



2023 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.

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Davis Conservation Foundation
Balance Sheet
December 31, 2023

ASSETS

Interest and dividends receivable	\$ 93,950
Investments	35,639,065
Other assets	<u>390</u>
Total assets	<u>\$ 35,733,405</u>

LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS

Liabilities	
Accounts payable	\$ 30,177
Accrued expenses	2,445
Due to related parties, net	<u>43,944</u>
Total liabilities	76,566
Net assets	
Without donor restrictions	<u>35,656,839</u>
Total liabilities and net assets	<u>\$ 35,733,405</u>

Davis Conservation Foundation
Statement of Activities
Year Ended December 31, 2023

Changes in net assets without donor restrictions	
Revenues and gains	
Net return on investments	<u>\$ 6,380,603</u>
Expenses	
Grantmaking	
Grants, net of returns	1,106,719
Grant related expenses	<u>70,068</u>
Total grantmaking expenses	1,176,787
General and administrative	<u>47,361</u>
Total expenses	<u>1,224,148</u>
Change in net assets without donor restrictions	5,156,455
Net assets, beginning of year	<u>30,500,384</u>
Net assets, end of year	<u>\$ 35,656,839</u>

**Davis Conservation Foundation
Grants Made and Payable
During the Year Ended December 31, 2023**

Acton-Shapleigh Youth Conservation Corps, Springvale, ME Fund 50% of the ASYCC Erosion Control Crew (ECC)	\$6,000
Allagash Wilderness Waterway Foundation, Portland, ME A River in Space & Time	\$20,000
American Forest Foundation, Washington, DC The Family Forest Carbon Program	\$50,000
American Friends of Canadian Nature, Inc., Buffalo, NY Brier Island Coastal Trail Enhancements	\$20,000
American Rivers, Washington, DC Washburn Mill Dam Removal	\$14,979
Androscoggin Valley Soil & Water Conservation District, Portland, ME (Maine Association of Conservation Districts - fiscal sponsor) Conservation Landscape Certification Program	\$5,000
Appalachian Mountain Club, Boston, MA Restoring Native Brook and Lake Trout and Salmon Habitat in Maine's 100-Mile Wilderness	\$15,000
Catamount Trail Association, Burlington, VT CTA Fayston Bridge Replacement Project	\$8,000
Center for Coastal Studies, Inc., Provincetown, MA Assessing Biodiversity in Cape Cod Bay Using Environmental (e) DNA.	\$10,250
Center for Wildlife, Inc., Cape Neddick, ME Remembering Our Roots: Ensuring Access to Nature Connection for All	\$10,000

Chocorua Lake Conservancy, Chocorua, NH Chocorua Lake Shoreline Stabilization & Restoration	\$15,000
Coastal Rivers Conservation Trust, Damariscotta, ME Completion of Cohen Accessible River Trail - Wheeler Acquisition	\$10,000
Cobscook Community Learning Center DBA Cobscook Institute, Trescott, ME Growing Ecological Literacy through Summer Outdoor Recreation & Exploration Programs	\$7,500
Cornwall Conservation Commission (Town of Cornwall), Cornwall, VT Habitat Connectivity Inventory	\$5,000
Doe Camp Nation, Inc., North Ferrisburgh, VT Revitalization of an Outdoor Recreation/Education Program: Doe Camp Nation	\$5,000
Downeast Coastal Conservancy, Machias, ME Constructing Water-Access Campsites in Downeast Maine	\$12,700
Ecology Action Centre, Halifax, NS Coastal Adaptation and Implementation Barriers	\$11,000
Ecology Education, Inc. DBA The Ecology School, Saco, ME Expanding AgroEcology Operations for Climate Change Mitigation and Public Engagement	\$10,000
Fairbanks Museum & Planetarium, St. Johnsbury, VT Matsinger Forest Project	\$10,000
Forest Society of Maine, Bangor, ME Developing Family Forestland Conservation Plans	\$15,000
Frank Knight Foundation, Yarmouth, ME Integration of Tree Stewardship Program into Maine Communities for Health and Warmth	\$5,000

