



# **2020 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 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, 2020**

**ASSETS**

Interest and dividends receivable	\$ 57,949
Investments	32,745,512
Other assets	<u>390</u>
Total assets	<u>\$ 32,803,851</u>

**LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS**

Liabilities	
Accounts payable	\$ 28,900
Due to related parties, net	<u>36,728</u>
Total liabilities	65,628
Net assets	
Without donor restrictions	<u>32,738,223</u>
Total liabilities and net assets	<u>\$ 32,803,851</u>

**Davis Conservation Foundation**  
**Statement of Activities**  
**Year Ended December 31, 2020**

Changes in net assets without donor restrictions

Revenues and gains

Contributions \$ 500,000

Net return on investments 4,641,091

Total revenues and gains 5,141,091

Expenses

Grantmaking

Grants, net of returns 811,220

Grant related expenses 64,699

Total grantmaking expenses 875,919

General and administrative 40,884

Total expenses 916,803

Change in net assets without donor restrictions 4,224,288

Net assets, beginning of year 28,513,935

Net assets, end of year \$ 32,738,223

**Davis Conservation Foundation  
Grants Made and Payable  
During the Year Ended December 31, 2020**

30 Mile River Watershed Association, Mt. Vernon, ME Mobilizing our Community to Fight New Invasive Species Threat	\$10,000
Alliance for Vermont Communities, So. Royalton, VT Hiking the Working Landscape; Building Communities through Conservation and Recreation	\$15,000
American Friends of Canadian Conservation, Bellingham, WA Protecting the St. Croix River's Bi-national Ecological and Cultural Heritage	\$10,000
Bigelow Laboratory for Ocean Sciences, East Boothbay, ME Sustaining Coastal Ecosystems using Maine Environmental DNA ("Maine- eDNA")	\$20,000
Southern Maine Conservation Collaborative, fiscal sponsor for Casco Bay Regional Shellfish Working Group, Portland, ME Casco Bay Community Shellfish Database	\$5,000
Center for Woodlands Education, Lyme, NH Forest to Water: Supporting Climate Adaptation in Northern Forest Communities	\$10,000
Chebeague & Cumberland Land Trust, Cumberland, ME Protection of the Littlefield Woods	\$5,000
Coastal Rivers Conservation Trust, Damariscotta, ME Brackett Beach – Ponds to River Connector	\$15,000
Conservation Fund, Freeport, ME Reconnecting Aquatic Habitat at Reed Forest in Maine	\$5,000
Conservation Law Foundation, Boston, MA Restoring Maine's Migratory Fish Population	\$15,000
Cross Vermont Trail Association, Montpelier, VT Cross Vermont Trail Bridge and 3 miles ADA nature trail	\$5,000
Ducks Unlimited, Memphis, TN Protecting Pond Cove Island for Wildlife and People	\$10,000
Forest Society of Maine, Bangor, ME Coburn Gore Project	\$20,000

Francis Small Heritage Trust, Limerick, ME Riverview Family Trails	\$8,000
Frenchman Bay Conservancy, Hancock, ME Putting conservation back into our culture through nature-based education	\$10,000
Friends of Baxter State Park, Belfast, ME Engaging Youth as Environmental Stewards in Baxter State Park	\$20,000
Friends of Katahdin Woods and Waters, Portland, ME Community-Owned Strategic Plan for Youth Opportunities in the Katahdin Region	\$5,000
Friends of Quarry Road, Waterville, ME Improving Wally's Way Trail at Quarry Road Recreation Area	\$10,000
Friends of the Cobbossee Watershed, East Winthrop, ME Protecting our Lakes through Community and Conservation	\$5,000
Georges River Land Trust, Rockland, ME Quigg Island Community Forest Project	\$5,000
Good Will-Hinckley Home Association, Hinckley, ME Children's Programming, Maine's Amazing Rocks and Soils Supporting Life	\$4,500
Green Mountain Club, Inc., Waterbury Center, VT GMC Conserved Lands Boundary Line Inventory and Reclamation Initiative	\$5,000
Green Mountain Conservation Group, Effingham, NH 2020 Ossipee Watershed Stream Crossings Survey Project	\$5,000
Harpswell Heritage Land Trust, Harpswell, ME Strawberry Creek Project	\$15,000
Herring Gut Learning Center, Port Clyde, ME Fresh to Salt: Flowing Together	\$8,000
Hirundo Wildlife Trust, Orono, ME Enhancing Connections to Nature through Interpretation	\$5,000
Huntington Historical and Community Trust, Huntington, VT Creating a Huntington Community Forest	\$10,000
Hurricane Island Foundation dba Hurricane Island Center for Science and Leadership, Rockland, ME Understanding reproductive cycles and larval dynamics of <i>Placopecten magellanicus</i> .	\$11,446

