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| <b>Form 5500</b><br>Department of the Treasury<br>Internal Revenue Service<br><br>Department of Labor<br>Employee Benefits Security<br>Administration<br><br>Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation | <b>Annual Return/Report of Employee Benefit Plan</b><br>This form is required to be filed for employee benefit plans under sections 104 and 4065 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA) and sections 6047(e), 6057(b), and 6058(a) of the Internal Revenue Code (the Code).<br><br><p style="text-align: center;">▶ <b>Complete all entries in accordance with the instructions to the Form 5500.</b></p> | OMB Nos. 1210-0110<br>1210-0089<br><br><div style="text-align: center; font-size: 1.2em; font-weight: bold;">2015</div><br><br><b>This Form is Open to Public Inspection</b> |
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| <b>Part I</b>                                                                                            | <b>Annual Report Identification Information</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| For calendar plan year 2015 or fiscal plan year beginning <u>01/01/2015</u> and ending <u>12/31/2015</u> |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| <b>A</b> This return/report is for:                                                                      | <input type="checkbox"/> a multiemployer plan; <input type="checkbox"/> a multiple-employer plan (Filers checking this box must attach a list of participating employer information in accordance with the form instructions); or<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> a single-employer plan; <input type="checkbox"/> a DFE (specify) ____ |
| <b>B</b> This return/report is:                                                                          | <input type="checkbox"/> the first return/report; <input type="checkbox"/> the final return/report;<br><input type="checkbox"/> an amended return/report; <input type="checkbox"/> a short plan year return/report (less than 12 months).                                                                                                      |
| <b>C</b> If the plan is a collectively-bargained plan, check here. ....                                  | <input type="checkbox"/>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| <b>D</b> Check box if filing under:                                                                      | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form 5558; <input type="checkbox"/> automatic extension; <input type="checkbox"/> the DFVC program;<br><input type="checkbox"/> special extension (enter description)                                                                                                                                      |

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| <b>Part II</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | <b>Basic Plan Information</b> —enter all requested information                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |                                                                     |                                                                  |                                                             |  |
| <b>1a</b> Name of plan<br><u>THE DAVEY 401KSOP &amp; ESOP</u>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | <table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="width: 80%;"><b>1b</b> Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶</td> <td style="width: 20%; text-align: center;"><u>004</u></td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="2"><b>1c</b> Effective date of plan<br/><u>01/01/2002</u></td> </tr> </table>                             | <b>1b</b> Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶                            | <u>004</u>                                                       | <b>1c</b> Effective date of plan<br><u>01/01/2002</u>       |  |
| <b>1b</b> Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | <u>004</u>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |                                                                     |                                                                  |                                                             |  |
| <b>1c</b> Effective date of plan<br><u>01/01/2002</u>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |                                                                     |                                                                  |                                                             |  |
| <b>2a</b> Plan sponsor's name (employer, if for a single-employer plan)<br>Mailing address (include room, apt., suite no. and street, or P.O. Box)<br>City or town, state or province, country, and ZIP or foreign postal code (if foreign, see instructions)<br><u>THE DAVEY TREE EXPERT COMPANY</u><br><br><u>1500 NORTH MANTUA ST</u><br><u>KENT, OH 44240</u> | <table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td><b>2b</b> Employer Identification Number (EIN)<br/><u>34-0176110</u></td> </tr> <tr> <td><b>2c</b> Plan Sponsor's telephone number<br/><u>330-673-9511</u></td> </tr> <tr> <td><b>2d</b> Business code (see instructions)<br/><u>561730</u></td> </tr> </table> | <b>2b</b> Employer Identification Number (EIN)<br><u>34-0176110</u> | <b>2c</b> Plan Sponsor's telephone number<br><u>330-673-9511</u> | <b>2d</b> Business code (see instructions)<br><u>561730</u> |  |
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| <b>2d</b> Business code (see instructions)<br><u>561730</u>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |                                                                     |                                                                  |                                                             |  |

**Caution: A penalty for the late or incomplete filing of this return/report will be assessed unless reasonable cause is established.**

Under penalties of perjury and other penalties set forth in the instructions, I declare that I have examined this return/report, including accompanying schedules, statements and attachments, as well as the electronic version of this return/report, and to the best of my knowledge and belief, it is true, correct, and complete.

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| <b>SIGN HERE</b>                                                                                | Filed with authorized/valid electronic signature. | <u>10/13/2016</u> | <u>JOSEPH R PAUL</u>                                         |
|                                                                                                 | Signature of plan administrator                   | Date              | Enter name of individual signing as plan administrator       |
| <b>SIGN HERE</b>                                                                                |                                                   |                   |                                                              |
|                                                                                                 | Signature of employer/plan sponsor                | Date              | Enter name of individual signing as employer or plan sponsor |
| <b>SIGN HERE</b>                                                                                |                                                   |                   |                                                              |
|                                                                                                 | Signature of DFE                                  | Date              | Enter name of individual signing as DFE                      |
| Preparer's name (including firm name, if applicable) and address (include room or suite number) |                                                   |                   | Preparer's telephone number                                  |
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| <b>3a</b> Plan administrator's name and address <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Same as Plan Sponsor                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | <b>3b</b> Administrator's EIN<br><br><b>3c</b> Administrator's telephone number<br><br><div style="background-color: #cccccc; height: 40px; width: 100%;"></div>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| <b>4</b> If the name and/or EIN of the plan sponsor has changed since the last return/report filed for this plan, enter the name, EIN and the plan number from the last return/report:<br><b>a</b> Sponsor's name                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | <b>4b</b> EIN<br><br><b>4c</b> PN                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| <b>5</b> Total number of participants at the beginning of the plan year                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | <b>5</b> 6205                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| <b>6</b> Number of participants as of the end of the plan year unless otherwise stated (welfare plans complete only lines <b>6a(1)</b> , <b>6a(2)</b> , <b>6b</b> , <b>6c</b> , and <b>6d</b> ).<br><br><b>a(1)</b> Total number of active participants at the beginning of the plan year .....<br><b>a(2)</b> Total number of active participants at the end of the plan year .....<br><br><b>b</b> Retired or separated participants receiving benefits.....<br><b>c</b> Other retired or separated participants entitled to future benefits.....<br><b>d</b> Subtotal. Add lines <b>6a(2)</b> , <b>6b</b> , and <b>6c</b> .....<br><b>e</b> Deceased participants whose beneficiaries are receiving or are entitled to receive benefits.....<br><b>f</b> Total. Add lines <b>6d</b> and <b>6e</b> .....<br><br><b>g</b> Number of participants with account balances as of the end of the plan year (only defined contribution plans complete this item) .....<br><br><b>h</b> Number of participants that terminated employment during the plan year with accrued benefits that were less than 100% vested ..... | <b>6a(1)</b> 4440<br><b>6a(2)</b> 4804<br><b>6b</b> 1<br><b>6c</b> 1669<br><b>6d</b> 6474<br><b>6e</b> 28<br><b>6f</b> 6502<br><b>6g</b> 5812<br><b>6h</b> 226                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| <b>7</b> Enter the total number of employers obligated to contribute to the plan (only multiemployer plans complete this item) .....                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | <b>7</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| <b>8a</b> If the plan provides pension benefits, enter the applicable pension feature codes from the List of Plan Characteristics Codes in the instructions:<br>2E 2F 2H 2J 2K 2O 2S 2T<br><br><b>b</b> If the plan provides welfare benefits, enter the applicable welfare feature codes from the List of Plan Characteristics Codes in the instructions:                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| <b>9a</b> Plan funding arrangement (check all that apply)<br>(1) <input type="checkbox"/> Insurance<br>(2) <input type="checkbox"/> Code section 412(e)(3) insurance contracts<br>(3) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Trust<br>(4) <input type="checkbox"/> General assets of the sponsor                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | <b>9b</b> Plan benefit arrangement (check all that apply)<br>(1) <input type="checkbox"/> Insurance<br>(2) <input type="checkbox"/> Code section 412(e)(3) insurance contracts<br>(3) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Trust<br>(4) <input type="checkbox"/> General assets of the sponsor                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| <b>10</b> Check all applicable boxes in 10a and 10b to indicate which schedules are attached, and, where indicated, enter the number attached. (See instructions)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| <b>a Pension Schedules</b><br>(1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>R</b> (Retirement Plan Information)<br><br>(2) <input type="checkbox"/> <b>MB</b> (Multiemployer Defined Benefit Plan and Certain Money Purchase Plan Actuarial Information) - signed by the plan actuary<br><br>(3) <input type="checkbox"/> <b>SB</b> (Single-Employer Defined Benefit Plan Actuarial Information) - signed by the plan actuary                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | <b>b General Schedules</b><br>(1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>H</b> (Financial Information)<br>(2) <input type="checkbox"/> <b>I</b> (Financial Information – Small Plan)<br>(3) <input type="checkbox"/> <b>A</b> (Insurance Information)<br>(4) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>C</b> (Service Provider Information)<br>(5) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>D</b> (DFE/Participating Plan Information)<br>(6) <input type="checkbox"/> <b>G</b> (Financial Transaction Schedules) |

