

# **Portfolio of Conservation Funding in the Northern Appalachian Ecoregion**



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## Introduction:

This *Portfolio of Conservation Funding in the Northern Appalachian Ecoregion* describes foundation grantmaking programs with interests in the Northern Appalachian ecoregion. It is presented here as a resource for organizations that are working to advance conservation of this unique landscape. It is not intended to take the place of foundation grantmaking guidelines, only as a quick reference guide for organizations that are engaged in conservation science and advocacy in this transboundary landscape.

This guide consists of “foundation profiles” for the full range of grantmaking programs active in the ecoregion. These profiles include contact information, a paragraph summary of grantmaking strategies and guidelines, annual giving figures, and representative grants from the 2003 to 2005 period. Information included here was gathered through public sources, with several proving particularly valuable: The Foundation Center and its online Foundation Directory service, The Environmental Grantmaking Foundation’s 11<sup>th</sup> Edition CD-ROM foundation reports, Guidestar and its online nonprofit directory, and Revenu Canada’s online charities directory.

### A Note on the Organization of Foundation Profiles:

The foundations in this guide are divided into three (3) classifications based on the level of activity in the region. This classification scheme was created independently, without soliciting input or feedback from the individual foundations.

- Tier 1: Active funders: foundations that feature specific, defined program areas or focuses on Northern Appalachian landscapes or some part thereof.
- Tier 2: Funders without a specific Northern Appalachian program, but which devote some portion of their grants budget to the region.
- Tier 3: Funders with limited or occasional activity within the Northern Appalachian region; Key characteristics of these foundations are static rosters of grantees or very limited funding.



## United States Funders

### Tier 1:

#### The Betterment Fund (William Bingham 2<sup>nd</sup> Betterment Fund)

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*Summary:* The traditional focus of this Fund has been on education and health, but recently its interests have expanded to include the preservation and responsible use of Maine's natural resources. Funding is typically limited to the state of Maine and only rarely will it expand to organizations in neighboring locales. The Fund's environmental/conservation program includes specific interest in the protection of the North Woods.

*Annual budget:* around \$2 million; Environment/conservation budget: \$500,000 – 750,000

Grants range in size from \$10,000-125,000, typically fall in the \$20,000 to 50,000 range. Multi-year grants are available.

#### Representative Northern Appalachian grants since 2003:

Mahoosuc (ME) Land Trust - \$10,000

General operating support

Manomet Center for Conservation Sciences - \$10,000

Support for an annual science “exchange” for Forest Stakeholders in Maine

Forest Society of Maine - \$50,000

Support to enhance land conservation and conservation easement stewardship

Appalachian Mountain Club - \$50,000

To support its Maine Woods Initiative

Mount Agamenticus to the Sea - \$10,000

To support its Land Conservation Project

**Davis Conservation Foundation**

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Summary: The Foundation supports organizations devoted to the care, preservation, and protection of the environment, wildlife, open space, outdoor recreation, the sea, marine life, and nature. The geographic granting focus is northern New England, with occasional grants in New York and Atlantic Canada. Its three primary interests are: projects related to wildlife, wildlife habitat, environmental protection and outdoor recreation; projects that strengthen volunteer activity and outreach/community involvement in the above-noted areas; and projects related to the Northern Forest and the Gulf of Maine. Since 1995, half of its grantmaking has been focused on this last interest, the protection of the Northern Forest and the Gulf of Maine, highlighting this program as a priority.

Annual budget: ~\$700,000

Grants range in size from \$2,000 to \$50,000; typically \$10,000-15,000. Generally one-year grants

Representative Northern Appalachian grants since 2003:

Maine Audubon Society - \$15,000

Focus Species Forestry Links to Beginning with Habitat

Monadnock Conservancy - \$5,000

Perpetual Land Stewardship Initiative

National Fish and Wildlife Foundation - \$10,000

Catalyzing community-based conservation in Maine and New England

Natural Resources Council of Maine - \$5,000

Protecting the ecological integrity and wilderness values of Maine's North Woods through improved management of State lands.

Forest Society of Maine - \$55,000

A Sense of Place – Campaign for the West Branch

**Doris Duke Charitable Foundation**

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[www.ddcf.org](http://www.ddcf.org)

Summary: The Foundation's environment program seeks to preserve wildlife, both flora and fauna, in the United States by accelerating the conservation of essential habitats. Three initiatives exist within this program: Identify Critical Lands, Implement Land Protection, and Build Conservation Knowledge. The Critical Lands program will not be awarding grants again until 2007, and the Conservation Knowledge program is focused on creating a national database for the conservation system and results. The Implement Land Protection's capital grants program has to date established seven focus regions, one of which is the Northern Forest. Support in this direction is likely to be quite large, but only a very limited number of organizations will be invited to apply. However, funding for the Northern Forest Protection Fund (see Open Space Institute below) further emphasizes the Foundation's interest in the Northern Appalachians.

Annual budget: \$12.7 million specifically for Environment Program (38% of total)  
Capital grants in the Implement Land Protection program range from \$750,000 to \$1.5 million; \$6 million was earmarked for these in 2004.

Representative Northern Appalachian grants since 2003:

Open Space Conservancy - \$1.5 million

To protect lands critical to wildlife in the Northern Forest by supporting large-scale land protection projects, building region-wide consensus on wildlife conservation priorities, and increasing resources for conservation.

## **The Henry P. Kendall Foundation**

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[www.kendall.org](http://www.kendall.org)

Summary: The Foundation's two primary interests are landscape conservation and climate change. The Landscape Conservation program is focused on two regions: the Yellowstone to Yukon landscape of the northern Rocky Mountains and the Northern Appalachian ecoregion. This Northern Appalachian program supports an innovative landscape-scale approach to protecting and restoring the ecological integrity of the forested landscape of northern New England, southern Quebec, New Brunswick, and Nova Scotia. Grants have focused on building the science and public support for landscape-scale conservation, developing a region-wide initiative – Two Countries, One Forest – to advance conservation throughout the Northern Appalachians, and supporting organizations in Canada and the United States with ambitious conservation agendas.

Annual budget: ~\$2.5 million; Northern Appalachian program budget: \$400,000 to \$500,000

Grants typically range in size from \$20,000 to \$50,000, with the average closer to the lower end. Multi-year grants are available.

### Representative Northern Appalachian grants since 2003:

Conservation Council of New Brunswick - \$31,000 (two years)

To advance efforts to establish core protected areas in the Restigouche region of New Brunswick, and to develop and promote a forest conservation plan to support connectivity between the Restigouche region and protected areas in northern New Brunswick.

Forest Watch - \$39,000

For its work with Two Countries, One Forest to coordinate conservation science and catalyze landscape-scale conservation throughout the Northern Appalachian region.

Hubbard Brook Research Foundation - \$15,000

Project support for a collaborative endeavor to test a scientific modeling process that simulates the effects of disturbances, with special emphasis on acid rain, on northeastern U.S. forest ecosystems

Keeping Track - \$22,400

For a training program for staff from the New Hampshire Departments of Transportation and Fish and Game to learn techniques for determining the potential or existing impacts of roads and highways on wildlife

Maine Department of Conservation - \$100,000

For professional staff assistance to advance and implement conservation land acquisition projects across the State of Maine. Funding will also be provided to encourage the State to establish a pooled fund of private resources to secure and steward lands.

