



A Valentine's gift to Mother Earth: 1 Mississippi hosting cleanup of Great River Road

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ALTON - As many as 60 people have RSVP'd on social media to participate in a litter cleanup of the **Great River Road** on Saturday, Feb. 18, 2017.

The event is hosted by **1 Mississippi** - a group dedicated to the preservation of the natural waterways in the Riverbend and beyond - with the help of the **Piasa Palisades group of the Sierra Club**. The event is a way for people considering themselves "River Citizens" to show love to Mother Earth as part of a late Valentine's gift.

"It's awesome to see 50 or 60 people sign up for an event without the promise of a free t-shirt or anything like that," event organizer **Tanner Aljets** said.

Litter cleanup is expected to take around three hours and will begin at 8:45 a.m. at **Clifton Terrace Park**. Snacks and warm beverages will be provided. All ages are welcome to attend.

More information can be found by contacting Aljets at (618) 520-9749 or via email at il1Mississippi@biodiverse.org.