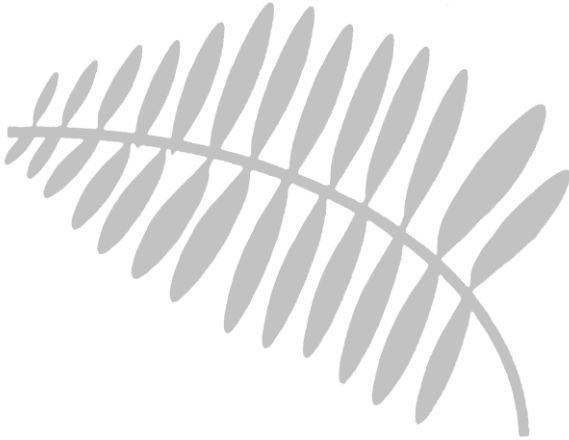


**Davis Conservation Foundation  
2016 Annual Report**



## 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 supports only 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) foundation status and is prohibited from making grants to other 509(a)(3) organizations. The Foundation requires evidence of the applicant's 501(c)(3) and 509(a) status for its files.

The Foundation's highest geographic priority is Northern New England, particularly projects involving the Northern Forest and the Gulf of Maine. The next geographic priority is the remainder of New England, and only infrequently are grants made outside of New England.

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 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. You may obtain an application form and submission guidelines by contacting the Foundation office or 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 inquiries, letters and grant requests to:

**Davis Conservation Foundation**  
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**Davis Conservation Foundation**  
**Balance Sheet**  
**December 31, 2016**

**Assets**

Interest and dividends receivable	\$ 14,880
Investments	<u>21,386,419</u>
Total assets	<u><u>21,401,299</u></u>

**Liabilities and Net Assets**

Liabilities	
Accounts payable	\$ 15,546
Due to related parties	<u>29,087</u>
Total liabilities	44,633
Net assets	
Unrestricted net assets	<u>21,356,666</u>
Total liabilities and net assets	<u><u>\$ 21,401,299</u></u>

**Davis Conservation Foundation**  
**Statement of Activities**  
**Year Ended December 31, 2016**

Changes in unrestricted net assets	
Revenues and gains	
Income on investments	\$
Interest and dividends	365,125
Investment management and custodial fees	(43,593)
Net realized gains on investments	109,336
Net unrealized gain on investments	<u>997,000</u>
Total revenues and gains	<u>1,427,868</u>
Expenses	
Program services	
Grants, net of returns	618,632
Trustee fees	15,000
Travel	325
Foreign taxes	<u>4,544</u>
Total program services expenses	<u>638,501</u>
Management and general	<u>90,458</u>
Total expenses	<u>728,959</u>
Change in unrestricted net assets	698,909
Net assets, beginning of year	<u>20,657,757</u>
Net assets, end of year	<u><u>\$ 21,356,666</u></u>

## Davis Conservation Foundation Grants Made and Payable During the Year Ended December 31, 2016

30 Mile River Watershed Association, Mount Vernon, ME Partnering with Citizen Scientists for Watershed Protection	\$10,000
Allagash Wilderness Waterway Foundation, Bath, ME Storied Lands & Waters: Cultural Resource Assessment and Interpretive Plan for the Allagash Wilderness Waterway	\$15,000
Andover Village Improvement Society, Andover, MA Franciscan Land Acquisition	\$5,000
Atlantic Salmon Federation, Brunswick, ME Sheepscot River Connectivity Project: Phase I	\$15,000
Bangor Area Storm Water Group, Orono, ME Connecting the Flow: Engaging the Public in Stormwater Management in the Penobscot River Watershed	\$4,000
Bicycle Coalition of Maine, Portland, ME Where to Ride in Maine Online Resource	\$10,000
Bigelow Laboratory for Ocean Sciences, E. Boothbay, ME Discovering Therapeutic Benefits of Co-Farming Seaweed and Shellfish	\$10,000
Cape Elizabeth Land Trust, Cape Elizabeth, ME Great Pond Preserve II	\$10,000
Catamount Trail Association, Burlington, VT Catamount Trail Section 18 Trail Improvements	\$7,200
Center For Wildlife, Inc., Cape Neddick, ME Getting Closer to Bats: Fostering Healthy Communities through Education and Conservation	\$3,000
College of the Atlantic, Bar Harbor, ME Acadia Scholars Program	\$5,000
Conservation Law Foundation - Maine Office, Portland, ME Climate Change Adaptation and Resiliency in Maine	\$10,000
Conway Lake Conservation Association, Center Conway, NH Invasive Species Monitoring	\$3,500