The Sierra Club Foundation - \$50,000

For wilderness protection in Maine, including the 100 Mile Wilderness, a region stretching from Monson to Mount Katahdin in the heart of Maine, and for support of its efforts to organize community-based wilderness advocacy

Yale University School of Forestry and Environmental Studies - \$25,000

Support for "Forest Certification in the Northern Appalachians", a research initiative to assess the potential of Forest Stewardship Council (FSC) certification as a tool to restore and protect the ecological integrity of managed forests in the Northern Appalachians ecoregion

## **Merck Family Fund**

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[www.merckff.org](http://www.merckff.org)

*Summary:* The Fund's two program interests are Protecting the Natural Environment and Strengthening the Urban Community. The Natural Environment Program is defined by two priorities: protecting and restoring vital eastern U.S. ecosystems and promoting sustainable economic practices. Through the Eastern Ecosystem sub-focus of this program, the Fund seeks to support projects that share the following characteristics: recognize the need for and practice of sustainable forestry; include the support and participation of people living in or near the impacted area; and protect and preserve ecologically valuable land. The Northern Forest of Vermont, New Hampshire, and Maine is one of three eastern ecosystems where the fund concentrates its granting (Southern Appalachian spruce-fir and hardwood forests and southeastern coastal forests and wetlands of South Carolina are the other ecosystems).

*Annual budget:* over \$3 million; 80% of the giving is focused on the environment Eastern Ecosystem grants typically range from \$25,000-75,000, with the average nearer the lower end; multi-year grants are available.

### *Representative Northern Appalachian grants since 2003:*

Appalachian Mountain Club - \$225,000

A three-year grant in support of the Maine Woods Initiative.

Forest Society of Maine - \$165,000

A three-year grant to support the West Branch Campaign

Natural Resources Council of Maine - \$60,000

A two-year grant to protect Maine's North Woods through education and advocacy.

Manomet Center for Conservation Sciences - \$30,000

To support the identification and conservation of late-successional forests in northern New England.

Northern Forest Alliance - \$100,000

A two-year grant to support a campaign for public funding for conservation and community enhancement in the Northern Forest.

**Northern Forest Protection Fund (Open Space Institute)**

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<http://www.osiny.org/northernforest/home.asp>

*Summary:* The Fund is a grant- and loan-making program to support the purchase of critical forestlands in the Northern Forest. Its goal is to support the permanent protection of significant Northern Forest landscapes in order to promote sustainable forestry, protect ecosystems, and secure opportunities for public recreation. It was established as a \$12 million fund in 2000 with grants from the **Doris Duke Charitable Foundation** and the **Surdna Foundation**. The Fund assists land trusts in the purchase of land and conservation easements.

*Annual Budget:* awarded \$9.6 million from 2000 to 2004 in the form of 11 grants and 2 loans

*Representative Northern Appalachian grants since 2003:*

Forest Society of Maine – \$400,000

To implement phase one of its 329,000-acre West Branch Project that is designed to protect the headwaters of the Penobscot and St. John Rivers; purchase the 4,242-acre Big Spence Mountain, which includes areas of old growth forest

The Nature Conservancy – Maine chapter - \$1 million grant; \$2 million loan

To protect critical forestland adjacent to Baxter State Park

Trust for Public Land - \$500,000 grant and \$2.5 million loan

For the acquisition of the largest privately held tract in northern New Hampshire, totaling 171,500 acres (almost 3% of state)

The Nature Conservancy-New York Chapter - \$500,000

For the acquisition of the biologically rich Tug Hill area in northern New York state.

## **The Sudbury Foundation**

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Summary: The Foundation defines four program areas, including an Environment Program. This program focuses on two priorities: the Northern Forest of New York, Vermont, New Hampshire, and Maine; and Gulf of Maine fisheries and coastal communities. Specifically, this program supports projects that conserve and restore the productive capacity of these ecosystems while helping to build a better future for the people who depend on them. Because solutions developed with local input are often the most effective and enduring, the Foundation favors community-based efforts to conserve resources and enhance quality of life.

Annual budget: over \$1.5 million

Grants range in size from \$15,000-150,000; typical grant is ~\$25,000; multi-year grants are available.

Representative Northern Appalachian grants since 2003:

Appalachian Mountain Club - \$25,000

In support of community economic development that supports and exploits conservation goals, particularly the work of Businesses for the Northern Forest

Northern Forest Center - \$150,000

A three-year grant to increase the Center's capacity to build a public consensus to conserve and enhance the cultural, civic, economic, and ecological wealth of the Northern Forest

Residents' Committee to Protect the Adirondacks - \$15,000

In support of the Adirondack Park Sustainable Forestry Project to build a local wood products industry that uses certified, Adirondack-grown wood

Northern Forest Alliance - \$50,000

A two-year grant to support NFA's work to protect forestland and promote economic and community health in the Northern Forest

State of Maine, Department of Conservation - \$15,000

For a study to assess the regional economic impact of land conservation in the 100-Mile Wilderness Area of Maine.

## **Sweet Water Trust**

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[www.sweetwatertrust.org](http://www.sweetwatertrust.org)

*Summary:* The focus of the Trust's efforts is environmental preservation, with a specific focus on three program areas: Land Protection, Conservation Stewardship, and Wilderness Advocacy. The Conservation Stewardship program is designed to provide organizations with funding for necessary stewardship "tools" such as science/research and restoration efforts. The Wilderness Advocacy program has been temporarily closed in 2004-2005 and is under review. The Land Protection program's goal is to work with partners to help establish, enlarge, connect and restore core wild areas throughout New England, the Adirondack Region of New York, and contiguous areas of the Canadian provinces. The Trust is looking to fund a few large (10,000+ acre) landscape scale conservation projects in 2006 with support up to \$1 million as part of its Wild Lands, Wild Waters initiative, a subset of the Land Protection program.

*Annual budget:* over \$1 million

Grants are for up to \$10,000; Wild Lands, Wild Waters grants can be up to \$1 million over multiple years

*Representative Northern Appalachian grants since 2003:*

Lakes Region Conservation Trust - \$120,000

Support towards the acquisition of the 250-acre Sandwich Notch, one of the largest last inholdings of private land along the southern edge of the White Mountain National Forest and 371-acre Red Hill River Properties prime habitat near other conserved lands in the northern part of Squam Lake in Ossipee Region, Carroll County, NH

The Nature Conservancy of New York – \$500,000 (partial payment of multi-year grant)  
Toward the acquisition of the 15,500-acre Shingle Shanty Pond Tract, Long Lake and Webb townships, Hamilton County, New York, in the Forest Reserve of the Adirondacks on which a conservation easement running to Sweet Water Trust has been conveyed.

The Nature Conservancy of Maine - \$450,000

For continued support of the Conservation de la Nature for the acquisition of 10,000-acres of Mt. Sutton, Quebec, part of a regional strategy to establish a larger core preserve at Mt. Sutton and link with protected areas in the Green Mountains of Vermont. Much of this support generated a matching grant with another donor.

Society for the Protection of New Hampshire Forests - \$1,500

For support of the 2004 Eastern Old Growth Conference, comprehensive forum dedicated to the study and appreciation of ancient forests unique to eastern US and Canada.

The Nature Conservancy, Northeast Conservation Office - \$15,000  
For continued support of the Northern Appalachian Conservation Status Mapping  
Project, and for costs of a publication on Eastern Forest Reserves.

**Tier 2:**

**The Cabot Family Charitable Trust**

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[http://www.cabwel.com/cabot\\_home\\_page.htm](http://www.cabwel.com/cabot_home_page.htm)

Summary: The Trust maintains an Environment and Conservation program as one of five program areas. The Trust strives to “extend support to a wide array of programs and organizations that pertain to the problems of overpopulation in the world, environmental issues of New England, youth, and projects that represent volunteer efforts and educational interests of family members.” Support is primarily in the metropolitan Boston area, but can also expand to New England as a whole. The Trust has funded conservation efforts in the Northern Appalachian forest, although it has not been a priority.

Annual budget: \$2 million; Environment and Conservation budget: \$275,000  
Grants are generally made for 1 year and range in size from \$5,000 to \$50,000.

Representative Northern Appalachian grants since 2003:

The Nature Conservancy-Maine Chapter - \$40,000

Support for the Katahdin Forest Project

Maine Appalachian Trail Land Trust - \$10,000

Unspecified

Mt. Agamenticus to the Sea - \$7,000

Unspecified

Northern Forest Center - \$20,000

Operating support for advocacy, stewardship and coordinating activities in the Northern Forest region.