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| <b>Part III</b> | <b>Form M-1 Compliance Information (to be completed by welfare benefit plans)</b> |
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**11a** If the plan provides welfare benefits, was the plan subject to the Form M-1 filing requirements during the plan year? (See instructions and 29 CFR 2520.101-2.) ..... ☐ Yes ☐ No

If "Yes" is checked, complete lines 11b and 11c.

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**11b** Is the plan currently in compliance with the Form M-1 filing requirements? (See instructions and 29 CFR 2520.101-2.) ..... ☐ Yes ☐ No

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**11c** Enter the Receipt Confirmation Code for the 2015 Form M-1 annual report. If the plan was not required to file the 2015 Form M-1 annual report, enter the Receipt Confirmation Code for the most recent Form M-1 that was required to be filed under the Form M-1 filing requirements. (Failure to enter a valid Receipt Confirmation Code will subject the Form 5500 filing to rejection as incomplete.)

Receipt Confirmation Code \_\_\_\_\_

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| <div>SCHEDULE C</div> <div>(Form 5500)</div> <div>Department of the Treasury<br/>Internal Revenue Service</div> <div>Department of Labor<br/>Employee Benefits Security Administration</div> <div>Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation</div> | <div>Service Provider Information</div> <div>This schedule is required to be filed under section 104 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA).</div> <div>▶ File as an attachment to Form 5500.</div> | OMB No. 1210-0110                       |
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| For calendar plan year 2015 or fiscal plan year beginning 01/01/2015 and ending 12/31/2015 |                                                      |     |
| A Name of plan<br>THE DAVEY 401KSOP & ESOP                                                 | B Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶                     | 004 |
| C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500<br>THE DAVEY TREE EXPERT COMPANY    | D Employer Identification Number (EIN)<br>34-0176110 |     |

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| Part I | Service Provider Information (see instructions) |
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You must complete this Part, in accordance with the instructions, to report the information required for **each person** who received, directly or indirectly, \$5,000 or more in total compensation (i.e., money or anything else of monetary value) in connection with services rendered to the plan or the person's position with the plan during the plan year. If a person received **only** eligible indirect compensation for which the plan received the required disclosures, you are required to answer line 1 but are not required to include that person when completing the remainder of this Part.

1 Information on Persons Receiving Only Eligible Indirect Compensation

- a Check "Yes" or "No" to indicate whether you are excluding a person from the remainder of this Part because they received only eligible indirect compensation for which the plan received the required disclosures (see instructions for definitions and conditions)..... ☒ Yes ☐ No
- b If you answered line 1a "Yes," enter the name and EIN or address of each person providing the required disclosures for the service providers who received only eligible indirect compensation. Complete as many entries as needed (see instructions).

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| (b) Enter name and EIN or address of person who provided you disclosures on eligible indirect compensation |
| AMERICAN BEACON                                                                                            |
| 75-2401150                                                                                                 |

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| (b) Enter name and EIN or address of person who provided you disclosure on eligible indirect compensation |
| FRANKLIN TEMPLETON INVESTMENTS                                                                            |
| 13-2670991                                                                                                |

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| (b) Enter name and EIN or address of person who provided you disclosures on eligible indirect compensation |
| HARBOR                                                                                                     |
| 04-2679462                                                                                                 |

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| (b) Enter name and EIN or address of person who provided you disclosures on eligible indirect compensation |
| IVY FUNDS                                                                                                  |
| 04-6006759                                                                                                 |

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**(b)** Enter name and EIN or address of person who provided you disclosures on eligible indirect compensation

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JP MORGAN

13-2624428

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**(b)** Enter name and EIN or address of person who provided you disclosures on eligible indirect compensation

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METROPOLITAN WEST

95-4597302

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**(b)** Enter name and EIN or address of person who provided you disclosures on eligible indirect compensation

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NEUBERGER BERMAN

13-5521910

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**(b)** Enter name and EIN or address of person who provided you disclosures on eligible indirect compensation

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T ROWE PRICE

52-2264646

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**(b)** Enter name and EIN or address of person who provided you disclosures on eligible indirect compensation

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VANGUARD

23-1945930

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**(b)** Enter name and EIN or address of person who provided you disclosures on eligible indirect compensation

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**2. Information on Other Service Providers Receiving Direct or Indirect Compensation.** Except for those persons for whom you answered "Yes" to line 1a above, complete as many entries as needed to list each person receiving, directly or indirectly, \$5,000 or more in total compensation (i.e., money or anything else of value) in connection with services rendered to the plan or their position with the plan during the plan year. (See instructions).

**(a)** Enter name and EIN or address (see instructions)

WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A.