Dirigo Outdoor Programs dba Outdoor Sport Institute, Caribou, ME Providing Low-Income Maine Schools with Access to Outdoor Sport	\$10,000
DREAM Program, Winooski, VT Purchase of Winter Outdoor Recreational Equipment	\$5,000
Eastern Trail Alliance, Saco, ME Close the Gap	\$10,000
Ecology Action Centre, Halifax, Nova Scotia Municipal Protection of Coastal Habitat	\$5,000
Five Rivers Conservation Trust, Concord, NH Stonehurst Farm Conservation Project	\$10,000
Forest Stewards Guild – NE Region Office, Freeport, ME Forestry for Maine Birds	\$5,000
Friends of Baxter State Park, Belfast, ME Development and Launch of Baxter Youth Conservation Corps	\$5,000
Friends of Stowe Conservation dba Stowe Land Trust, Stowe, VT Restoring DuMont Meadow: A Community Action & Outreach Project	\$4,000
Gedakina, Inc., Bangor, ME Pathways to Environmental Justice	\$5,000
Great Pond Mountain Conservation Trust, Orland, ME Collaborating with Downeast Audubon to Create an Education Coordinator Position	\$5,000
Greater Lovell Land Trust, Center Lovell, ME Long Meadow Brook Reserve	\$12,000
Green Mountain Club, Inc., Waterbury Center, VT Long Trail Corridor Boundary Protection Program	\$6,500
Gulf of Maine Research Institute, Portland, ME Vital Signs: Engaging Maine's Next Generation as Environmental Stewards	\$10,000
Herring Gut Learning Center, Port Clyde, ME Sea Farm Pound Restoration Project	\$10,000
Hirundo Wildlife Trust, Orono, ME Trail for the Senses	\$5,000

Hubbard Brook Research Foundation, Woodstock, VT Science Links: Winter Climate Change	\$5,000
Hurricane Island Outward Bound School, Camden, ME Pulling Boat Fleet	\$10,000
Loon Preservation Committee, Moultonborough, NH Squam Lake Loon Initiative	\$10,000
Mahoosuc Pathways, Bethel, ME Oxford County Conservation Corps	\$10,000
Maine Association of Conservation Districts, Portland, ME Regional Aquatic Invasives Early Detection & Spread Prevention Network	\$10,005
Maine Coast Fishermen's Association, Brunswick, ME Assessing Ribbon Worm Damage in Coastal Maine and Identifying Solutions	\$5,000
Maine Conservation Alliance, Augusta, ME Community Organizing and Leadership Development Pilot	\$5,000
Maine Farmland Trust, Belfast, ME Maine FarmLink Program	\$10,000
Maine Island Trail Association, Portland, ME Recruiting the Next Generation of Monitor Skippers	\$10,000
Maine School Administrative District #60, North Berwick, ME "We Are More Than What We Know" at Mary Hurd Academy	\$8,000
Maine Wilderness Watershed Trust, Augusta, ME Pierce Pond Watershed Trails Plan	\$4,200
Medomak Valley Land Trust, Waldoboro, ME Conserving Bens Island in the Medomak River's Eastern Branch	\$14,900
Merryspring Nature Center, Camden, ME Nature Education and Outreach Support	\$5,000
Moose Mountains Regional Greenways, Union, NH Woods, Water, Wildlife Conservation Action Plan	\$5,000
National Wildlife Federation, Montpelier, VT Increasing Habitat Connectivity and Reducing Animal Mortality from Wildlife-Vehicle Collisions	\$10,000