**The Falcon Charitable Foundation**

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*Damariscotta, ME 04543*

Summary: The Foundation's areas of interest are community, cultural activities and the arts, and the environment. Giving is focused geographically in the states of Maine and New York. The emphasis of the Environment Program appears to be land conservation in the Adirondacks and Maine. The Foundation supports both larger national/regional organizations (such as TNC-Maine) as well as local organizations. The Foundation grants to pre-selected organizations.

Annual budget: \$250,000; Environment budget: \$100,000  
Grants range from \$500 to \$40,000; typical grant is around \$5,000

Representative Northern Appalachian grants since 2003:

The Nature Conservancy-Maine chapter - \$20,000

Unrestricted contribution

Damariscotta Lake Watershed Association - \$40,000

Unspecified

Natural Resources Council of Maine - \$10,000

Unrestricted contribution

Medomak Valley Land Trust - \$22,000

Unrestricted contribution

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Summary: The Foundation seeks to "to provide financial assistance to nature and land conservation organizations which are community-based, which address specific environmental challenges, and which serve to elevate environmental awareness by involving local inhabitants in conservation issues." Within this general goal, the Foundation has four specific priorities: trail-making and other enhancement of public access to conservation lands, rivers, coastlines, and other natural resources; land acquisition for conservation; assistance in establishment of endowments as a means of funding stewardship of conservation areas; and related education programs and publications. The Foundation will also occasionally consider short-term loans to conservation groups for the purpose of acquiring conservation lands. The Foundation's geographic focus is New England.

Annual budget: around \$400,000

Typically grants range in size from \$2,000 to \$10,000; will also consider larger grants and multiple year grants

### Representative Northern Appalachian grants since 2003:

Damariscotta River Association - \$6,000

To support the acquisition of 54 acres of bog and upland at Marsh River Bog in Newcastle, Maine

Loon Echo Land Trust - \$12,000

Toward the acquisition of a portion of the Frenchman's Hole property in Bethel, Maine.

New England Forestry Foundation - \$10,000

Toward the protection by easement of the 1600-acre area encompassing Big Hill, Holt Mountain and Second Pond in Dedham and Lucerne, Maine

Society for the Protection of New Hampshire Forests - \$5,000

Toward the acquisition and protection of a 380-acre addition to the Yatsevitch Forest in Plainfield and Cornish, New Hampshire.

Trust for Public Land - \$8,000

Toward the acquisition of 1,000 acres of farm and forestland including 5 miles of frontage along the Merrimack River in Concord and Canterbury, New Hampshire.

## **The Fine Family Foundation**

*Contact: Carolyn Fine Friedman*

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*Newtonville, MA 02460*

Summary: The Foundation maintains an environmental interest as one of five granting programs. The emphasis of the Environment program is environmental health and wilderness conservation in the northeastern United States. Funding for conservation has been sporadic; no funding was awarded in this area in 2003. The geographic focus of the Environment program is on the states of New York, Massachusetts, Maine, and Vermont.

Annual budget: \$200,000; Environment budget: varies, but generally around \$50,000  
Grants range in size from \$1,500-15,000.

### Representative Northern Appalachian grants since 2003:

The Nature Conservancy, Maine Chapter - \$2,500

To support the mission of the Conservancy to preserve the plants, animals, and natural communities that represent the diversity of life on Earth by protecting the lands and waters they need to survive.

ForestWatch - \$13,500

To support general operating costs in the protection and restoration of young and old forests across New England

Northeast Wilderness Trust - \$6,500

For general support in efforts to preserve and restore forever-wild natural heritage landscapes in the Northeast

Two Countries, One Forest - \$7,500

To support the Science Synthesis Initiative of a team of scientists to address the need to protect and restore the rich ecological heritage of the Northern Appalachian region of the U.S. and Canada.

The Wildlands Project - \$12,500

To support a scientific study entitled "Carnivorous Restoration in the Northeast U.S. and Southeast Canada." Subtitle, "A Regional Scale Analysis of Habitat and Population Viability for Wolf, Lynx, and Marten."

**Gilbert & Ildiko Butler Foundation**

*Contact: Gilbert Butler – Director*

*745 5th Avenue, Suite 1702*

*New York, NY 01051*

Summary: The Foundation’s many interests include natural resource and wildlife conservation. Specific program descriptions are not available, but the Foundation’s environmental work supports land conservation, river and wildlife protection, and parks and botanical gardens. Activity in the Northern Appalachians, with particular interests in the Adirondacks and Maine, is evident in previous grantee lists. Of note, the Foundation’s assets have grown substantially in the last few years (giving has risen as well).

Annual budget: ~ \$2 million

Grant range: \$1,000 to \$400,000; average ~\$10,000; supports annual campaigns and projects

Representative Northern Appalachian grants since 2003:

Forest Society of Maine - \$50,000

Unspecified

Adirondack Nature Conservancy - \$70,000

Unspecified

Society for Preservation of New Hampshire Forests - \$2,000

Unspecified

The Nature Conservancy-Maine chapter – \$130,533

Unspecified

Monadnock Conservancy - \$7,000

Unspecified

## **The Horizon Foundation**

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Summary: The Horizon Foundation supports “non-profit organizations that affect positive change among children, the adults who work with them, and the communities in which they live.” It supports projects and organizations that “teach respect and care for the natural environment, encourage an appreciation and understanding of the significance of the arts and history, and promote leadership skills.” The Environment program has a primary interest in environmental education, but it also supports two types of conservation initiatives: efforts to encourage collaboration among and/or merging of land trusts, watershed associations, and other non-profit organizations focused on land conservation and stewardship (support of \$10,000-25,000 available); and efforts to use a smart-growth approach to eliminate sprawl through diverse collaborations (support of \$20,000-30,000 available). The geographic range of interest for this Foundation covers specific counties in New Jersey (Mercer County), Massachusetts (Barnstable and Essex Counties), and Maine (Cumberland, Franklin, Lincoln, and York Counties).

Annual budget: \$300,000

Grants range in size from \$5,000-30,000. Multiyear grants are considered; many grants are for one-time projects

Representative Northern Appalachian grants since 2003:

Mt. Agamenticus to the Sea - \$12,000

To support Combating Sprawl in the Mt. Agamenticus to the Sea project

Open Space Institute - \$12,500

To support an economic assessment of Plum Creek’s proposed development in Maine’s Moosehead Lake Region

Friends of the Royal River (ME) - \$8,000

To aid in paying legal fees associated with mergers of land trusts.

Trust for Public Land - \$10,000

To support the Conserving Maine’s Southern Coast project

**Ittleson Foundation, Inc**

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[www.ittlesonfoundation.org](http://www.ittlesonfoundation.org)

Summary: The Foundation administers an Environment program as one of three program areas. The Foundation is attracted to projects “of national scope, or significance beyond the local area of implementation. Projects should result in a product or outcome of some consequence in the real world.” The Environment program supports “innovative pilot, model, and demonstration projects that will help move individuals, communities, and organizations move from environmental awareness to environmental activism by changing attitudes and behaviors.” More specifically, the foundation seeks to: support the present generation of environmental activists, whether professionals or volunteers through education, training and other activities; educate and engage the next generation of environmentalists with a special interest in supporting the training of those who are teaching that generation; strengthen the infrastructure of the environmental movement with a particular focus on efforts at the grassroots and statewide levels; and activate new constituencies, particularly those focused on environmental equity issues. Grants are given nationally, and only a few environmental grants are made each year (3 to 8).

Annual budget: ~\$700,000; Environment receives around 20%  
Grants range in size from \$1,000-60,000; average around \$40,000

Representative Northern Appalachian grants since 2003:

Center for Whole Communities (VT) - \$40,000

Seed funding to rollout the Center’s new cutting-edge model land conservation measurement and evaluation tool, Measures of Health.

Shelbrune Farms (VT) - \$40,000 (multiyear grant)

To develop and disseminate a model environmental education program for use in schools located near public forest lands to utilize these natural resources as effective teaching tools for increasing environmental understanding and to create an informed future constituency to insure long-term forest stewardship.

