network	\$10,000
Marine Mammals of Maine (MMOME) Bath, ME Surveillance of Diseases Impacting Marine Mammals in the Gulf of Maine	\$7,120
Massachusetts Oyster Project, Inc Concord, MA Oyster Shell Recycling & Recovery: Serving Cape Cod Bay	\$12,000
Middlebury Area Land Trust Middlebury, VT Maintenance of the Boardwalk at Otter View Park	\$10,000
Moose Mountains Regional Greenways Union, NH MMRG Lang Conservation Easement Project	\$10,000

National Audubon DBA Audubon Vermont Huntington, VT Development and Adaptation of the Bird-Friendliness Index for Forest Management in Vermont	\$15,000
National Audubon Society, Inc. Bremen, ME Enhancing Nesting Potential for Endangered Roseate Terns at Stratton Island and Eastern Egg Rock	\$20,000
National Parks Conservation Association Washington, DC Growing Community Support for the Katahdin Woods & Waters National Monument	\$15,000
Nature Trust of New Brunswick, Inc. Fredericton, NB Community-Based Restoration Along the Bay of Fundy	\$20,000
New England Forestry Foundation, Inc. Littleton, MA Developing and Implementing an Exotic Pest and Pathogen Mitigation Strategy for New England Lands	\$20,000
New Hampshire Audubon Concord, NH Compiling and Sharing New Hampshire's Backyard Winter Bird Survey Data	\$24,700
North American Marine Alliance, Inc. Gloucester, MA Harvesting Hope - Reclaiming a Healthy Ocean for Maine	\$15,000
Open Space Institute, Inc. New York, NY Equipping the Conservation Field with Climate-Informed Science, Tools, and Technical Assistance to Build Resilience in Northern New England	\$15,000

Presumpscot Regional Land Trust Gorham, ME Lowell Preserve Trail Revitalization	\$20,000
Randolph Mountain Club Gorham, NH Randolph Mountain Club Alpine Zone Privy Replacements	\$15,000
Rich Earth Institute Brattleboro, VT Expanding Community and Volunteer Engagement in Nutrient Recycling	\$7,500
Smokey House Center Danby, VT Future Foresters Apprenticeship Program	\$10,000
Stowe Land Trust Stowe, VT Mill Trail: Trail Resilience and Universal Access Trail Upgrades	\$20,000
Thompson Lake Environmental Association, Inc. Oxford, ME Milfoil Management and Eradication in Thompson Lake	\$15,000
Trout Unlimited, Inc. Arlington, VA Building Flood Resilience at SweetTree Holdings	\$10,000
Trust for Public Land Montpelier, VT Moose River	\$25,000
The Vermont Center for Ecostudies, Inc. Norwich, VT Maine LoonWeb: A Volunteer Engagement System for Counting Common Loons	\$15,000
Vermont River Conservancy Montpelier, VT Upper Green River Watershed Biodiversity Protection	\$20,000

Vermont Youth Conservation Corps, Inc. Richmond, VT Educating Next Generation Foresters through Timber Stand Improvement Projects in Vermont's Northern Forests	\$20,000
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Waterbury Land Initiative, Inc. Waterbury, VT C.C. Putnam Forest Expansion Project	\$15,000
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White Pine Programs York, ME Rooted in Resilience: Engaging Seniors as Environmental Volunteers	\$7,500
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White River Partnership, Inc. S Royalton, VT White River Access Improvement Project in Royalton	\$9,750
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TOTAL GRANTS	\$1,106,223
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