94-1347393

| (b)<br>Service Code(s) | (c)<br>Relationship to employer, employee organization, or person known to be a party-in-interest | (d)<br>Enter direct compensation paid by the plan. If none, enter -0-. | (e)<br>Did service provider receive indirect compensation? (sources other than plan or plan sponsor) | (f)<br>Did indirect compensation include eligible indirect compensation, for which the plan received the required disclosures? | (g)<br>Enter total indirect compensation received by service provider excluding eligible indirect compensation for which you answered "Yes" to element (f). If none, enter -0-. | (h)<br>Did the service provider give you a formula instead of an amount or estimated amount? |
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| 15 49 50 60 62 64      | SERVICE PROVIDER                                                                                  | 28420                                                                  | Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>                                  | Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>                                                            | 0                                                                                                                                                                               | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>                          |

**(a)** Enter name and EIN or address (see instructions)

ARGENT TRUST COMPANY

62-1437218

| (b)<br>Service Code(s) | (c)<br>Relationship to employer, employee organization, or person known to be a party-in-interest | (d)<br>Enter direct compensation paid by the plan. If none, enter -0-. | (e)<br>Did service provider receive indirect compensation? (sources other than plan or plan sponsor) | (f)<br>Did indirect compensation include eligible indirect compensation, for which the plan received the required disclosures? | (g)<br>Enter total indirect compensation received by service provider excluding eligible indirect compensation for which you answered "Yes" to element (f). If none, enter -0-. | (h)<br>Did the service provider give you a formula instead of an amount or estimated amount? |
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| 21 50                  | SERVICE PROVIDER                                                                                  | 94166                                                                  | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>                                  | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>                                                                       |                                                                                                                                                                                 | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>                                     |

**(a)** Enter name and EIN or address (see instructions)

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|                        |                                                                                                   |                                                                        | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>                                             | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>                                                                       |                                                                                                                                                                                 | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>                                     |

**2. Information on Other Service Providers Receiving Direct or Indirect Compensation.** Except for those persons for whom you answered "Yes" to line 1a above, complete as many entries as needed to list each person receiving, directly or indirectly, \$5,000 or more in total compensation (i.e., money or anything else of value) in connection with services rendered to the plan or their position with the plan during the plan year. (See instructions).

**(a)** Enter name and EIN or address (see instructions)

| <b>(b)</b><br>Service Code(s) | <b>(c)</b><br>Relationship to employer, employee organization, or person known to be a party-in-interest | <b>(d)</b><br>Enter direct compensation paid by the plan. If none, enter -0-. | <b>(e)</b><br>Did service provider receive indirect compensation? (sources other than plan or plan sponsor) | <b>(f)</b><br>Did indirect compensation include eligible indirect compensation, for which the plan received the required disclosures? | <b>(g)</b><br>Enter total indirect compensation received by service provider excluding eligible indirect compensation for which you answered "Yes" to element (f). If none, enter -0-. | <b>(h)</b><br>Did the service provider give you a formula instead of an amount or estimated amount? |
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**(a)** Enter name and EIN or address (see instructions)

| <b>(b)</b><br>Service Code(s) | <b>(c)</b><br>Relationship to employer, employee organization, or person known to be a party-in-interest | <b>(d)</b><br>Enter direct compensation paid by the plan. If none, enter -0-. | <b>(e)</b><br>Did service provider receive indirect compensation? (sources other than plan or plan sponsor) | <b>(f)</b><br>Did indirect compensation include eligible indirect compensation, for which the plan received the required disclosures? | <b>(g)</b><br>Enter total indirect compensation received by service provider excluding eligible indirect compensation for which you answered "Yes" to element (f). If none, enter -0-. | <b>(h)</b><br>Did the service provider give you a formula instead of an amount or estimated amount? |
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**Part I Service Provider Information (continued)**

**3** If you reported on line 2 receipt of indirect compensation, other than eligible indirect compensation, by a service provider, and the service provider is a fiduciary or provides contract administrator, consulting, custodial, investment advisory, investment management, broker, or recordkeeping services, answer the following questions for (a) each source from whom the service provider received \$1,000 or more in indirect compensation and (b) each source for whom the service provider gave you a formula used to determine the indirect compensation instead of an amount or estimated amount of the indirect compensation. Complete as many entries as needed to report the required information for each source.

| (a) Enter service provider name as it appears on line 2             | (b) Service Codes<br>(see instructions)                                                                                                                            | (c) Enter amount of indirect compensation |
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| (d) Enter name and EIN (address) of source of indirect compensation | (e) Describe the indirect compensation, including any formula used to determine the service provider's eligibility for or the amount of the indirect compensation. |                                           |
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| (a) Enter service provider name as it appears on line 2             | (b) Service Codes<br>(see instructions)                                                                                                                            | (c) Enter amount of indirect compensation |
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**Part II Service Providers Who Fail or Refuse to Provide Information**

**4** Provide, to the extent possible, the following information for each service provider who failed or refused to provide the information necessary to complete this Schedule.

| (a) Enter name and EIN or address of service provider (see instructions) | (b) Nature of Service Code(s) | (c) Describe the information that the service provider failed or refused to provide |
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**Part III** **Termination Information on Accountants and Enrolled Actuaries (see instructions)**  
(complete as many entries as needed)

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| <b>a</b> Name:     | <b>b</b> EIN:       |
| <b>c</b> Position: |                     |
| <b>d</b> Address:  | <b>e</b> Telephone: |
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Explanation:

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| <b>a</b> Name:     | <b>b</b> EIN:       |
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Explanation:



**a** Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE:**b** Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a):**c** EIN-PN**d** Entity  
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103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)

**Part II Information on Participating Plans (to be completed by DFEs)**

(Complete as many entries as needed to report all participating plans)

**a** Plan name**b** Name of  
plan sponsor**c** EIN-PN**a** Plan name**b** Name of  
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| <b>SCHEDULE H</b><br><b>(Form 5500)</b><br><br><small>Department of the Treasury<br/>Internal Revenue Service</small><br><br><small>Department of Labor<br/>Employee Benefits Security Administration</small><br><br><small>Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation</small> | <b>Financial Information</b><br><br>This schedule is required to be filed under section 104 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA), and section 6058(a) of the Internal Revenue Code (the Code).<br><br><b>► File as an attachment to Form 5500.</b> | <small>OMB No. 1210-0110</small><br><br><b>2015</b><br><br><b>This Form is Open to Public Inspection</b> |
| For calendar plan year 2015 or fiscal plan year beginning <b>01/01/2015</b> and ending <b>12/31/2015</b>                                                                                                                                                                 |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |                                                                                                          |
| <b>A</b> Name of plan<br><b>THE DAVEY 401KSOP &amp; ESOP</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                             | <b>B</b> Three-digit plan number (PN) <b>►</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | <b>004</b>                                                                                               |
| <b>C</b> Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500<br><b>THE DAVEY TREE EXPERT COMPANY</b>                                                                                                                                                                    | <b>D</b> Employer Identification Number (EIN)<br><b>34-0176110</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                           |                                                                                                          |