Trust for Public Land - \$40,000 (multiyear grant)

Seed funding for their National Tribal Lands Program to launch a national land conservation movement among American Indian tribes. A national staff will be put in place to increase the protection of these lands through education, technical assistance to tribes, research and development of land protection strategies that work for tribes.

## **Jane's Trust**

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*Summary:* The Hemenway & Barnes law firm administers this Trust. An Environment program exists as one of four program areas. This program aims to protect and enhance the natural environment and to conserve natural resources in northern New England (MA, VT, NH, ME) and Florida. The Trust hopes to make meaningful and innovative contributions to protection of critical or historically significant rural and urban natural resources, and have a beneficial impact on the quality of life for underserved populations. Previous giving patterns show an interest in Northern Appalachian conservation.

*Annual budget:* \$9 million over all programs (annual program budgets not pre-determined)

Minimum grant is \$50,000; larger grants up to \$1 million dollars; multiple year grants are considered.

### *Representative Northern Appalachian grants since 2003:*

Mt. Agamenticus to the Seas Conservation Initiative - \$100,000

Endowment support for a stewardship endowment to support the York Land Trust, Kittery Land Trust, and Great Works Land Trust to care for newly protected lands in the project area.

Open Space Institute - \$5,000

To convene conservation planners, land trusts, public officials and other leaders in the Northern Forest to review conservation successes, future priorities, and gaps in funding and capacity.

Quebec-Labrador Foundation - \$165,000

A two-year grant to assist rural communities in acquiring, managing, and owning forestland as a community asset

Vermont Land Trust - \$50,000

Operating support to complete land conservation projects, steward conservation easements, support community conservation planning and address land policy issues/

**Jessie B. Cox Charitable Trust**

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*Hemenway & Barnes*

*60 State St.*

*Boston, MA 02109*

<http://hemewaybarnes.com/selectsrv/jbcox/cox.html>

Summary: The Hemenway & Barnes Law Firm administers the Trust. Specific fields of interest include health, education, environment, and development of philanthropy in New England. The Environment program’s goal is to protect the natural and urban environment, and conserve the natural resources of New England. The stated interests include protection of critical natural resources; energy conservation; public awareness of critical environmental issues facing region; and protection of public health, particularly in low-income and minority communities.

Annual budget: \$3 million

Typical grants range in size from \$25,000-50,000; multiyear grants are available

Representative grants in the Northern Appalachians since 2003:

Downeast Lakes Land Trust - \$40,000

To support education, research, and stewardship of the Farm Cove Community Forest.

Vermont Smart Growth Collaborative - \$45,000

To advance policy, education, and community strategies to reduce sprawl and achieve smart growth in Vermont.

GrowSmart Maine - \$50,000

The Smart Growth Model Towns project, to assist towns in southern Maine in developing smart growth plans and ordinances.

New Hampshire Charitable Foundation - \$37,500 (year 2 of a 2 year grant)

Livable New Hampshire Project, an initiative to promote smart growth in New Hampshire, focused on public policy and grassroots activity in public health, affordable housing, conservation and business sectors.

**The J.M. Kaplan Fund, Inc.**

*Contact: Conn Nugent – Executive Director*

212-767-0630

261 Madison Avenue, 19<sup>th</sup> Floor

New York, NY 10016

[www.jmkfund.org](http://www.jmkfund.org)

Summary: The Fund carries an Environment interest as one of three program areas. A major component of the Environment program is the protection of Cross-Border Ecosystems in North America. Within this interest, the Fund supports work in the Gulf of Maine (other ecosystems: Northern Plains, Chihuahuan Desert, Northwest Caribbean, and Mesoamerican Forest). The focus is on including both wilderness reserves and working landscapes. Two types of grants are available: discretionary and common. Discretionary grants are trustee-initiated, comprise approximately two-fifths of the granting budget, and are focused specifically on New York City and state. Common grants are awarded in geographic interests of New York, North America, and worldwide, in all three specific interest areas.

Annual budget: \$3 million for Environment (45% of total)

Grants range: \$2,000-250,000; typically

Representative Northern Appalachian grants since 2003:

Columbia (Chatham, NY) Land Conservancy

\$3,000

General support

Open Space Institute

\$7,500

General support

Conservation Law Foundation

\$150,000

Marine Ecosystem Management spanning the Gulf of Maine and the Canadian Scotian Shelf

## **L.L. Bean Corporate Giving Program**

*Community Relations Office*

*Casco Street*

*Freeport, ME 04033*

[http://www.llbean.com/customerService/aboutLLBean/charitable\\_giving.html](http://www.llbean.com/customerService/aboutLLBean/charitable_giving.html)

*Summary:* The Program has interests in the following areas: conservation and recreation, education, health and human services, and culture and the arts. The conservation and recreation program has emerged as the primary focus of the Program, with a specific interest in supporting local, regional, state, and national organizations active in the conservation of natural resources. Priority is given to projects that enhance outdoor activities that the company markets.

*Annual budget:* \$600,000 for conservation (\$3 million over 5 years)

*Representative Northern Appalachian grants since 2003:*

Downeast Lakes Forestry Partnership – Unspecified amount

To support the efforts of the Downeast Lakes Forestry Partnership as they seek to protect some of Maine's most ecologically valuable land.

Forest Society of Maine – Unspecified amount

To help complete the acquisition of the 329,000-acre West Branch project, which includes the headwaters of the St. John and Penobscot Rivers, and is the largest contiguous block of land ever conserved in Maine.

Appalachian Mountain Club – Unspecified amount

Supported the Maine Woods Initiative which, when completed, will protect over 100,000 acres of land and provide a 150-mile four-season hut-to-hut trail system in Maine.

Maine Appalachian Trail Land Trust – Unspecified amount

To protect not just the trail itself, but also the land that surrounds the A.T. corridor.

**New Hampshire Charitable Foundation**

(603) 225-6641

37 Pleasant Street

Concord, NH 03301

[www.nhcf.org](http://www.nhcf.org)

Summary: This is a statewide Community Foundation that pools resources from over one thousand component funds. Thus, this Foundation is a collection of diverse donors, interests, and purposes, but broad areas of interest include: Arts & Humanities, Education, Environment, Health, Human Services, Public/Society Benefit, and Student Aid. No overarching program priorities exist, and the giving is divided into seven regions (contact names): Lakes (Linda Gray), Manchester (Ellie Cochran), Monadnock (Beth Healy), Nashua (Ellie Cochran), North Country (Linda Gray), Piscataqua (Peter Lamb), and Upper Valley (Kevin Peterson). Priorities are determined at the regional level, but there is a history of landscape conservation funding throughout this Foundation.

Annual budget: over \$3 million

Representative Northern Appalachian grants since 2003:

Lakes Region Conservation Trust - \$110,000

Unspecified

The Northern Forest Center - \$20,000

Unspecified

Upper Valley Land Trust - \$250,000

Unspecified

York Land Trust - \$1,000

Unspecified

**Norcross Wildlife Foundation, Inc**

*Contact: Richard Reagan - President*

*(212) 362-4831*

*Caller Box 611, P.O. Box 0414*

*Planetarium Station*

*New York, NY 10029*

<http://www.norcrossws.org/>

Summary: The interests of the Foundation include: protecting, enhancing, and expanding habitat for wildlife at the Norcross Wildlife Sanctuary; protecting wild land wherever it is threatened; propagating, establishing, restoring, and maintaining populations of threatened and endangered plants native to New England; providing the public with education programs in natural and environmental science; and supporting the activities of the national and international constituency of not-for-profit wildlife conservation organizations. This Foundation provides grants almost entirely for the procurement of equipment (such as computers, printers, office supplies, etc). While grants occasionally are given nationally and internationally, the primary geographic interest is the East Coast of the United States.

