



DAVIS
CONSERVATION
FOUNDATION

2017 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.

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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.

Please direct questions to:

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Davis Conservation Foundation
Balance Sheet
December 31, 2017

Assets

Interest and dividends receivable	\$ 37,882
Investments	<u>24,311,909</u>

Total assets	<u>\$24,349,791</u>
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Liabilities and Net Assets

Liabilities	
Accounts payable	\$ 21,094
Due to related parties, net	<u>38,858</u>

Total liabilities	59,952
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Net assets	
Unrestricted net assets	<u>24,289,839</u>

Total liabilities and net assets	<u>\$24,349,791</u>
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Davis Conservation Foundation
Statement of Activities
Year Ended December 31, 2017

Changes in unrestricted net assets	
Revenues and gains	
Return on investments	
Interest and dividends	\$ 411,675
Investment management and custodial fees	(66,933)
Net realized gains on investments	1,427,712
Net unrealized gain on investments	<u>2,059,779</u>
Net return on investments	<u>3,832,233</u>
Total revenues and gains	<u>3,832,233</u>
Expenses	
Program services	
Grants, net of returns	791,032
Trustee fees	15,000
Travel	143
Foreign taxes	<u>4,596</u>
Total program services expenses	<u>810,771</u>
Total management and general	<u>88,289</u>
Total expenses	<u>899,060</u>
Change in unrestricted net assets	2,933,173
Net assets, beginning of year	<u>21,356,666</u>
Net assets, end of year	<u>\$24,289,839</u>

**Davis Conservation Foundation
Grants Made and Payable
During the Year Ended December 31, 2017**

American Friends of the Nature Conservancy of Canada, Toronto, ON Grand Manan Migratory Bird Sanctuary	\$10,000
Appalachian Mountain Club, Boston, Massachusetts Restoring Native Trout Habitat in Maine's 100-Mile Wilderness	\$15,000
Audubon Vermont, Huntington, Vermont Bird-Friendly Maple Project: A Market Approach to Forest Conservation	\$10,000
Bear-Paw Regional Greenways, Deerfield, New Hampshire Bennett Island	\$10,000
Boothbay Region Land Trust, Inc., Boothbay Harbor, Maine Hodgdon Cove Property Acquisition and Improvements	\$25,000
Catamount Outdoor Family Center, Inc., Williston, Vermont New Trail Bridges in Catamount Community Forest	\$5,000
Center for Coastal Studies, Inc., Provincetown, Massachusetts Marine Animal Disentanglement Response Program	\$7,500
Chebeague & Cumberland Land Trust, Chebeague Island, Maine Chebeague Island Trail Project	\$5,000
China Region Lakes Alliance, China Village, Maine Increasing the Impact of LakeSmart in Kennebec County	\$7,000
Cobscook Community Learning Center, Trescott, Maine Machias River Conservation Camp	\$5,000
The Conservation Fund, Freeport, Maine The Haynes Project: Conserving Forestland for Salmon, Wildlife and Communities in Coastal Maine	\$10,000
Downeast Salmon Federation, Columbia Falls, Maine Support for Downeast Salmon Federation's Aquatic Laboratory and Aquatic Facility	\$15,000
Falmouth Conservation Trust dba Falmouth Land Trust, Falmouth, Maine Investing in Capacity for Durable Conservation	\$20,000
Forest Society of Maine, Bangor, Maine The Foundation for the Next Era of North Woods Conservation	\$10,000
Fracestown Land Trust, Inc., Fracestown, New Hampshire Collins Brook Headwaters	\$5,000
Francis Small Heritage Trust, Limerick, Maine Construction of a Wilderness Trail in the Sawyer Mountain Highland Preserve	\$5,000
Friends of Casco Bay, South Portland, Maine Inspiring Volunteers to Protect Casco Bay: Revamping Our Citizen Stewards Program	\$20,000
Friends of Messalonskee Lake, Oakland, Maine Milfoil Prevention Program	\$15,000
Friends of Scarborough Marsh, Scarborough, Maine Phragmites Mapping and Evaluation of Control Options in the Scarborough Marsh	\$7,500