| Part I Asset and Liability Statement                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |                 |                       |                 |
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| <b>1</b> Current value of plan assets and liabilities at the beginning and end of the plan year. Combine the value of plan assets held in more than one trust. Report the value of the plan's interest in a commingled fund containing the assets of more than one plan on a line-by-line basis unless the value is reportable on lines 1c(9) through 1c(14). Do not enter the value of that portion of an insurance contract which guarantees, during this plan year, to pay a specific dollar benefit at a future date. <b>Round off amounts to the nearest dollar.</b> MTIAs, CCTs, PSAs, and 103-12 IEs do not complete lines 1b(1), 1b(2), 1c(8), 1g, 1h, and 1i. CCTs, PSAs, and 103-12 IEs also do not complete lines 1d and 1e. See instructions. |                 |                       |                 |
| Assets                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |                 | (a) Beginning of Year | (b) End of Year |
| <b>a</b> Total noninterest-bearing cash .....                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | <b>1a</b>       |                       |                 |
| <b>b</b> Receivables (less allowance for doubtful accounts):                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |                 |                       |                 |
| <b>(1)</b> Employer contributions .....                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | <b>1b(1)</b>    | 2890024               | 3207404         |
| <b>(2)</b> Participant contributions .....                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | <b>1b(2)</b>    | 171030                | 243670          |
| <b>(3)</b> Other.....                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | <b>1b(3)</b>    |                       |                 |
| <b>c</b> General investments:                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |                 |                       |                 |
| <b>(1)</b> Interest-bearing cash (include money market accounts & certificates of deposit) .....                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | <b>1c(1)</b>    |                       |                 |
| <b>(2)</b> U.S. Government securities.....                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | <b>1c(2)</b>    |                       |                 |
| <b>(3)</b> Corporate debt instruments (other than employer securities):                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |                 |                       |                 |
| <b>(A)</b> Preferred .....                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | <b>1c(3)(A)</b> |                       |                 |
| <b>(B)</b> All other.....                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | <b>1c(3)(B)</b> |                       |                 |
| <b>(4)</b> Corporate stocks (other than employer securities):                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |                 |                       |                 |
| <b>(A)</b> Preferred .....                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | <b>1c(4)(A)</b> |                       |                 |
| <b>(B)</b> Common .....                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | <b>1c(4)(B)</b> |                       |                 |
| <b>(5)</b> Partnership/joint venture interests .....                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | <b>1c(5)</b>    |                       |                 |
| <b>(6)</b> Real estate (other than employer real property) .....                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | <b>1c(6)</b>    |                       |                 |
| <b>(7)</b> Loans (other than to participants) .....                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | <b>1c(7)</b>    |                       |                 |
| <b>(8)</b> Participant loans .....                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | <b>1c(8)</b>    |                       |                 |
| <b>(9)</b> Value of interest in common/collective trusts.....                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | <b>1c(9)</b>    | 6398272               | 6344342         |
| <b>(10)</b> Value of interest in pooled separate accounts.....                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | <b>1c(10)</b>   |                       |                 |
| <b>(11)</b> Value of interest in master trust investment accounts .....                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | <b>1c(11)</b>   |                       |                 |
| <b>(12)</b> Value of interest in 103-12 investment entities .....                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | <b>1c(12)</b>   |                       |                 |
| <b>(13)</b> Value of interest in registered investment companies (e.g., mutual funds).....                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | <b>1c(13)</b>   | 79152155              | 81467936        |
| <b>(14)</b> Value of funds held in insurance company general account (unallocated contracts).....                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | <b>1c(14)</b>   |                       |                 |
| <b>(15)</b> Other .....                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | <b>1c(15)</b>   |                       |                 |

| <b>1d</b> Employer-related investments:                              |              | (a) Beginning of Year | (b) End of Year |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------|-----------------------|-----------------|
| (1) Employer securities .....                                        | <b>1d(1)</b> | 121535196             | 120260306       |
| (2) Employer real property .....                                     | <b>1d(2)</b> |                       |                 |
| <b>e</b> Buildings and other property used in plan operation .....   | <b>1e</b>    |                       |                 |
| <b>f</b> Total assets (add all amounts in lines 1a through 1e) ..... | <b>1f</b>    | 210146677             | 211523658       |

**Liabilities**

|                                                                           |           |  |  |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------|--|--|
| <b>g</b> Benefit claims payable .....                                     | <b>1g</b> |  |  |
| <b>h</b> Operating payables .....                                         | <b>1h</b> |  |  |
| <b>i</b> Acquisition indebtedness .....                                   | <b>1i</b> |  |  |
| <b>j</b> Other liabilities .....                                          | <b>1j</b> |  |  |
| <b>k</b> Total liabilities (add all amounts in lines 1g through 1j) ..... | <b>1k</b> |  |  |

**Net Assets**

|                                                           |           |           |           |
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| <b>l</b> Net assets (subtract line 1k from line 1f) ..... | <b>1l</b> | 210146677 | 211523658 |
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**Part II Income and Expense Statement**

**2** Plan income, expenses, and changes in net assets for the year. Include all income and expenses of the plan, including any trust(s) or separately maintained fund(s) and any payments/receipts to/from insurance carriers. Round off amounts to the nearest dollar. MTIAs, CCTs, PSAs, and 103-12 IEs do not complete lines 2a, 2b(1)(E), 2e, 2f, and 2g.

**Income**

|                                                                                                            |                 | (a) Amount | (b) Total |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------|------------|-----------|
| <b>a</b> <b>Contributions:</b>                                                                             |                 |            |           |
| (1) Received or receivable in cash from: <b>(A)</b> Employers .....                                        | <b>2a(1)(A)</b> | 3210743    |           |
| <b>(B)</b> Participants .....                                                                              | <b>2a(1)(B)</b> | 7517202    |           |
| <b>(C)</b> Others (including rollovers) .....                                                              | <b>2a(1)(C)</b> | 535081     |           |
| (2) Noncash contributions .....                                                                            | <b>2a(2)</b>    |            |           |
| (3) Total contributions. Add lines <b>2a(1)(A)</b> , <b>(B)</b> , <b>(C)</b> , and line <b>2a(2)</b> ..... | <b>2a(3)</b>    |            | 11263026  |
| <b>b</b> <b>Earnings on investments:</b>                                                                   |                 |            |           |
| (1) Interest:                                                                                              |                 |            |           |
| <b>(A)</b> Interest-bearing cash (including money market accounts and certificates of deposit) .....       | <b>2b(1)(A)</b> |            |           |
| <b>(B)</b> U.S. Government securities .....                                                                | <b>2b(1)(B)</b> |            |           |
| <b>(C)</b> Corporate debt instruments .....                                                                | <b>2b(1)(C)</b> |            |           |
| <b>(D)</b> Loans (other than to participants) .....                                                        | <b>2b(1)(D)</b> |            |           |
| <b>(E)</b> Participant loans .....                                                                         | <b>2b(1)(E)</b> |            |           |
| <b>(F)</b> Other .....                                                                                     | <b>2b(1)(F)</b> |            |           |
| <b>(G)</b> Total interest. Add lines <b>2b(1)(A)</b> through <b>(F)</b> .....                              | <b>2b(1)(G)</b> |            |           |
| (2) Dividends: <b>(A)</b> Preferred stock .....                                                            | <b>2b(2)(A)</b> |            |           |
| <b>(B)</b> Common stock .....                                                                              | <b>2b(2)(B)</b> | 800259     |           |
| <b>(C)</b> Registered investment company shares (e.g. mutual funds) .....                                  | <b>2b(2)(C)</b> | 909269     |           |
| <b>(D)</b> Total dividends. Add lines <b>2b(2)(A)</b> , <b>(B)</b> , and <b>(C)</b> .....                  | <b>2b(2)(D)</b> |            | 1709528   |
| (3) Rents .....                                                                                            | <b>2b(3)</b>    |            |           |
| (4) Net gain (loss) on sale of assets: <b>(A)</b> Aggregate proceeds .....                                 | <b>2b(4)(A)</b> | 9397002    |           |
| <b>(B)</b> Aggregate carrying amount (see instructions) .....                                              | <b>2b(4)(B)</b> | 8046867    |           |
| <b>(C)</b> Subtract line <b>2b(4)(B)</b> from line <b>2b(4)(A)</b> and enter result .....                  | <b>2b(4)(C)</b> |            | 1350135   |
| (5) Unrealized appreciation (depreciation) of assets: <b>(A)</b> Real estate .....                         | <b>2b(5)(A)</b> |            |           |
| <b>(B)</b> Other .....                                                                                     | <b>2b(5)(B)</b> | 8421838    |           |
| <b>(C)</b> Total unrealized appreciation of assets. Add lines <b>2b(5)(A)</b> and <b>(B)</b> .....         | <b>2b(5)(C)</b> |            | 8421838   |

