**RIVANNA RIVER STEWARD REPORT**

**River Stewards:** Dan Triman **Date:** 08-20-16

**Starting Location and Time:** Free Bridge (2:00 PM)

**Ending Location and Time:** Milton (5:15 PM)

**Weather:** Clear Sky **Recent Precipitation:** Fairly Dry

**USGS Gauges**: Earlysville 1.22 ft (19 ft2 / sec), Palmyra 2.78 ft (175 ft2 / sec),

**Water Color:** Clear **Water Odor:** None **Air Temp. :** 87 deg F

**DO:** 4 ppm **PH:** 8 **Turbidity:** 10 JTU **Water Temp. :** 31 deg C

**Water Testing Location:** Free Bridge River Right (38°00.4’N 78°24.0’W)

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**Land Use:**

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| Mix of residential, park, and commercial properties. Mostly wooded once you get past Woolen Mills area. |

**Wildlife Sightings and Plant Life:**

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| Turtles, Fish, Geese, Butterflies, Dragonflies, 2 Osprey, 2 Green Heron, and 1 Great Blue Heron. See photos below of colorful flower blooms. |

**People Interactions:**

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| Saw 25 people on the River (kayakers, canoers, fishers, and tubers). A few families swimming at Riverview and Milton, and folks on the trails. Gabe from Rivanna River Company helped me with transportation today. |

**Litter and Pollution:**

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| We had several reports of a lot of trash in this section of the Rivanna, and we were able to remove 2 large trash bags worth of small litter (cans, bottles, food trash), as well as 1 tire from the River today.  |

**Overall Summary:**

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| Water levels are slightly down again. We looked for a tree down that was reported as a strainer, but didn’t see anything too unsafe. Still some trash remaining in this section of the River, and a few tires as well. Work has begun on the new boat access area at Riverview Park, and there is a lot of erosion and mud at Milton where vehicles have started driving recently.  |

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

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| 2 – Complete Riverview work; 2 – Fix erosion problem at Milton; 4 – Remove remaining tires from this section of the River; 4 – Look into wasp issues at Milton kiosk |

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Figure 1: 2 Kayakers arriving at Free Bridge Figure 2: Yellow flowers along the bank

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Figure 3: Group of tubers enjoying the Rivanna Figure 4: One of the tires seen during the paddle

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Figure 5: Turtle on a log Figure 6: One of the bags of trash removed from the River



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Figure 7: Start of new boat access at Riverview Park Figure 8: Riverview Park platform being constructed

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Figure 9: View of the Rivanna looking down river Figure 10: Geese feeding in one of the rapids

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Figure 11: Butterfly on a plant on the bank Figure 12: Purple flowers along the bank



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Figure 13: Eagle nest on power line tower Figure 14: Osprey perched atop a tree

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Figure 15: Great Blue Heron Figure 16: Erosion at Milton steps

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Figure 15: Area above Milton steps causing erosion Figure 16: Wasp nest in RCA Kiosk at Milton