Mayors attend GreenTown conference in South Bend

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Dozens of mayors invaded Downtown South Bend to become more green.

They were attending the GreenTown conference. The goal is to gather ideas on how to be more green and promote healthy lifestyles.

Meetings were not the only things on the docket. The Mayor of Grand Rapids got a tour of the East Race from Mayor Pete Buttigieg.

He spoke about his city's process to get their own version of the river.

George Heartwell, the mayor of Grand Rapids, says "Through the removal of 6 dams that were put in to tame the river 100 yrs ago. We plan to remove them and do what South Bend did 30 years ago is to create a recreational opportunity for people."

Mayor Heartwell thought the East Race was so awesome he joked that he just wanted to put on his swim trunks and grab a kayak.