|                                                                                                 |        | (a) Amount | (b) Total |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------|------------|-----------|
| (6) Net investment gain (loss) from common/collective trusts .....                              | 2b(6)  |            | 94129     |
| (7) Net investment gain (loss) from pooled separate accounts .....                              | 2b(7)  |            |           |
| (8) Net investment gain (loss) from master trust investment accounts .....                      | 2b(8)  |            |           |
| (9) Net investment gain (loss) from 103-12 investment entities .....                            | 2b(9)  |            |           |
| (10) Net investment gain (loss) from registered investment companies (e.g., mutual funds) ..... | 2b(10) |            | -2185585  |
| c Other income .....                                                                            | 2c     |            |           |
| d Total income. Add all <b>income</b> amounts in column (b) and enter total .....               | 2d     |            | 20653071  |

**Expenses****e** Benefit payment and payments to provide benefits:

|                                                                                      |       |          |          |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------|----------|----------|
| (1) Directly to participants or beneficiaries, including direct rollovers .....      | 2e(1) | 19117949 |          |
| (2) To insurance carriers for the provision of benefits .....                        | 2e(2) |          |          |
| (3) Other .....                                                                      | 2e(3) |          |          |
| (4) Total benefit payments. Add lines 2e(1) through (3) .....                        | 2e(4) |          | 19117949 |
| f Corrective distributions (see instructions) .....                                  | 2f    |          | 35555    |
| g Certain deemed distributions of participant loans (see instructions) .....         | 2g    |          |          |
| h Interest expense .....                                                             | 2h    |          |          |
| i Administrative expenses: (1) Professional fees .....                               | 2i(1) |          |          |
| (2) Contract administrator fees .....                                                | 2i(2) |          |          |
| (3) Investment advisory and management fees .....                                    | 2i(3) |          |          |
| (4) Other .....                                                                      | 2i(4) | 122586   |          |
| (5) Total administrative expenses. Add lines 2i(1) through (4) .....                 | 2i(5) |          | 122586   |
| j Total expenses. Add all <b>expense</b> amounts in column (b) and enter total ..... | 2j    |          | 19276090 |

**Net Income and Reconciliation**

|                                                          |       |  |         |
|----------------------------------------------------------|-------|--|---------|
| k Net income (loss). Subtract line 2j from line 2d ..... | 2k    |  | 1376981 |
| l Transfers of assets:                                   |       |  |         |
| (1) To this plan .....                                   | 2l(1) |  |         |
| (2) From this plan .....                                 | 2l(2) |  |         |

**Part III Accountant's Opinion**

**3** Complete lines 3a through 3c if the opinion of an independent qualified public accountant is attached to this Form 5500. Complete line 3d if an opinion is not attached.

**a** The attached opinion of an independent qualified public accountant for this plan is (see instructions):

(1) ☒ Unqualified (2) ☐ Qualified (3) ☐ Disclaimer (4) ☐ Adverse

**b** Did the accountant perform a limited scope audit pursuant to 29 CFR 2520.103-8 and/or 103-12(d)?

☐ Yes ☒ No

**c** Enter the name and EIN of the accountant (or accounting firm) below:

(1) Name: ERNST & YOUNG, LLP

(2) EIN: 34-6565596

**d** The opinion of an independent qualified public accountant is **not attached** because:

(1) ☐ This form is filed for a CCT, PSA, or MTIA. (2) ☐ It will be attached to the next Form 5500 pursuant to 29 CFR 2520.104-50.

**Part IV Compliance Questions**

**4** CCTs and PSAs do not complete Part IV. MTIAs, 103-12 IEs, and GIAs do not complete lines 4a, 4e, 4f, 4g, 4h, 4k, 4m, 4n, or 5. 103-12 IEs also do not complete lines 4j and 4l. MTIAs also do not complete line 4l.

During the plan year:

|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | Yes | No                                  | N/A | Amount |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----|-------------------------------------|-----|--------|
| <b>a</b> Was there a failure to transmit to the plan any participant contributions within the time period described in 29 CFR 2510.3-102? Continue to answer "Yes" for any prior year failures until fully corrected. (See instructions and DOL's Voluntary Fiduciary Correction Program.) .....                 |     | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |     |        |
| <b>b</b> Were any loans by the plan or fixed income obligations due the plan in default as of the close of the plan year or classified during the year as uncollectible? Disregard participant loans secured by participant's account balance. (Attach Schedule G (Form 5500) Part I if "Yes" is checked.) ..... |     | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |     |        |

|                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | Yes | No | N/A | Amount  |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----|----|-----|---------|
| <b>c</b> Were any leases to which the plan was a party in default or classified during the year as uncollectible? (Attach Schedule G (Form 5500) Part II if "Yes" is checked.)                                          |     | X  |     |         |
| <b>d</b> Were there any nonexempt transactions with any party-in-interest? (Do not include transactions reported on line 4a. Attach Schedule G (Form 5500) Part III if "Yes" is checked.)                               |     | X  |     |         |
| <b>e</b> Was this plan covered by a fidelity bond?                                                                                                                                                                      | X   |    |     | 4000000 |
| <b>f</b> Did the plan have a loss, whether or not reimbursed by the plan's fidelity bond, that was caused by fraud or dishonesty?                                                                                       |     | X  |     |         |
| <b>g</b> Did the plan hold any assets whose current value was neither readily determinable on an established market nor set by an independent third party appraiser?                                                    |     | X  |     |         |
| <b>h</b> Did the plan receive any noncash contributions whose value was neither readily determinable on an established market nor set by an independent third party appraiser?                                          |     | X  |     |         |
| <b>i</b> Did the plan have assets held for investment? (Attach schedule(s) of assets if "Yes" is checked, and see instructions for format requirements.)                                                                | X   |    |     |         |
| <b>j</b> Were any plan transactions or series of transactions in excess of 5% of the current value of plan assets? (Attach schedule of transactions if "Yes" is checked, and see instructions for format requirements.) | X   |    |     |         |
| <b>k</b> Were all the plan assets either distributed to participants or beneficiaries, transferred to another plan, or brought under the control of the PBGC?                                                           |     | X  |     |         |
| <b>l</b> Has the plan failed to provide any benefit when due under the plan?                                                                                                                                            |     | X  |     |         |
| <b>m</b> If this is an individual account plan, was there a blackout period? (See instructions and 29 CFR 2520.101-3.)                                                                                                  |     | X  |     |         |
| <b>n</b> If 4m was answered "Yes," check the "Yes" box if you either provided the required notice or one of the exceptions to providing the notice applied under 29 CFR 2520.101-3.                                     |     |    |     |         |
| <b>o</b> Did the plan trust incur unrelated business taxable income?                                                                                                                                                    |     |    |     |         |
| <b>p</b> Were in-service distributions made during the plan year?                                                                                                                                                       |     |    |     |         |