International Fund for Animal Welfare, Yarmouth Port, MA Saving Right Whales in the Gulf of Maine	\$5,000
Kennebec Estuary Land Trust, Bath, ME Expanding Citizen Science in the Kennebec Estuary	\$10,000
Kingdom Trail Association, East Burke, VT Darling Ridge Conservation	\$10,000
Land Trust Alliance, Washington, DC Implementing Community Conservation in Northern New England	\$20,000
Laudholm Trust, Wells, ME Regrowing the Wells Reserve's Volunteer Family	\$7,500
Leahy Center for Lake Champlain, Burlington, VT Eastern Spiny Softshell Turtle Headstart Program	\$2,500
Lobster Foundation of Massachusetts, Scituate, MA Whale Safer 1700lb Red Rope Project	\$25,000
Loon Preservation Committee, Moultonborough, NH PCB Contamination in New Hampshire Loon Eggs	\$12,033
Mahoosuc Pathways, Bethel, ME Recreation as Recovery	\$10,000
Maine Appalachian Trail Land Trust, Portland, ME Maine A.T. 2020 Project	\$9,000
Maine Coast Heritage Trust, Topsham, ME Cousins River Marsh Project	\$15,000
Maine Conservation Alliance, Augusta, ME Clean Energy for All Campaign	\$10,000
Maine Island Trail Association, Portland, ME Share the Experience of Island Stewardship	\$10,000
Maine Organic Farmers and Gardeners Association, Unity, ME Protecting Water Quality, Wildlife, and Ecology through Better Soil Management.	\$7,991
Maine Rivers, Yarmouth, ME Alewife Restoration Initiative: Box Mill fishway	\$15,000
Maine Wilderness Watershed Trust, Augusta, ME Developing Outdoor Education Programs in the Pierce Pond Watershed	\$5,000



Manomet Center for Conservation Sciences, Manomet, MA Analysis of anthropogenic debris in Gulf of Maine cormorant nests	\$10,000
Merryspring Nature Center, Camden, ME Invasive Plant Species Removal and Remediation – Year Two	\$5,000
Mt Ascutney Outdoors, Inc, Brownsville, VT Ascutney Outdoors Discovery Trail Fabrication of Signs and Interactive Elements	\$10,000
Nature Conservancy, Maine Chapter, Brunswick, ME Reforestation Roads in the Spring River Preserve	\$10,000
Nature Conservancy, Massachusetts Chapter, Boston, MA Fishing for Better Data – Fishing Permit Acquisition	\$10,000
Nature Conservancy, New Hampshire Chapter, Concord, NH Beech River Mill Dam Removal – Center Ossipee, NH	\$15,000
Nature Trust of New Brunswick, Fredericton, NB Protecting 450-acres of wildlife habitat in the St. John River/Wolastoq	\$10,000
New England Forestry Foundation, Littleton, MA Downeast Woods & Wildlife	\$20,000
New Hampshire Audubon, Concord, NH Connecting Communities with Conservation: Online Education Resources for Remote Learning	\$20,000
New Hampshire Public Radio, Inc., Concord, NH By Degrees: NHPR's Audience-Driven Climate Change Reporting Project	\$10,000
NorthWoods Stewardship Center, East Charleston, VT Exploring the Winter Landscape: Trails To Natural and Cultural History	\$13,350
Piscataquog Land Conservancy, New Boston, NH Nissitissit River Headwaters land conservation project, Mason, NH	\$10,000
Portland Wheelers, Portland, ME Pilot Project to Expand Disability Ride Programming Statewide	\$5,000
Royal River Conservation Trust, Yarmouth, ME Campaign to Protect New Gloucester's Lower-Village, Little-League Fields & Intervale.	\$10,000
Saco Valley Land Trust, Saco, ME Reach for Our Future	\$5,000

Saint Joseph's College, Standish, ME Protecting Little Sebago—A Model College-Lake Association Sustainable Partnership	\$11,500
Skyline Farm Inc., North Yarmouth, ME Woods Trail Improvement	\$10,000
Small Woodland Owners Association of Maine, Augusta, ME Maine Woodland Conservation Capacity-Building	\$10,000
Tin Mountain Conservation Center, Conway, NH Protecting Bald Hill	\$20,000
Town of Campton, NH: Campton Conservation Commission, Campton, NH West Branch Brook Forest: Miller Property/Green Acre Woodlands Acquisition	\$5,000
Town of Rindge, Rindge, NH Rindge Stone and Gravel Acquisition	\$20,000
Trust For Public Land, Portland, ME Creating Kingfield Community Forest	\$10,000
Upper Saco Valley Land Trust, Conway, NH Conservation of the World Fellowship Center on Whitton Pond	\$20,000
Vermont Institute of Natural Science, Quechee, VT Water Bird Rehabilitation Enclosure and Pool	\$10,000
Vermont Land Trust, Montpelier, VT Peter A. Krusch Nature Preserve	\$12,000
Vermont River Conservancy, Montpelier, VT North Branch Cascades Trail: Final Phase	\$8,000
Upper Valley Trails Alliance, fiscal sponsor for Vermont/New Hampshire Trail Finder Coalition, Norwich, VT Strengthening Community Connections to Outdoor Recreation through Trail Finder	\$15,000
Wabanaki Cultural Preservation Coalition, Passadumkeag, ME Building a Traditional/Cultural Wabanaki Plant Trail and Gardens at Nibezun	\$8,500
Unity Barn Raisers, fiscal sponsor for Waldo County Trails Coalition, Unity, ME Strategic Communications & Storytelling	\$7,900

White Pine Program, York, ME Expansion of Curriculum-Based Outdoor Learning for Ages 7 - 18	\$5,000
Wolfe's Neck Farm Foundation, Freeport, ME Completion of the Farm Loop Trail at Wolfe's Neck Center	\$5,000
Women for Healthy Rural Living, Milbridge, ME OWL: Outdoor Women Lead Outing Group	\$4,000
Woodie Wheaton Land Trust, Forest City, ME Headwaters Forest Conservation Land Acquisition Project	\$10,000
YMCA of Auburn-Lewiston, Auburn, ME Wellness and Environmental Stewardship Education Programs	\$10,000

<b>TOTAL GRANTS</b>	<b>\$811,220</b>
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# **Davis Conservation Foundation**

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