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Green bike tour to highlight potential for trails and renewable energy, Sunday, Sept. 24

All residents of the Upper Minnesota River watershed who would like to see more development of recreational trails and locally owned renewable energy projects in the region are invited to attend a rally Sunday, Sept. 24, from 11 a.m. to noon. Those who are interested should meet at the bridge overlooking the Granite Falls Dam on the Minnesota River in Downtown Granite Falls.

The rally will begin with a bike ride at 10 a.m. from the Country Inn and Suites in Montevideo. From there, participants of the Green Bike Tour 2006, with their solar powered bikes, will ride to Granite Falls along the Minnesota River. Local bike and trail enthusiasts and members of the public are invited to join the ride.

The bike tour's arrival at the Oak Street Bridge in Granite Falls at around 11 a.m. Sunday, will signal the start of the rally, which will highlight the need for more recreational trails and renewable energy projects that can spur the economic development of the region.

The rally is sponsored by Clean up the River Environment (CURE), the League of Rural Voters, Fresh Energy and the Iowa Policy Project.

Representative Aaron Peterson, who was recently nominated to serve on the Governor's Conservation Legacy Council, will be taking part in the bike ride and rally.

Visit www.greenbiketour.blogspot.com for schedule updates and highlights from previous bike tours. For more information on the local trail ride on Sunday morning, contact the CURE office at 1-877-269-2873.