**5a** Has a resolution to terminate the plan been adopted during the plan year or any prior plan year?  
 If "Yes," enter the amount of any plan assets that reverted to the employer this year. ☐ Yes ☒ No Amount:

**5b** If, during this plan year, any assets or liabilities were transferred from this plan to another plan(s), identify the plan(s) to which assets or liabilities were transferred. (See instructions.)

| 5b(1) Name of plan(s) | 5b(2) EIN(s) | 5b(3) PN(s) |
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**5c** If the plan is a defined benefit plan, is it covered under the PBGC insurance program (see ERISA section 4021)? .... ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Not determined

## Part V Trust Information

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| <b>6a</b> Name of trust                | <b>6b</b> Trust's EIN                               |
| <b>6c</b> Name of trustee or custodian | <b>6d</b> Trustee's or custodian's telephone number |

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| <b>SCHEDULE R</b><br><b>(Form 5500)</b><br><br>Department of the Treasury<br>Internal Revenue Service<br><br>Department of Labor<br>Employee Benefits Security Administration<br><br>Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation | <b>Retirement Plan Information</b><br><br>This schedule is required to be filed under section 104 and 4065 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA) and section 6058(a) of the Internal Revenue Code (the Code).<br><br>▶ <b>File as an attachment to Form 5500.</b> | OMB No. 1210-0110<br><br><b>2015</b><br><br><b>This Form is Open to Public Inspection.</b> |
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For calendar plan year 2015 or fiscal plan year beginning 01/01/2015 and ending 12/31/2015

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| <b>A</b> Name of plan<br><u>THE DAVEY 401KSOP &amp; ESOP</u>                                          | <b>B</b> Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶<br><u>004</u>              |
| <b>C</b> Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500<br><u>THE DAVEY TREE EXPERT COMPANY</u> | <b>D</b> Employer Identification Number (EIN)<br><u>34-0176110</u> |

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| <b>Part I</b> | <b>Distributions</b> |
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All references to distributions relate only to payments of benefits during the plan year.

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| <b>1</b> Total value of distributions paid in property other than in cash or the forms of property specified in the instructions.....                                                                                                                              | <b>1</b> |  |
| <b>2</b> Enter the EIN(s) of payor(s) who paid benefits on behalf of the plan to participants or beneficiaries during the year (if more than two, enter EINs of the two payors who paid the greatest dollar amounts of benefits):<br><br>EIN(s): <u>41-6257133</u> |          |  |
| <b>Profit-sharing plans, ESOPs, and stock bonus plans, skip line 3.</b>                                                                                                                                                                                            |          |  |
| <b>3</b> Number of participants (living or deceased) whose benefits were distributed in a single sum, during the plan year.....                                                                                                                                    | <b>3</b> |  |

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| <b>Part II</b> | <b>Funding Information</b> (If the plan is not subject to the minimum funding requirements of section 412 of the Internal Revenue Code or ERISA section 302, skip this Part) |
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| <b>4</b> Is the plan administrator making an election under Code section 412(d)(2) or ERISA section 302(d)(2)? .....                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No | <input type="checkbox"/> N/A |
| <b>If the plan is a defined benefit plan, go to line 8.</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |                              |                             |                              |
| <b>5</b> If a waiver of the minimum funding standard for a prior year is being amortized in this plan year, see instructions and enter the date of the ruling letter granting the waiver. <b>Date:</b> Month _____ Day _____ Year _____<br><b>If you completed line 5, complete lines 3, 9, and 10 of Schedule MB and do not complete the remainder of this schedule.</b> |                              |                             |                              |
| <b>6 a</b> Enter the minimum required contribution for this plan year (include any prior year accumulated funding deficiency not waived) .....                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | <b>6a</b>                    |                             |                              |
| <b>b</b> Enter the amount contributed by the employer to the plan for this plan year .....                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | <b>6b</b>                    |                             |                              |
| <b>c</b> Subtract the amount in line 6b from the amount in line 6a. Enter the result (enter a minus sign to the left of a negative amount).....                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | <b>6c</b>                    |                             |                              |
| <b>If you completed line 6c, skip lines 8 and 9.</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |                              |                             |                              |
| <b>7</b> Will the minimum funding amount reported on line 6c be met by the funding deadline? .....                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No | <input type="checkbox"/> N/A |
| <b>8</b> If a change in actuarial cost method was made for this plan year pursuant to a revenue procedure or other authority providing automatic approval for the change or a class ruling letter, does the plan sponsor or plan administrator agree with the change? .....                                                                                               | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No | <input type="checkbox"/> N/A |

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| <b>Part III</b> | <b>Amendments</b> |
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| <b>9</b> If this is a defined benefit pension plan, were any amendments adopted during this plan year that increased or decreased the value of benefits? If yes, check the appropriate box. If no, check the "No" box. .... | <input type="checkbox"/> Increase | <input type="checkbox"/> Decrease | <input type="checkbox"/> Both | <input type="checkbox"/> No |
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| <b>Part IV</b> | <b>ESOPs</b> (see instructions). If this is not a plan described under Section 409(a) or 4975(e)(7) of the Internal Revenue Code, skip this Part. |
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| <b>10</b> Were unallocated employer securities or proceeds from the sale of unallocated securities used to repay any exempt loan? .....                                                      | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No |
| <b>11 a</b> Does the ESOP hold any preferred stock? .....                                                                                                                                    | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No |
| <b>b</b> If the ESOP has an outstanding exempt loan with the employer as lender, is such loan part of a "back-to-back" loan? (See instructions for definition of "back-to-back" loan.) ..... | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No |
| <b>12</b> Does the ESOP hold any stock that is not readily tradable on an established securities market? .....                                                                               | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No |

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**Part V Additional Information for Multiemployer Defined Benefit Pension Plans**

**13** Enter the following information for each employer that contributed more than 5% of total contributions to the plan during the plan year (measured in dollars). See instructions. *Complete as many entries as needed to report all applicable employers.*

**a** Name of contributing employer

**b** EIN

**c** Dollar amount contributed by employer

**d** Date collective bargaining agreement expires (If employer contributes under more than one collective bargaining agreement, check box ☐ and see instructions regarding required attachment. Otherwise, enter the applicable date.) Month \_\_\_\_\_ Day \_\_\_\_\_ Year \_\_\_\_\_

**e** Contribution rate information (If more than one rate applies, check this box ☐ and see instructions regarding required attachment. Otherwise, complete lines 13e(1) and 13e(2).)