Annual budget: ~\$1 million

Maximum grant request is \$10,000

Representative Northern Appalachian grants since 2003:

Downeast Lakes Land Trust-\$5,000

Basic office equipment

Hudsonia Ltd. - \$4,000

Plotter for printing large-format maps and educational posters

Rangeley Lakes Heritage Trust -\$4,500

Purchase a computer and projector for program use

## **The Orchard Foundation**

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(207) 799-0686

P.O. Box 2587

South Portland, ME 04116

<http://www.orchardfoundation.org/>

Summary: The Foundation's three program areas are environment; children, youth, and families; and campaign finance reform. The Foundation is active in New England and New York. The onus of the Environment program is advocacy: "principally legal, governmental agencies, and administrative process participation advocacy projects are strongly encouraged and given preference." This Foundation does support advocacy projects relating to biodiversity, forests, and fresh and coastal waters. Other interests are air quality, climate change, toxic substances, and pollution prevention. Note: office is typically closed June-August.

Annual budget: \$1 million

Grants range in size from \$3,000 to \$15,000 for one-year grants; multi-year grants can be awarded as well; funding typically to support specific projects.

Representative Northern Appalachian grants since 2003:

Northern Forest Alliance - \$10,000

Northern Forest public funding initiative

Residents' Committee to Protect the Adirondacks - \$5,000 (partial payment of multi-year grant)

Stop ATV abuse of the Adirondack Forest Preserve

Sierra Club Foundation F/B/O Maine Woods Campaign - \$10,000

Maine Woods Campaign

ForestWatch - \$15,000 (partial payment of multi-year grant)

Protecting New England's forests from acid deposition and harmful logging practices

**The Overhills Foundation**

*c/o MGF Mgmt., Inc.  
P.O. Box 5315, FDR Station  
New York, NY 10150*

Summary: The primary funding for this Foundation is for nature conservancies and the environment. The principal geographic extent is the state of New York, but organizations are also funded in New Hampshire and Maine. Specific program descriptions have not been published.

Annual budget: \$600,000  
Grants range from \$1,000-35,000; average around \$10,000-12,000.

Representative Northern Appalachian grants since 2003:

Adirondack Nature Conservancy - \$10,000  
Conservation work

Appalachian Mountain Club - \$20,000  
Northern Forest Campaign

The Nature Conservancy-Maine chapter - \$20,000  
Leveraging conservation in the Northern Forest

Trust for Public Land - \$15,000  
Conserving community vitality – Northern Forest

Natural Resources Council - \$10,000  
Protecting Allagash Wilderness and undeveloped core Maine’s North Woods

Residents’ Committee to Protect the Adirondacks - \$2,500  
Impact of growth in the Adirondack Park

**The Roy A. Hunt Foundation**

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(412) 255-0522

*One Bigelow Square, Suite 630*

*Pittsburgh, PA 15219*

[www.rahuntfdn.org](http://www.rahuntfdn.org)

Summary: An environment/conservation program area exists as one of the Foundation's eight core programs. The mission of this program is to facilitate protection and conservation of natural resources and healthy ecosystems by supporting sustainable solutions to root causes of environmental damage. Four priorities exist: smart growth and land management (with a subset of forest management); environmental education and research and strengthening the environmental community; watersheds and conservation of fresh water ecosystems in North America; and climate and atmosphere. Grants are awarded at the national level.

Annual budget: over \$3 million; Environment/conservation budget: \$300,000-500,000. Grants made in the special initiative program range from \$25,000-\$50,000 (will be a forest focus here); general program grants range from \$2,000-\$15,000.

Representative Northern Appalachian grants since 2003:

Monadnock Conservancy - \$7,500

General operating support

Mt. Agamenticus to the Sea - \$5,000

General operating support

Society for the Protection of New Hampshire Forests - \$2,000

General operating support

Rainforest Alliance - \$25,000

LINC Forest Partnership to improve the practice of forest management and promote sustainable forestry certification in the Northern Forests of New England.

## **Surdna Foundation**

*Contact: Hooper L. Brooks – Program Director for Environment*

*(212) 447-0010*

*330 Madison Avenue, 30<sup>th</sup> Floor*

*New York, NY 10017*

*<http://www.surdna.org/>*

*Summary:* The Foundation's Environment program aims to prevent irreversible damage to the environment while also promoting more efficient, economically sound, environmentally beneficial, and equitable use of the land. Four focus areas exist: Biological Diversity and the Human Communities that depend on it; Realigning Human and Natural Systems; Transportation and Urban/Suburban Land Use; and Energy. A primary focus of the Biological Diversity program is forest, marine, and freshwater ecosystems. This program seeks to promote effective resource management strategies including market-based approaches that ensure species preservation; translate scientific concerns and findings into public policy; promote public policies that ensure species preservation; and create programs that raise broad public awareness of these issues. Further, the Foundation has exhibited its interest in land conservation in the Northern Appalachians with its support of OSI's Northern Forest Protection Fund.

*Annual budget:* \$30 million; Environment budget: \$6 to \$7 million  
Environment grants range in size from \$40,000 to \$300,000.

### *Representative Northern Appalachian grants since 2003:*

Appalachian Mountain Club - \$220,000 for three years

Support to the Northern Forest Alliance for its work to promote forest certification and to ensure high quality working forest easements as part of the conservation deals currently being executed in the Northern Forest.

Trust for Public Land - \$290,000 for two years

For a project to help communities take a proactive approach to open space protection that will produce major conservation impacts over large, complex landscapes that span many different political jurisdictions and geographies.

Northern Forest Center - \$100,000

To advance a regional strategy for sustainable development and conservation in the Northern Forest through a region-wide economic strategy, supportive federal policy and funding, and national partnerships with like-minded organizations

**William P. Wharton Trust**

*c/o Choate, Hall & Stewart  
(617) 248-5255  
Exchange Place 36<sup>th</sup> Floor  
53 State Street  
Boston, MA 02110*

Summary: The Trust's purpose is directly promoting the conservation, study, and appreciation of nature. Specifically, it seeks to preserve natural areas in Massachusetts and New England, including acquisitions of land for conservation purposes; promote management techniques designed to improve environmental quality and species diversity; support applied bird and forestry research and management; and create materials or projects designed to foster an appreciation of and a concern for wildlife and natural systems. Under these guidelines and without making it a priority, the Trust has been active in land and forest conservation in northern New England.

Annual budget: \$200,000  
Grants range in size from \$2,000 to \$15,000; average ~\$5,000-10,000

Representative Northern Appalachian grants since 2003:

Downeast Lakes Forestry Partnership - \$7,500  
Acquisition of the 17,080 acre Farm Cove Community Forest by DLLT and purchase of NEFF of a no-development, sustainable forestry, conservation easement of 312,000 adjacent acres

Middlebury Area Land Trust - \$10,000  
Acquisition of land in Middlebury, Vermont

Nova Scotia Nature Trust - \$12,000  
Acquisition of Gillgillan Lake property

Northeast Wilderness Trust - \$5,000  
Support of land conservation projects

Scarborough Land Conservation Trust - \$7,5000  
To support the acquisition of the Meserve Family Farm in Scarborough

Forest Society of Maine - \$5,000  
West Branch Campaign

Hubbard Brook Research Foundation - \$10,000  
Acquiring land surrounding Mirror Lake

**Tier 3:**

**The David Rockefeller Fund, Inc**

*Contact: Marnie S. Pillsbury – Executive Director*

*212-649-5600*

*30 Rockefeller Plaza, Room 5600*

*New York, NY 10112*

Summary: The Fund's granting is primarily for conservation and historic preservation, community services, and health services; minor support is also available for the arts, local fire departments, and recreation. Granting is generally geographically focused on Mt. Desert Island (ME) and the counties of Westchester and Columbia in New York. Support from this fund is very specifically focused at the local level in selected counties.