Frenchman Bay Conservancy, Hancock, ME Jordan River Land Conservation	\$25,000
Friends of Bedrock Gardens, Lee, NH Nature of Place: Experiential Audio Tour Platform for Expanding Public Reach, Access, and Appreciation of the Environment	\$15,000
Friends of Casco Bay, South Portland, ME Reducing Stormwater Pollution and Increasing Climate Resiliency	\$20,000
Friends of Casco Bay, South Portland, ME 100 Resilient Yards	\$20,000
Friends of Mount Agamenticus, Cape Neddick, ME Public Access & Education Enhancement Project	\$5,000
Friends of Quarry Road, Waterville, ME Multiuse Singletrack Trail Upgrades and Maintenance at Quarry Road Recreation Area	\$5,000
Georges River Land Trust, Rockland, ME Rockland Bog Preserve Expansion Project	\$10,000
Gloucester Marine Genomics Institute, Gloucester, MA Developing eDNA Detection Methods to Better Understand Climate Change Impacts on Forage Fish Populations within Stellwagen Bank National Marine Sanctuary	\$15,000
Great Bay Stewards, Inc., Greenland, NH Glenn Cove Restoration	\$10,000
Green Mountain Club, Inc., Waterbury Ctr, VT Conserved Lands Boundary Line Improvements	\$5,000
GrowSmart Maine, Augusta, ME Saving Farmland and Building Local Food Systems	\$13,000

Hancock County Soil & Water Conservation Dist., Portland, ME (Maine Association of Conservation Districts - fiscal sponsor) Lake Outreach on Invasive Aquatic Plant Control and Backyard Rewilding	\$5,000
Herring Gut Coastal Science Center, Port Clyde, ME Watershed Education	\$15,000
Hubbard Brook Research Foundation, Inc., Woodstock, VT Welcome to the Woods	\$10,000
Hurricane Island Foundation, Rockland, ME Evaluating Chemical Differences in Penobscot Bay Sea Scallops	\$10,000
Inland Woods + Trails, Bethel, ME The Community Access Trail	\$20,000
Island Heritage Trust, Inc., Deer Isle, ME Oliver's Pond: Island Workforce Housing Collaborative	\$25,000
Lakes Environmental Association, Bridgton, ME LEA Lake Ecology Course	\$4,000
Land in Common, Inc., Greene, ME Title Transfer to Connect Landholdings of Land Trust	\$14,500
Land Trust Alliance, Washington, DC Northern New England Community-Centered Conservation Cohort Learning Program	\$20,000
Mahoosuc Land Trust Inc., Bethel, ME Tumbledown Dick Mountain - Community Development & Climate Resilience	\$25,000
Maine Center for Coastal Fisheries, Stonington, ME Bringing Knowledge to Action: Interpreting New Research for Adaptive and Sustainable Coastal Fisheries	\$25,000
Maine Coast Fishermen's Association, Brunswick, ME Ropeless Gear Testing to Reduce Risk to Right Whales	\$11,700

Maine Organic Farmers and Gardeners Association, Unity, ME Workplace Safety Training for BIPOC and LGBTQ+ Workers Engaged in Sustainable Agriculture and Land Conservation	\$20,000
Maine Timber Research and Environmental Education Foundation (Maine TREE Foundation), Augusta, ME Expansion and Enhancement of the Forest Ecology Research Network (FERN)	\$10,000
Midcoast Conservancy, Edgecomb, ME YCC Crew Program Support and Launching Water Resources Technician Seasonal Position	\$10,000
National Audubon Society, Inc., Bremen, ME Habitat Management on Jenny Island and Eastern Egg Rock to Benefit Terns in the Gulf of Maine	\$15,000
National Audubon Society, Inc. DBA Audubon Vermont, Huntington, VT Integrating Climate-Smart Forest Management Content into Healthy Forest Initiative Programs	\$15,065
Native Gardens of Blue Hill, Blue Hill, ME Phase II: Completion of ADA Compliant Forest Path	\$5,000
Natural Resources Council of Maine, Augusta, ME Saving Endangered Atlantic Salmon in the Kennebec River	\$20,000
Nature Conservancy in Maine, Brunswick, ME Katahdin Accessible Trail	\$20,000
Nature Conservancy, New Hampshire Chapter, Concord, NH Nature-Based Solution to Sea Level Rise & Loss of Salt Marsh Habitat: Philbrick Pond	\$15,000
Nature Trust of New Brunswick Inc., Fredericton, NB Protecting a unique wildlife space in a growing New Brunswick Community	\$10,000