Natural Resources Council of Maine, Augusta, ME Protecting and Restoring Maine's Habitats	\$20,000
Nature Conservancy, Massachusetts Chapter, Boston, MA Fishing Permit Acquisition - Gulf of Maine Fishery	\$20,000
Nature Conservancy, Vermont Chapter, Montpelier, VT Schindler Property at White River Ledges	\$15,000
Nature Trust of New Brunswick, Fredericton, NB Establishment of Middle Island Preserve	\$10,000
New Hampshire Audubon, Concord, NH Alice Bemis Thompson Wildlife Sanctuary Trail Project	\$6,000
New Hampshire Public Radio, Inc., Concord, NH Outside/In	\$5,000
Northern Forest Canoe Trail, Inc., Waitsfield, VT Fielding Community Participation in Stewardship	\$10,000
Northwest Atlantic Marine Alliance, Gloucester, MA Seafood Market Transformation and Food Justice Program	\$25,000
Oxford Hills Community Gardens dba Alan Day Community Garden, Norway, ME Land Conservation, Remediation and Sanitation	\$5,000
Portland Trails, Portland, ME Engaging New Community Conservation Volunteers	\$10,000
Presumpscot Regional Land Trust, Gorham, ME Completing the Sebago to Sea Trail: Collaborative Planning for the Final Five Miles	\$5,000
Royal River Conservation Trust, Yarmouth, ME Royal River Watershed Phase III	\$20,000
Saint Joseph's College, Standish, ME First Expeditionary Immersion Semester on the Gulf of Maine	\$5,000
Sanford Springvale Mousam Way Land Trust, Sanford, ME Blanchard Environmental Reserve	\$7,000
Schoodic Institute at Acadia National Park, Winter Harbor, ME Engaging the Public in Intertidal Research and Monitoring	\$10,000
Sebasticook Regional Land Trust, Unity, ME Hills to Sea Trail	\$10,000

Southern New Hampshire University, Manchester, NH Southern New Hampshire University Arboretum	\$9,387
The Good Will-Hinckley Home Association, Hinckley, ME Inspiring Wonder in the Woods	\$3,440
The Maine Lakes Society, Belgrade Lakes, ME Our Lakes, Our Future: Strengthening Lake Associations for Healthy Maine Lakes and Communities	\$8,000
Town of Harpswell, Harpswell, ME Natural Resource Management Plan for Mitchell Field	\$7,500
Two Countries, One Forest Inc., Toronto, Ontario, Reducing the Impact of Roads on Wildlife Connectivity	\$10,000
University of Maine, Orono, ME Conifer Phenology in Changing Climates	\$5,000
Vermont Center for Ecostudies, Norwich, VT GIS Model Development to Identify Amphibian Road-Crossing Hotspots	\$7,000
Vermont Institute of Natural Science, Quechee, VT VINS Avian Rehabilitation Fund	\$2,000
Vermont Natural Resources Council, Montpelier, VT Maintaining Wildlife Connectivity and Intact Forests in Vermont	\$10,000
Vermont River Conservancy, Montpelier, VT Rikert River Access and Habitat Protection	\$5,000
Vermont Youth Conservation Corps, Inc., Richmond, VT Protecting Habitat, Training Youth in Conservation	\$6,000
Western Foothills Land Trust, Norway, ME Noyes Mountain	\$10,000
Women's Health Resource Library, Milbridge, ME The Main Street Field Preserve Garden and Park	\$5,000
Woodie Wheaton Land Trust, Forest City, ME East Grand Highlands Hiking Trails: Phase 1 & 2	\$5,000
Worromontogus Lake Association, Augusta, ME Togus Fish Passage Access Area	\$10,000
<b>Total Grants:</b>	<b>\$623,632</b>

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