Friends of Sears Island, Searsport, Maine Children as Citizen Scientists on Sears Island: Creating and Implementing a Place-Based After-School Program	\$6,750
Friends of the Presumpscot River, Westbrook, Maine Expanding Public Outreach to Educate Local Communities and Connect Them to the Presumpscot River	\$5,000
Georges River Land Trust, Rockland, Maine Youth Exploration of Nature, Sense of Place and Art! Spring and Summer Day Camp	\$10,000
Harpswell Invasive Plant Partnership, Harpswell, Maine Reclaiming Public Land through Community Action in 2017	\$2,900
Holden Land Trust, Holden, Maine The Pocket Fields Trail	\$6,000
International Fund for Animal Welfare, Yarmouth Port, Massachusetts Protecting Right Whales from Deadly Ship Strikes in the Gulf of Maine	\$7,000
Island Heritage Trust, Deer Isle, Maine Lisa Tolman Wotton Nature Preserve Infrastructure Project	\$5,000
Island Institute, Rockland, Maine Enhancing the Capacity and Resilience of Coastal Communities to Build Disaster Preparedness in the Gulf of Maine	\$5,000
Katahdin Tourism Partnership, Sherman, Maine Interpreting Wildlife & Working Forest at River Pond Nature Trails	\$5,000
Kennebec Estuary Land Trust, Bath, Maine Kennebec Estuary Land Trust Citizen Science Program	\$7,000
Kennebec Land Trust, Winthrop, Maine Kennebec Land Trust Mount Pisgah Campaign	\$5,000
Lake Winnepesaukee Association, Meredith, New Hampshire Keep Winnepesaukee Clean – Put a Sock in It!	\$6,500
Lakes Environmental Association, Bridgton, Maine Sustainable Forests for Community Resiliency	\$8,000
Laudholm Trust, Wells, Maine Joint Forestry Venture	\$5,000
Longfellow Mountains Heritage Trails, Inc., Kingfield, Maine Longfellow Mountains Heritage Trail – Chain of Ponds	\$10,000
Maine Adaptive Sports and Recreation, Newry, Maine Maine Adaptive Outdoor Recreation Programming for Individuals with Blindness/Visual Impairment	\$5,000
Maine Appalachian Trail Club, Inc, Portland, Maine Appalachian Trail Ridge Runners	\$7,000
Maine Appalachian Trail Land Trust, Portland, ME Appalachian Trail Landscape Partnership Projects	\$4,000
Maine Center for Coastal Fisheries, Stonington, Maine Measuring Localized Groundfish Recovery as an Element of Ecosystem-Based Fishery Co-Management	\$25,000
Maine Huts and Trails, Kingfield, Maine Enhanced Youth Outdoor Environmental Education Programs - Inspiring the Next Generation to Value and Protect Our Natural Resources	\$25,000

Maine Natural History Observatory, Gouldsboro, Maine Developing and Field Testing Plant Monitoring Protocols for Maine Islands	\$8,000
Maine Organic Farmers and Gardeners Association, Unity, Maine Enhancing Wildlife Habitat, Recreational Trails, and Educational Activities at the Common Ground Education Center by Developing a Comprehensive Master Plan	\$10,000
Maine Outdoor Coalition, Maine Getting the Word Out: Expanding Outdoor Activities Awareness Using Maine Trail Finder	\$7,500
Maine Rivers, Yarmouth, Maine Alewife Restoration Project	\$10,000
Maine Volunteer Lake Monitoring Program, Auburn, Maine Sustainable Stewardship for Maine's Lakes: Building on a Successful Five-Decade Model of Citizen Lake Science	\$20,000
Manomet Center for Conservation Sciences, Plymouth, Massachusetts Monitoring the Response of Maine's Kelp Communities to Global Change	\$5,000
Massachusetts Audubon Society, Lincoln, Massachusetts Improving Habitat for Essex County Coastal Bird Islands in the Gulf of Maine	\$9,500
Midcoast Conservancy, Wiscasset, Maine Sheepsfoot Headwaters Wildlands Project: Campbell Parcel	\$15,000
National Audubon Society, Ithaca, New York Habitat Restoration for Common and Roseate Terns at Outer Green Island	\$10,000
Nature Conservancy, Maine Chapter, Brunswick, Maine Debsconeag Lakes Wilderness Area Improvements, Connecting Conservation Land with the Katahdin Community	\$10,000
Nature Conservancy, New Hampshire Chapter, Concord, New Hampshire The Culvert Challenge: Restoring Rivers and Streams in New Hampshire's Seacoast	\$20,000
North Haven Conservation Partners, North Haven, Maine Pulpit Harbor Conservation & Access Project	\$10,000
Northern Forest Center, Concord, New Hampshire North Country Mountain Biking for All	\$15,000
Nova Scotia Nature Trust, Dartmouth, Nova Scotia Empowering Engagement: Enhancing Volunteerism to Advance Habitat Conservation and Recovery in Nova Scotia	\$5,000
Orono Bog Boardwalk, Orono, Maine Orono Bog Boardwalk Reconstruction Project	\$10,000
Pemaquid Watershed Association, Damariscotta, Maine PWA Preserve Expansion and Enhancement	\$6,000
Phippsburg Land Trust, Phippsburg, Maine Morse River Wetlands Conservation Project	\$10,000
Piscataquis County Soil and Water Conservation District, Dover-Foxcroft, Maine Families in the Outdoors: Ensuring the Future of Natural Resource Stewardship	\$3,982
Piscataquog Land Conservancy, New Boston, New Hampshire Proctor Land Conservation Project	\$10,000
Portland Wheelers, Portland, Maine Purchase of Late Model, Used Truck to Trailer Our Trikes, Expand Our Reach, and Promote Our Service	\$5,000
Putney Mountain Association, Inc., Putney, Vermont Putney Mountain West Slope	\$10,000