(1) Contribution rate (in dollars and cents) \_\_\_\_\_

(2) Base unit measure: ☐ Hourly ☐ Weekly ☐ Unit of production ☐ Other (specify): \_\_\_\_\_

**a** Name of contributing employer

**b** EIN

**c** Dollar amount contributed by employer

**d** Date collective bargaining agreement expires (If employer contributes under more than one collective bargaining agreement, check box ☐ and see instructions regarding required attachment. Otherwise, enter the applicable date.) Month \_\_\_\_\_ Day \_\_\_\_\_ Year \_\_\_\_\_

**e** Contribution rate information (If more than one rate applies, check this box ☐ and see instructions regarding required attachment. Otherwise, complete lines 13e(1) and 13e(2).)

(1) Contribution rate (in dollars and cents) \_\_\_\_\_

(2) Base unit measure: ☐ Hourly ☐ Weekly ☐ Unit of production ☐ Other (specify): \_\_\_\_\_

**a** Name of contributing employer

**b** EIN

**c** Dollar amount contributed by employer

**d** Date collective bargaining agreement expires (If employer contributes under more than one collective bargaining agreement, check box ☐ and see instructions regarding required attachment. Otherwise, enter the applicable date.) Month \_\_\_\_\_ Day \_\_\_\_\_ Year \_\_\_\_\_

**e** Contribution rate information (If more than one rate applies, check this box ☐ and see instructions regarding required attachment. Otherwise, complete lines 13e(1) and 13e(2).)

(1) Contribution rate (in dollars and cents) \_\_\_\_\_

(2) Base unit measure: ☐ Hourly ☐ Weekly ☐ Unit of production ☐ Other (specify): \_\_\_\_\_

**a** Name of contributing employer

**b** EIN

**c** Dollar amount contributed by employer

**d** Date collective bargaining agreement expires (If employer contributes under more than one collective bargaining agreement, check box ☐ and see instructions regarding required attachment. Otherwise, enter the applicable date.) Month \_\_\_\_\_ Day \_\_\_\_\_ Year \_\_\_\_\_

**e** Contribution rate information (If more than one rate applies, check this box ☐ and see instructions regarding required attachment. Otherwise, complete lines 13e(1) and 13e(2).)

(1) Contribution rate (in dollars and cents) \_\_\_\_\_

(2) Base unit measure: ☐ Hourly ☐ Weekly ☐ Unit of production ☐ Other (specify): \_\_\_\_\_

**a** Name of contributing employer

**b** EIN

**c** Dollar amount contributed by employer

**d** Date collective bargaining agreement expires (If employer contributes under more than one collective bargaining agreement, check box ☐ and see instructions regarding required attachment. Otherwise, enter the applicable date.) Month \_\_\_\_\_ Day \_\_\_\_\_ Year \_\_\_\_\_

**e** Contribution rate information (If more than one rate applies, check this box ☐ and see instructions regarding required attachment. Otherwise, complete lines 13e(1) and 13e(2).)

(1) Contribution rate (in dollars and cents) \_\_\_\_\_

(2) Base unit measure: ☐ Hourly ☐ Weekly ☐ Unit of production ☐ Other (specify): \_\_\_\_\_

**a** Name of contributing employer

**b** EIN

**c** Dollar amount contributed by employer

**d** Date collective bargaining agreement expires (If employer contributes under more than one collective bargaining agreement, check box ☐ and see instructions regarding required attachment. Otherwise, enter the applicable date.) Month \_\_\_\_\_ Day \_\_\_\_\_ Year \_\_\_\_\_

**e** Contribution rate information (If more than one rate applies, check this box ☐ and see instructions regarding required attachment. Otherwise, complete lines 13e(1) and 13e(2).)

(1) Contribution rate (in dollars and cents) \_\_\_\_\_

(2) Base unit measure: ☐ Hourly ☐ Weekly ☐ Unit of production ☐ Other (specify): \_\_\_\_\_

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| <b>14</b> | Enter the number of participants on whose behalf no contributions were made by an employer as an employer of the participant for:                                                                                                                    |            |  |
|           | <b>a</b> The current year .....                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | <b>14a</b> |  |
|           | <b>b</b> The plan year immediately preceding the current plan year .....                                                                                                                                                                             | <b>14b</b> |  |
|           | <b>c</b> The second preceding plan year .....                                                                                                                                                                                                        | <b>14c</b> |  |
| <b>15</b> | Enter the ratio of the number of participants under the plan on whose behalf no employer had an obligation to make an employer contribution during the current plan year to:                                                                         |            |  |
|           | <b>a</b> The corresponding number for the plan year immediately preceding the current plan year .....                                                                                                                                                | <b>15a</b> |  |
|           | <b>b</b> The corresponding number for the second preceding plan year .....                                                                                                                                                                           | <b>15b</b> |  |
| <b>16</b> | Information with respect to any employers who withdrew from the plan during the preceding plan year:                                                                                                                                                 |            |  |
|           | <b>a</b> Enter the number of employers who withdrew during the preceding plan year .....                                                                                                                                                             | <b>16a</b> |  |
|           | <b>b</b> If line 16a is greater than 0, enter the aggregate amount of withdrawal liability assessed or estimated to be assessed against such withdrawn employers .....                                                                               | <b>16b</b> |  |
| <b>17</b> | If assets and liabilities from another plan have been transferred to or merged with this plan during the plan year, check box and see instructions regarding supplemental information to be included as an attachment. .... <input type="checkbox"/> |            |  |

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| <b>Part VI</b> | <b>Additional Information for Single-Employer and Multiemployer Defined Benefit Pension Plans</b> |
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| <b>18</b> | If any liabilities to participants or their beneficiaries under the plan as of the end of the plan year consist (in whole or in part) of liabilities to such participants and beneficiaries under two or more pension plans as of immediately before such plan year, check box and see instructions regarding supplemental information to be included as an attachment ..... <input type="checkbox"/> |
| <b>19</b> | If the total number of participants is 1,000 or more, complete lines (a) through (c)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
|           | <b>a</b> Enter the percentage of plan assets held as:<br>Stock: _____% Investment-Grade Debt: _____% High-Yield Debt: _____% Real Estate: _____% Other: _____%                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
|           | <b>b</b> Provide the average duration of the combined investment-grade and high-yield debt:<br><input type="checkbox"/> 0-3 years <input type="checkbox"/> 3-6 years <input type="checkbox"/> 6-9 years <input type="checkbox"/> 9-12 years <input type="checkbox"/> 12-15 years <input type="checkbox"/> 15-18 years <input type="checkbox"/> 18-21 years <input type="checkbox"/> 21 years or more  |
|           | <b>c</b> What duration measure was used to calculate line 19(b)?<br><input type="checkbox"/> Effective duration <input type="checkbox"/> Macaulay duration <input type="checkbox"/> Modified duration <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify): _____                                                                                                                                                 |