Annual budget: over \$4 million; Environment program: \$500,000

Grants range in size from \$500 to \$50,000; typically \$5,000-25,000

Representative Northern Appalachian grants since 2003:

Fiends of Acadia- \$1,000

Unspecified

Maine Coast Heritage Trust - \$15,000

Unspecified

The Nature Conservancy, Maine Chapter - \$2,500

Unspecified

Gulf of Maine Research Institute - \$30,000

Unspecified

Scenic Hudson, Inc - \$5,000

Unspecified

**The Elmina B. Sewall Foundation**

*c/o Halsey Associates*

*(203) 772-0740*

*234 Church St., Rm. 1003*

*New Haven, CT 06510*

Summary: The Foundation has a wide range of interests that include conservation and particularly land preservation in Maine. The Foundation supports pre-selected organizations, and specific program descriptions have not been published.

Annual budget: over \$1 million; Environment Program: \$250,000

Grants range from \$5,000-60,000; average around \$10,000

Representative Northern Appalachian grants since 2003:

Kennebunk Land Trust - \$60,000

General purpose

Maine Audubon Society - \$30,000

General Purpose

**Lennox Foundation**

*1114 State St. Ste.200*

*Santa Barbara, CA 93101*

Summary: The Foundation primarily gives grants for land conservation, human services, education, health, and arts and culture. Its geographic focus is in the states of Maine, California, Iowa, and Texas. Grantee lists for its conservation program are consistent from year-to-year. The Foundation grants to pre-selected organizations as dictated by the interests and activities of the family members.

Annual budget: \$1 million; Environment budget: \$300,000.

Grants range in size from \$10,000 to \$100,000; typically in the \$25,000 to \$50,000 range

Representative Northern Appalachian grants since 2003:

The Nature Conservancy-Maine Chapter - \$60,000

Unspecified

Maine Audubon Society - \$50,000

Unspecified

**Libra Foundation**

*Contact: Owen Wells – President and CEO*

*(207) 879-2680*

*Three Canal Plaza*

*P.O. Box 17516-DTS*

*Portland, ME 04112*

[www.librafoundation.org](http://www.librafoundation.org)

Summary: This foundation primarily grants in the following categories: arts and culture, science, recreation and sports, human services, education, environment, and public/society benefit. The Foundation gives within the state of Maine. Only 40 grants have been awarded in the Environment program area since 1989.

Annual budget: widely various but typically \$10-20 million (environment \$50,000-200,000)

Grant Size: \$5,000-\$150,000

Representative Northern Appalachian grants since 2003:

York Land Trust

\$25,000

To protect significant lands in southern Maine through the Mt. Agamenticus to the Sea Conservation Initiative.

Island Institute

\$150,000

Protecting Maine's working waterfronts and sustaining island communities

Lakes Environmental Association

\$63,000

To address Maine's growing milfoil problem

## **The Prospect Hill Foundation**

*Contact: Laura Callanan – Executive Director*

*(212) 370-1165*

*99 Park Avenue, Suite 2220*

*New York, NY 10016*

<http://fdncenter.org/grantmaker/prospecthill/>

Summary: The Foundation's mission is to advance the human experience while ensuring the well-being of the earth. Three program interests exist: environment, nuclear nonproliferation, and reproductive health/rights. The Environment Program has two specific interests: support of conservation strategies that protect natural systems, and the improvement of air quality for the benefit of human and ecological health. The geographic focus of the Foundation is the United States, with a particular interest in southern New England, New York, and New Jersey. While the interests of this Foundation are generally south of the Northern Appalachian ecosystem, it does occasionally support work in Northern New York.

Annual budget: around \$3 million (30% goes to Environment)

Grant Size: \$10,000-200,000; typically \$20,000-50,000; multi-year grants available

### Representative Northern Appalachian grants since 2003:

The Adirondack Council, Inc - \$50,000

Toward the Forever Wild capital campaign

The Wilderness Society - \$12,500

Toward the Northern Forest Campaign

Columbia Land Conservancy - \$10,000

Toward the cost of planning and implementing three new public conservation areas

**Robert & Patricia Switzer Foundation**

*Contact: Lissa Widoff – Executive Director*

*(207) 338-5654*

*P.O. Box 293*

*Belfast, ME 04915*

<http://www.switzernetwork.org/>

Summary: The purpose of this Foundation is to identify and nurture environmental leaders. Thus, the Foundation operates two programs: a Fellowship Program and a Leadership Program. The Fellowship Program provides a one-year fellowship to masters or Ph.D level students studying in New England or California (administered in N.E. by the NH Charitable Foundation). The goal is to engage highly qualified students with a ‘strong commitment to the applied side of environmental science.’ Ten fellowships are awarded annually to students in New England. The Leadership Program was created to provide support to implement projects designed collaboratively by Switzer Fellows and environmental organizations. One-year grants to organizations are typically available from \$3,000-20,000, but multi-year grants of up to \$75,000 can be awarded.

Annual budget: ~\$500,000

Representative Northern Appalachian grants since 2003:

Two Countries, One Forest - \$40,000.

To hire Rob Baldwin on a one-year contractual basis to provide build-out analysis and future trends modeling for the Northern Forest region. The purpose of this is to inform landscape-scale conservation initiatives and forest conservation planning and policy in the region.

## **The Rockefeller Brothers Fund**

*Contact: Michael Northrop – Program Officer, Sustainable Development*

212-812-4200

437 Madison Avenue, 37<sup>th</sup> Floor

New York, NY 10022

[www.rbf.org](http://www.rbf.org)

Summary: The Fund maintains a sustainable development program as one of its six program areas. This sustainable development program, through which environmental grants are given, has two primary interests of combating global warming and protecting/conserving ecosystems and biodiversity. One particular strategy of this ecosystems and biodiversity focus is the promotion of sustainable forest management practices that maintain healthy forest ecosystems and protect communities that are culturally and economically dependent on them throughout the world. The Fund grants on a world scale and the Northern Appalachian ecosystem has received limited attention from this program.

Annual budget: over \$20 million; Sustainable development budget: ~\$3million

Representative Grants in the Northern Appalachians since 2003:

Residents' Committee to Protect the Adirondacks - \$50,000 over two years

For its efforts to certify private forest lands

**Singleton Family Foundation**

*94 Mastro Drive*

*Franklin, MA 02038*

Summary: This Foundation has interests in youth, medical research, and the environment. As part of the Environment program, it has a specific interest in the Protection of Maine Woods program. However, the size of the Foundation's budget limits its ability to actively pursue new collaborations and funding opportunities. This is highlighted in previous grantee lists, which are consistent from year to year for this Maine Woods Program. Thus, the Foundation is included here, rather than in one of the above categories.

Annual budget: \$12,000; Protection of Maine Woods budget: \$2,000 or less  
Grants range from \$100-2,000; typically around \$500.

Representative Northern Appalachian grants since 2003:

Forest Society of Maine - \$1,000

Unspecified

Appalachian Mountain Club-Maine chapter - \$500

Unspecified

**The Wapack Foundation**

(617) 523-6800

*c/o Nichols and Pratt*

*50 Congress Street*

*Boston, MA 02109*

Summary: The primary program areas of this Foundation are higher education and the environment, with a geographic focus primarily on Massachusetts. Specific program descriptions have not been published to define these interests. However, previous grantee lists suggest that the Foundation does occasionally expand its granting into Massachusetts' northern neighboring states.

Annual budget: \$80,000

Grants range in size from \$1,000-10,000; typically around \$5,000

Representative Northern Appalachian grants since 2003:

Manomet Center for Conservation Sciences - \$5,000

Unspecified

New England Forestry Foundation - \$5,000

Unspecified

The Northern Forest Center - \$1,000

Unspecified



## Canadian Funders

### Tier 1:

#### **George Cedric Metcalf Charitable Foundation**

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[www.metcalffoundation.com](http://www.metcalffoundation.com)

*Summary:* The Foundation's three program areas are performing arts, environment, and community. The Environment program is designed to ensure the ecological health and integrity of Canada's natural and working lands in three regions: Boreal Forests, Southern Ontario, and the Northern Appalachians. The foundation pursues three core themes – dynamic leadership, integrated thinking, and new ideas and practice – through two interrelated program components: Healthy Lands and Leaders in the Field. The goal of the Northern Appalachian program is to cultivate long-term solutions – that will benefit both land and people – to the issue of human use of ecosystems and landscape.