Rangeley Lakes Heritage Trust, Oquossoc, Maine Associated Technology Support for Un-Manned Aircraft System for Conservation Land Management	\$4,700
Rippleffect, Inc., Portland, Maine Cow Island Environmental Leadership Program	\$10,000
Saco Valley Land Trust, Saco, Maine Chretien Property Acquisition	\$10,000
Society for the Protection of New Hampshire Forests, Concord, New Hampshire Powder Major's Farm and Forest	\$20,000
Southern Maine Conservation Collaborative, Portland, Maine Land Care Initiative	\$5,000
Squam Lakes Association, Holderness, New Hampshire Investigation and Action Plan Addressing Modern and Legacy Contaminants in the Squam Watershed	\$5,000
Squam Lakes Natural Science Center, Holderness, New Hampshire Wildlife Movements in Natural Communities around Squam Lakes Watershed	\$10,000
Thompson Lakes Environmental Association, Oxford, Maine Milfoil Management and Eradication in Thompson Lake	\$5,000
Town of Manchester, Manchester, Maine Farmland Protection and Access Project in Manchester, Readfield, and Winthrop	\$6,200
Town of Skowhegan, Skowhegan, Maine Run of River Whitewater Recreation Area	\$15,000
Trust for Public Land, Montpelier, Vermont Rolston Rest: An Addition to Green Mountain National Forest	\$10,000
Unity College, Unity, Maine Seeing is Understanding: Tracking and Photodocumenting the Declining Wood Turtles of Maine	\$10,000
University of New England, Biddeford, Maine Ram Island Boat Ramp	\$5,000
Upper Connecticut River Cooperative Invasive Species Management Area, Lancaster, New Hampshire Upper Connecticut River Cooperative Invasive Species Management Initiative	\$8,000
Upper Saco Valley Land Trust, North Conway, New Hampshire Pine Hill Community Forest Project	\$20,000
Upper Valley Trails Alliance, Norwich, New Hampshire Outdoor Odyssey – Upper Valley High School Trail Corps	\$5,000
Upstream, Gardiner, Maine Alewives Upstream on Cobbosee!	\$5,000
Vermont Huts Association, Stowe, Vermont Chittenden Brook Hut	\$5,000
Vermont Land Trust, Montpelier, Vermont Newbury Town Forest	\$10,000
Wabanaki Cultural Preservation Coalition, Passdumkeag, Maine The Nibezun Project	\$10,000
White River Partnership, Inc., South Royalton, Vermont White River Water Trail Stewardship Project	\$5,000

Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution, Woods Hole, Massachusetts Larval Dispersal and Recruitment of a Noxious Marine Invasive Species in the Gulf of Maine	\$15,000
The York Land Trust, York, Maine Fuller Forest	\$15,000

TOTAL GRANTS	\$791,032
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