**RIVANNA RIVER STEWARD REPORT**

**River Steward Names:** Dan Triman and Justin Altice **Date:** 8-26-14

**Starting Location and Time:** Darden Towe Park (4:45 PM)

**Ending Location and Time:** Riverview Park (6:15 PM)

**Weather:** Sunny **Recent Precipitation:** One heavy rain the past week

**Water Flow:** Slow **Water Color:** Brown / Murky  **Water Odor:** None

**Water Temp. :** 26 deg C **Air Temp. :** 82 deg F

**DO:** 2 ppm **PH:** 8 **Turbidity:** 60 JTU

**USGS Water Gauge Reading**: Earlysville 1.33 ft.

**Physical Location Characteristics:** Under power lines near Riverview Park

**Location Tested:** Middle of the river

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**Land Use:**

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| Residential mainly, with some commercial use |

**Wildlife Sightings and Plant Life:**

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| Heron, Kingfisher, several turtles, various birds, small fish jumping out of the water |

**People Interactions:**

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| Saw several people at Riverview Park fishing. Lots of people out using the RTF trails along the river.  |

**Litter and Pollution:**

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| Removed half a trash bag worth of litter from the river including drink bottles and cans (metal, glass, plastic), and a few pieces of Styrofoam. Also removed 1 rubber tire tube.  |

**Overall Summary:**

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| Saw some wildlife (mostly birds), as well as a few people at Riverview Park. Water levels had risen a good amount compared to the last few weeks, and water was a little browner and murkier than usual from sedimentation. Picked up some trash along the way. One large downed tree at River right just before boat ramp at Riverview Park.  |

**Actions Needed – level of priority (1 highest/5 lowest):**

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| None.  |

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Figure : View down river near Darden Towe. Figure : Heron standing on a rock in the middle of the river.

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Figure : Rubber tire tube removed from river. Figure : Another shot of the heron we spotted.



 Figure : Downed tree near Riverview Park Figure : Examples of the trash we pulled from the river.