*Annual budget:* over \$3 million; Environment budget: 30% of total  
Grants typically range from \$25,000 to \$100,000; multi-year grants are considered.

#### *Representative Northern Appalachian grants since 2003:*

Canadian Parks and Wilderness Society - \$15,000 (partial payment of a multi-year grant)  
To research, write, and publish a guide to the Ecological Restoration of Old-Growth Forests providing a tool for habitat conservation and enhance for the entire Appalachian/Acadian eco-region.

Ecology Action Centre - \$74,000 (partial payment of a multi-year grant)  
Support for its efforts to secure and promote the protection of Nova Scotia's Acadian Forest through scientific research, public education, management plan review, and coalition activities.

Nature Conservancy of Canada - \$50,000  
To enhance scientific understanding of biodiversity and landscape conservation through the "Northern Appalachian Ecological Status and Trends Series" in partnership with 2C1Forest.

Canadian Parks and Wilderness Society - \$30,000  
To support a collaborative effort with the New Brunswick Protected Areas Coalition to develop a conservation plan that will contribute to an emerging bi-national vision for the Appalachian/Acadian eco-region.

University of New Brunswick - \$40,000 (partial payment of a multi-year grant)

To support the landscape-level Woodlot Conservation Project aimed at developing tools for private landowners to participate in large-scale conservation planning in southeastern New Brunswick.

## **Tier 2**

### **EJLB Foundation**

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*1350 Sherbrooke Street W Suite 1050*

*Montreal, Quebec H3G 1J1*

[www.ejlb.qc.ca](http://www.ejlb.qc.ca)

Summary: The three program interests of the Foundation are neuroscience medical and scientific research related to schizophrenia and mental illness; community organizations, particularly those aiding persons with mental health problems; and the protection of the environment. The Environment program has two principal interests: the acquisition and preservation of natural areas of ecological significance or of importance to the urban landscape throughout Canada; and environmental scientific research in Canadian universities. Geographically, the Foundation's interests are predominantly in Eastern Canada, and specifically in the Maritime Provinces.

Annual budget: \$6-7 million; Environment: around \$2 million

Grant size not provided, but gives over 100 environmental grants a year

#### Representative Northern Appalachian grants since 2003:

Centre d'interprétation du milieu écologique du Haut-Richelieu

For the protection of the St. Gregoire Mountain and the 465-hectare St. Gregoire Great Woods, two major forested areas of the Richelieu Plain

Ecology Action Centre

For the promotion of sustainable forestry, the reduction of clear cutting and the protection of environmentally sensitive wilderness areas and habitats in Nova Scotia.

Meduxnekeag River Association

For the acquisition and protection of the 50-acre Bell Forest, near Jackson Falls, New Brunswick, with two kilometers of shoreline on the Meduxnekeag River.

The Nature Trust of New Brunswick

For the acquisition and protection of two properties totaling 119 acres located on Long Island in the Kenebecassis River across from the Town of Rothesay, New Brunswick.

The Nova Scotia Nature Trust

For the acquisition and protection of Shelter Cover, a 145-acre coastal wilderness property located north of Halifax.

**Fondation De La Faune Du Quebec**

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Sainte-Foy, Quebec G1V 4P1

<http://www.fondationdelafaune.qc.ca/>

Summary: The mission of this organization is to safeguard habitat and maintain the biodiversity of Quebec. Created by the government of Quebec and operated within the Ministry of Natural Resources and Wildlife (although with an independent budget), this organization has an assistance program, through which it provides financial assistance to conservation and wildlife habitat development projects. Specific funding programs are: wildlife habitat protection; aquatic habitat quality; wildlife habitat research and education; imperiled wildlife; youth fishing; protection of forest wetlands on private land; and forest and wildlife development plans. The organization subsidizes some 400 projects annually within these programs. Further, its Protected Sites initiative finances conservation agencies to purchase endangered exceptional wildlife habitat on public lands.

Annual budget: just under \$2 million (\$7.5 million in grants in the assistance program since 2002).

Representative Northern Appalachian grants since 2003:

(Note: these are all from the Protected Sites initiative)

Fondation marécages Memphrémagog Inc - \$21,800

To purchase 16 hectares of land, protecting the McTavish Marsh, located east of the Lake Memphrémagog in southern Quebec.

Fondation De La Faune Du Quebec - \$86,800

To directly purchase and protect 550 wooded hectares of land along the Large River on Gaspé Peninsula of Quebec.

Conservation de la nature-région du Québec - \$4,975

To purchase half a hectare of land at the Vermont-Quebec border on the shores of Lake Champlain, protecting the Chapman Bay and crucial tortoise habitat

**Fondation Hydro-Quebec pour l'environnement**

*Contact: Catherine Leconte – Executive Director*

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*75 Boulevard Rene-Levesque Ouest, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor*

*Montreal, Quebec H2Z 1A4*

[http://www.hydroquebec.com/fondation\\_environnement/en/index.html](http://www.hydroquebec.com/fondation_environnement/en/index.html)

Summary: This Foundation is the corporate giving branch of the Canadian energy company Hydro-Quebec. The Foundation seeks to support “concrete initiatives that have positive environmental and social impacts and that serve the interests of local communities throughout Québec.” Specifically, it aims to protect, restore, and enhance natural habitats while also educating target audiences about local environmental issues.

Annual budget: \$1 million, spread over 10 to 15 grants typically

Representative Northern Appalachian grants since 2003:

Société de gestion des ressources du Bas-Saint-Laurent - \$16,500

To enhance the main tributaries to Lake Mistigougeche on the Gaspé Peninsula of Quebec

Regroupement des associations pour la protection de l'environnement des lacs et cours d'eau de l'Estrie et du haut bassin de la rivière Saint-François (RAPPEL) - \$60,000

To allow RAPPEL, an umbrella organization of some 60 waterfront associations around the Eastern Townships along the Saint-François River in southern Quebec, to redesign its program by offering innovative solutions that give waterfront landowners greater incentive to plant vegetation along banks, in order to combat erosion, reduce silting and filter out polluting and fertilizing matter.

Société de conservation du corridor naturel de la rivière au Saumon - \$48,000

To support voluntary conservation through private stewardship of the natural corridor of the Rivière au Saumon, reaching from the Mount Orford provincial park to the south and as far north as Kingsbury on the Saint-François River. This large area covers 290 km<sup>2</sup> and has seen little fragmentation due to human activity.

Club des ornithologues de la Gaspésie and Nature Conservancy of Canada - \$200,000

To support negotiations with the landowners of the Malbaie Bay and the Barachois de Malbaie region to create a private natural reserve covering 140 ha and protects wetlands, aquatic habitats and forest ecosystems

## **The Greater Saint John Community Foundation**

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Summary: This Community Foundation partnered with the J.W. McConnell Family Foundation in 2003 to launch an environment program, the goal of which is to strengthen the community's capacity for realizing environmental change. This marks a new direction for the Community Foundation, which had previously not shown interest in environmental efforts. One of the goals of this partnership is to establish a permanent fund (endowed with a minimum of \$100,000) in the Community Foundation to continue to provide support for ongoing local environmental projects. No specific descriptions of priorities have been published yet, but funds are available for environmental work in the Saint John area.

Annual budget: \$25,000 for this new Environment program  
Grants range in size from \$2,000 to \$5,000.