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| <b>Part VII</b> | <b>IRS Compliance Questions</b> |
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| <b>20a</b> Is the plan a 401(k) plan? .....                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes                             | <input type="checkbox"/> No                              |
| <b>20b</b> If "Yes," how does the 401(k) plan satisfy the nondiscrimination requirements for employee deferrals and employer matching contributions (as applicable) under sections 401(k)(3) and 401(m)(2)? .....                                                              | <input type="checkbox"/> Design-based safe harbor method | <input type="checkbox"/> ADP/ACP test                    |
| <b>20c</b> If the ADP/ACP test is used, did the 401(k) plan perform ADP/ACP testing for the plan year using the "current year testing method" for nonhighly compensated employees (Treas. Reg sections 1.401(k)-2(a)(2)(ii) and 1.401(m)-2(a)(2)(ii))? .....                   | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes                             | <input type="checkbox"/> No                              |
| <b>21a</b> Check the box to indicate the method used by the plan to satisfy the coverage requirements under section 410(b): .....                                                                                                                                              | <input type="checkbox"/> Ratio percentage test           | <input type="checkbox"/> Average benefit test            |
| <b>21b</b> Does the plan satisfy the coverage and nondiscrimination tests of sections 410(b) and 401(a)(4) by combining this plan with any other plans under the permissive aggregation rules? .....                                                                           | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes                             | <input type="checkbox"/> No                              |
| <b>22a</b> Has the plan been timely amended for all required tax law changes? .....                                                                                                                                                                                            | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes                             | <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> N/A |
| <b>22b</b> Date the last plan amendment/restatement for the required tax law changes was adopted ____/____/____. Enter the applicable code _____. (See instructions for tax law changes and codes).                                                                            |                                                          |                                                          |
| <b>22c</b> If the plan sponsor is an adopter of a pre-approved master and prototype (M&P) or volume submitter plan that is subject to a favorable IRS opinion or advisory letter, enter the date of that favorable letter ____/____/____ and the letter's serial number _____. |                                                          |                                                          |
| <b>22d</b> If the plan is an individually-designed plan and received a favorable determination letter from the IRS, enter the date of the plan's last favorable determination letter ____/____/____.                                                                           |                                                          |                                                          |
| <b>23</b> Is the Plan maintained in a U.S. territory (i.e., Puerto Rico (if no election under ERISA section 1022(i)(2) has been made), American Samoa, Guam, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands or the U.S. Virgin Islands)? .....                               | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes                             | <input type="checkbox"/> No                              |



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June 23, 2016

Mr. Nicholas R. Sucic  
Vice President and Controller  
The Davey Tree Expert Company  
1500 North Mantua Street  
Kent, Ohio 44240

Dear Nick:

Enclosed are seven manually signed copies of our report and consent on the financial statements and schedules of The Davey 401KSOP and ESOP as of December 31, 2015 and the year then ended. Please retain this letter and the enclosures in your files as evidence of our authorization to include the attached report and consent in your 2015 Annual Report on Form 11-K filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission.

If you have any questions regarding the form or use of these reports, please call me.

Very truly yours,

Nicholas M. Lopick  
Partner

Enclosures

## **Report of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm**

Plan Administrator  
The Davey 401KSOP and ESOP  
Kent, Ohio

We have audited the accompanying statements of net assets available for benefits of The Davey 401KSOP and ESOP as of December 31, 2015 and 2014, and the related statement of changes in net assets available for benefits for the year ended December 31, 2015. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Plan's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audits.

We conducted our audits in accordance with the standards of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States). Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. We were not engaged to perform an audit of the Plan's internal control over financial reporting. Our audits included consideration of internal control over financial reporting as a basis for designing audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Plan's internal control over financial reporting. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit also includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements, assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, and evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audits provide a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the net assets available for benefits of The Davey 401KSOP and ESOP at December 31, 2015 and 2014, and the changes in its net assets available for benefits for the year ended December 31, 2015, in conformity with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles.

The accompanying supplemental schedules of assets (held at end of year) as of December 31, 2015, and reportable transactions for the year then ended, have been subjected to audit procedures performed in conjunction with the audit of The Davey 401KSOP and ESOP's financial statements. The information in the supplemental schedules is the responsibility of the Plan's management. Our audit procedures included determining whether the information reconciles to the financial statements or the underlying accounting and other records, as applicable, and performing procedures to test the completeness and accuracy of the information presented in the supplemental schedules. In forming our opinion on the information, we evaluated whether such information, including its form and content, is presented in conformity with the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974. In our opinion, the information is fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the financial statements as a whole.

Akron, Ohio  
June 23, 2016

*Ernst + Young LLP*

Consent of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm

We consent to the incorporation by reference in the Registration Statements (Forms S-8 No. 333-203865, No. 333-196224, No. 333-187205, No. 333-172738, and No. 333-211465) pertaining to The Davey 401KSOP and ESOP of our report dated June 23, 2016, with respect to the financial statements and schedules of The Davey 401KSOP and ESOP included in this Annual Report (Form 11-K) for the year ended December 31, 2015.

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## Report of Independent Auditors

Plan Administrator  
The Davey 401KSOP and ESOP  
Kent, Ohio

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of The Davey 401KSOP and ESOP, which comprise the statements of net assets available for benefits as of December 31, 2015 and 2014, and the related statement of changes in net assets available for benefits for the year ended December 31, 2015, and the related notes to the financial statements.

### Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in conformity with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles; this includes the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free of material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

### Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audits. We conducted our audits in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

### Opinion

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the net assets available for benefits of The Davey 401KSOP and ESOP at December 31, 2015 and 2014, and the changes in its net assets available for benefits for the year ended December 31, 2015, in conformity with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles.

### Supplemental Schedules

Our audits were conducted for the purpose of forming an opinion on the financial statements as a whole. The accompanying supplemental schedules of assets (held at end of year) as of December 31, 2015, and reportable transactions for the year then ended are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the financial statements but are supplementary information required by the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for

Reporting and Disclosure under the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974. Such information is the responsibility of management and was derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements. The information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audits of the financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements or to the financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States. In our opinion, the information is fairly stated, in all material respects in relation to the financial statements as a whole.

*Ernst & Young LLP*

June 23, 2016

401K2 THE DAVEY TREE EXPERT COMPANY  
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FYE: 12/31/2015

10/13/2016 10:00 AM

**Federal Statements**  
**The Davey 401KSOP & ESOP**  
**Plan: 004**

**Plan transactions in excess of 5% of plan assets**

| <u>Name</u> |                       | <u>Purchase<br/>Price</u> | <u>Selling<br/>Price</u> | <u>Lease<br/>Rental</u> | <u>Expenses</u> | <u>Cost of<br/>Asset</u> | <u>Current<br/>Value</u> | <u>Net Gain<br/>or Loss</u> |
|-------------|-----------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------|-----------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|-----------------------------|
|             | <u>Description</u>    |                           |                          |                         |                 |                          |                          |                             |
|             | Davey Tree Stock Fund | \$ 4291238                | \$                       | \$                      | \$              | \$ 4291238               | \$ 4291238               | \$                          |
|             | Davey Tree Stock Fund |                           | 8836271                  |                         |                 | 2289014                  | 8836271                  | 6547257                     |

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## Federal Statements

FYE: 12/31/2015

### The Davey 401KSOP & ESOP Plan: 004

#### Assets Held for Investment

| <u>Party in<br/>Interest</u> | <u>Identity</u> | <u>Description</u> | <u>Cost</u>   | <u>Current<br/>Value</u> |
|------------------------------|-----------------|--------------------|---------------|--------------------------|
|                              |                 | See Attached List  | \$ 35,570,530 | \$ 208,072,584           |