



## **Green Bike Tour to highlight potential for trails, renewable energy Sunday**

MONTEVIDEO — A rally to boost development of recreational trails and locally owned renewable energy projects in the region is planned from 11 a.m.-noon Sunday at the bridge overlooking the Granite Falls Dam on the Minnesota River in downtown Granite Falls.

The rally, sponsored by Clean up the River Environment, the League of Rural Voters, Fresh Energy and the Iowa Policy Project, will begin with a bike ride starting 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 down to Granite Falls along the Minnesota River. Local bike and trail enthusiasts and members of the public are invited to join them on the ride. The bike tour's arrival at the Oak Street Bridge in downtown 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.

Rep. Aaron Peterson, DFL-Madison, who recently was nominated to serve on the Governor's Conservation Legacy Council for his work in support of the Renewable Energy Standard legislation last year in the Minnesota House of Representatives, will be taking part in the bike ride and rally.

Green bikers will visit wind farms, college campuses, solar installations, and complete the journey by heading down to Lake Benton and Sioux Falls, S.D., before finally ending up at the Conference of Engineers for a Sustainable World in Iowa City, Iowa Sept. 28.

For more information, visit [www.greenbiketour.blogspot.com](http://www.greenbiketour.blogspot.com) or call the CURE office at 1-877-269-2873.