### Representative Northern Appalachian grants since 2003:

Pascobac Centre - \$2,000

Development of community Interpretative Hiking Trail System on 63 acre shorefront property on Belleisle, part of a Sustainable Development plan

Nature Conservancy Canada - \$5,000

Contribution to purchase environmentally significant land for conservation in Bay of Fundy estuary, Musquash

Nature Trust of New Brunswick - \$2,000

Production of promotional material to support conservation and land purchases for Long Island Conservation project

**RBC Foundation**

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[www.rbc.com/community](http://www.rbc.com/community)

Summary: This Foundation is the corporate giving branch of the Royal Bank of Canada (RBC) Financial Group. The Group is committed to donating at least 1% of profits to charity each year through the Imagine program. The primary philanthropic interests are youth, education, and amateur sport, but the Group also supports “local and international environmental charities that contribute to enhancing Canadians’ quality of life.” The emphasis is on effective use and management of natural resources. There are no published priorities beyond this, and funding is spread throughout Canada; United States organizations are eligible as well.

Annual budget: at least 1% of profits (around \$40 million in 2004); Environment program: around \$300,000

Grants range in size from \$3,000 to \$100,000 for Environment Program

Representative Northern Appalachian grants since 2003:

Nature Conservancy of Canada - \$100,000

The “Campaign for Conservation” aims to set the agenda for conservation in Canada significantly advancing conservation at over 50 of Canada’s most ecologically important sites, continuing to develop leading-edge scientific techniques, ensuring the long-term stewardship of our protected places, and expanding the National Land Conservation Fund, to allow the purchase of sites that require immediate action.

Atlantic Salmon Federation - \$10,000

This donation was used to support an international non-profit organization that promotes the conservation and wise management of the wild Atlantic salmon and its environment.

## **The Richard Ivey Foundation**

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[www.ivey.org](http://www.ivey.org)

Summary: The Foundation's broad areas of interest are environment, health care, and arts and culture; the Foundation maintains one focused granting program: conserving Canada's forests. The goal of this specific program is twofold: increase the amount of protected forest ecosystem while also expanding the adoption of sustainable forest practices in Canada. Ivey seeks to invest in improving forest protection and management efforts in the following ways: engage diverse stakeholders in a forest conservation vision involving protection and sustainable use; improve land-use and policy decision-making processes regarding forest protection and practices; enhance monitoring, reporting, and accountability regarding sustainable management; and build a sustainable business model for forest stewardship certification.

Annual budget: over \$2 million; Environment/Conservation Budget: ~\$1.6 million  
Typical grant range is \$5,000-50,000; generally one year, one time grants

### Representative Northern Appalachian grants since 2003:

Conservation Council of New Brunswick – \$75,000

To develop policy goals and objectives for Crown land concerning forest management and protection

Ecology Action Centre - \$120,000

A two-year grant to support forest policy research and building a coalition of organizations to raise public awareness, with the goal of improving sustainable forest practices in Nova Scotia.

**The Sage Foundation**

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Summary: The mission of the Foundation is to protect, preserve, and improve the ecological integrity of Nova Scotia's natural systems. The three primary areas of interest are: protected areas (targeting intact forests, wetlands, waterways, coastal, and marine areas; priority areas include existing areas protected under the Wilderness Act, public lands recognized as candidates to become protected, and wildlife corridors connecting such areas); compromised areas (maintaining biodiversity in areas of Nova Scotia that are already developed to varying degrees by industrial or residential interests); and the emerging issues of urban growth and development.

Annual budget: between \$100,000 and \$125,000

Representative Northern Appalachian grants since 2003:

Ecology Action Centre

Support for an assessment of government subsidies to the forestry industry

Nova Scotia Salmon Association

To support lime for an acid-balancing machine on one of Nova Scotia's most acidified rivers.

Tatamagouche Community Trust

To support the planting of Acadian forest species to speed recovery from clear-cut damage.

Sierra Club, Atlantic Chapter

Support to raise awareness of the negative aspects of spraying herbicides on our forests.

Margaree Environmental Association

Support to evaluate the model for land protection used in the Niagara Escarpment area of Ontario, as a possible model for the Mabou Ridge and similar parts of Cape Breton, Nova Scotia.

## **The Salamander Foundation**

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Summary: The two program areas of the Foundation are Arts and Culture and Environmental Health. The Environment program “seeks to recognize the forms, functions, and interactions of natural systems.’ The primary concern is pollution and its implications for human and ecosystem health. Grants are made in Canada and primarily in Ontario, although the Foundation also has an interest in air and watersheds in the larger Great Lakes/St. Lawrence basins eastward to the Atlantic. Specifically, the Foundation looks to address transboundary concerns in these air and watersheds.

Annual budget: ~\$800,000; Environment budget is ~\$600,000

Grant size ranges from \$5,000 to \$25,000, typically \$10,000-20,000; Multiyear grants are available.

### Representative Northern Appalachian grants since 2003:

Ecology Action Centre - \$15,000 (first payment of a three year grant)

Through research, education and action the project will promote the need for: greater intergovernmental cooperation in enforcing existing coastal protection and implementation of new regulations; more integrated water and watershed management; and more coordinated land-use and coastal-zone planning. The project also seeks to broaden greater community and private sector participation in these issues.

Nova Scotia Nature Trust - \$20,000 (two year grant)

To facilitate cross-border gifts of conservation lands by addressing potential tax and legal implications: the “tool kit” will serve as a guide to landowners when seeking professional advice in making gifts of conservation lands.

Quebec Society for Wetland Conservation - \$10,000

Building a Global Information System (GIS) for Nature Reserves along the St. Lawrence River and in the Gulf of St. Lawrence. The Québec Society for Wetland Conservation protects a network of significant wetlands in the Gulf of St. Lawrence and its saltwater estuaries, as well as in freshwater estuaries and tributary rivers along the St. Lawrence River. High biodiversity values are demonstrated in these marshes, swamps, and peatlands. The QSWC will build a GIS data management system comprised of data research, field inventories of species and habitats, and mapping.

New Brunswick Museum - \$16,000

Counting our Capital: Using biodiversity inventories of critical habitats to introduce students to systematics research. This mentorship program trains university undergraduates in systematics research for the purpose of monitoring ecosystem health

and biodiversity change at a regional level. These funds will help build on field programs and biological inventory work of previous years.



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#### **The Carthy Foundation:**

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Summary: The Foundation maintains two “program tracks”: Youth Education and Development and Sustainable Environmental Development. The environment program focuses on natural resources conservation and protection, environmental sustainability, environmental education, and wildlife preservation and protection, with a geographic focus encompassing all of Canada.

Annual budget: ~\$2 million

Past grantees list not available

**The J.W. McConnell Family Foundation**

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Summary: The mission of the Foundation is to support initiatives of national significance which address challenges for Canadian society by engaging people, by building resilient communities, and by developing a strong knowledge base for the work it supports. The Foundation launched a five-year environmental program in 2002. There are three components to this program: strengthening key organizations (pre-selected organizations: The GAIA Foundation for Earth Education, the Evergreen Foundation, EcoTrust Canada, Equiterre, and the Canadian Nature Federation); building environmental philanthropy; promoting citizen engagement in environmental sustainability.

Annual budget: over \$20 million; environment budget ~\$1.5 million

Representative Northern Appalachian grants since 2003:

Atlantic Wildlife Institute (AWI) - \$70,000 (*partial payment of a multi-year grant*)

To assist the Institute in engaging citizens in the protection of wildlife (augmenting the capacity of other agencies) through public education and volunteer training.

The Greater Saint John Community Foundation (New Brunswick) is one of 8 community foundations that have been supported through the building environmental philanthropy interest.

## **The Schad Foundation**

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*Summary:* This Foundation manages the environmental giving of the Husky Injection Molding Systems Ltd. as well as the personal giving of the Schad family. The Foundation's mission is 'to restore, protect, and respect the natural systems on which all life depends.' Particularly, funding is available for education that changes the way people view their relationship with the earth; conservation and restoration of wilderness; development of sustainable technologies and practices; and promotion of humane treatment and respect for all species. The Foundation generally concentrates its efforts on a few projects that have the potential to make a significant impact.

*Annual budget:* around \$7 million

### *Representative Northern Appalachian grants since 2003:*

Protected Areas Association of Newfoundland and Labrador - \$30,000.

General Support, PAA is working to establish a network of protected areas in Newfoundland and Labrador.