



PROCLAMATION TOWN OF ROCKY HILL

GREAT MEADOWS RECOGNIZED AS AN IMPORTANT BIRD AREA APRIL 3, 2017

***WHEREAS,** Audubon Connecticut, the state office of the National Audubon Society, has recognized the lush farmland and forested wetlands of the Great Meadows as an Important Bird Area (IBA); and*

***WHEREAS,** designation as an IBA requires that an area meet specific and rigorous qualification standards; and*

***WHEREAS,** this area is recognized as an important stopover habitat for several declining grassland bird species, as an important area for waterfowl, particularly in spring migration, and for bald eagles nesting at two locations within the Great Meadows; and*

***WHEREAS,** recognition of the Great Meadows as an Important Bird Area not only protects valuable habitat for birds but also helps preserve the health of the Connecticut River watershed and Long Island Sound estuary; and*

***WHEREAS,** The Great Meadows Conservation Trust owns or has protected much of this land, overseen by a Board of Directors which includes several Rocky Hill residents, notably the current president, Christopher Duff of Rocky Hill;*

BE IT DULY NOTED THAT...

The Town of Rocky Hill officially recognizes the importance of the Great Meadows as one of our natural resources and takes great pride in being recognized with this distinction...

*In witness whereof, I have hereunto set
my hand and caused the seal of the
Town of Rocky Hill to be affixed*

Claudia Baio
Mayor

Stuart Topliff
Town Clerk