New England Forestry Foundation, Inc., Littleton, MA Forest Carbon for Commercial Landowners - Phase II (FCCL2)	\$20,000
NH Healthy Climate, Manchester, NH Surveying Healthcare Workers to Influence Action on Climate Change	\$5,000
Northeast Wilderness Trust, Montpelier, VT Bear's Nest Wilderness Preserve	\$10,000
Northern Forest Canoe Trail, Inc., Waitsfield, VT Rapid River to Moosehead Lake - Enhancing Recreational Opportunities along two Historic Maine Waterways	\$11,000
Outdoor Sports Institute, Inc., Millinocket, ME Activating Partnerships and Resources to Connect Communities to the Outdoors	\$10,000
Piscataquog Land Conservancy, New Boston, NH Clarkridge Farm	\$20,000
Portland Parks Conservancy, Portland, ME Forest City Future: Planning for a Sustainable Portland, Maine	\$10,000
Portland Trails, Portland, ME Enhancing Local Trails in Riverton	\$30,000
Rich Earth Institute, Brattleboro, VT Expanding Volunteer Engagement through Rich Earth's Nutrient Recycling Portable Toilets	\$7,500
Royal River Conservation Trust, Yarmouth, ME Upper Royal Conservation Project	\$20,000
Saltwater Classroom, Camden, ME Development and Implementation of App-Based Ocean Education	\$10,000

Sea Meadow Marine Foundation, Yarmouth, ME Sea Farming Education and Apprenticeship Project	\$10,000
Society for the Protection of NH Forests, Concord, NH Lombard Parcel Land Protection Project	\$30,000
Squam Lakes Association (SLA), Holderness, NH Old Bridle Path Project Phase 2	\$13,970
Teens to Trails, Brunswick, ME Teens to the Northern Forest Canoe Trail 2023-2025	\$15,000
Tin Mountain Conservation Center, Inc., Albany, NH Mt. Washington Valley Butterfly Monitoring Network	\$15,000
Trout Unlimited Sebago Chapter, Yarmouth, ME Cole Brook - Phen Hill Road Culvert Replacement	\$25,000
Trout Unlimited, Inc., Arlington, VA Nulhegan Watershed Habitat and Connectivity Project	\$15,000
Union Salmon Association, Ellsworth, ME Environmental & Economic Impact Study of Ellsworth Dam on Union River	\$30,000
Vermont Land Trust, Inc., Montpelier, VT Monkton Town Forest	\$12,000
Vermont Woodlands Association, Rupert, VT Climate Smart Family Forests Stories Project	\$10,000
Vermont Youth Conservation Corps, Inc., Richmond, VT Caring for Vermont's Forests and Cultivating Future Foresters	\$15,000
White Pine Programs, York, ME Nature-Based Mentorship and Community Volunteer Programs with Climate Resilience Focus	\$5,000

York County Soil & Water Conservation District, Portland, ME \$8,555
(Maine Association of Conservation Districts - fiscal sponsor)
Community Based Watershed Stewardship Program in York
County

York Land Trust, York, ME \$15,000
Funding the Acquisition of Donated Land or Easements

TOTAL GRANTS	\$1,106,719
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