

**Saturday May 19th**

**9am – 2pm**

**Come see the "WOW EXPRESS" at Keney Park  
Celebration of City of Hartford Urban Bird Treaty**

The WOW Express is the special, expansive and colorful mobile visitor center of the Silvio O. Conte National Fish and Wildlife Refuge, which encompasses rich natural diversity of the 7.2 million acre Connecticut River watershed, which is an important migratory pathway for birds.

The historic City of Hartford parkland and open spaces are significant urban bird havens along this Atlantic flyway. Every spring and fall thousands of birds fly through Hartford and along the Connecticut River corridor during the seasonal migrations. The many local native birds living in Hartford further attest to the importance of these urban environments to the well being of birds.

The City of Hartford received a U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service challenge grant to improve migratory bird habitat, and to develop an educational guideline, a "Park Plant Palette" to describe bird habitat in detail. The City of Hartford is working in partnership with Trinity College Professor of Biology Dr. Joan Morrison; Mary Pelletier of Park Watershed, Inc.; Parks & Recreation Advisory Commission; Friends of Keney Park, and Friends of Pope Park.

To celebrate the Hartford Urban Bird Treaty, the Watershed On Wheels, "WOW Express" will be located in

Keney Park between 9am – 2pm on Saturday, May 19th 2012 near the park pond and the tennis courts. The WOW Express is the special mobile visitor center of the Silvio O. Conte National Fish and Wildlife Refuge. **Dr. Morrison will conduct a bird watching walk around Keney Park pond that will begin at 9am from the WOW Express.**

Look for the Watershed On Wheels, "WOW Express" 9am – 2pm on Saturday, May 19th 2012 at Keney Park between the pond and the tennis courts in the Vine Street Section. Other fun events happening in Keney Park on May 19th include the Fishing Derby at Keney Park Pond and the Ebony Horsewomen Spring Festival, 11am – 5pm. For a map of that area, please visit the new interactive website for City Parks: <http://gis.hartford.gov/hartfordparks/index.html>

Local Urban Bird Treaty details please visit [www.parkwatershed.org](http://www.parkwatershed.org) For more information on the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service Urban Conservation Treaty for Migratory Birds "Urban Bird Treaty" please visit: <http://www.fws.gov/migratorybirds/Partnerships/UrbanTreaty/urbantreaty.html>

