**RIVANNA RIVER STEWARD REPORT**

**River Stewards:** Dan Triman and Justin Altice **Date:** 09-05-16

**Starting Location and Time:** Darden Towe (10:45 AM)

**Ending Location and Time:** Riverview Park (12:30 AM)

**Weather:** Clear Skies **Recent Precipitation:** Not much rain recently

**USGS Gauges**: Earlysville 1.01 ft (7 ft3 / sec), Palmyra 2.48 ft (88 ft3 / sec),

**Water Color:** Clear **Water Odor:** None **Air Temp. :** 80 deg F

**DO:** 4 ppm **PH:** 8 **Turbidity:** 0 JTU **Water Temp. :** 24.5 deg C

**Water Testing Location:** Riverview Park below the steps at River Right

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**Land Use:**

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| Residential mainly, with some commercial use and park property |

**Wildlife Sightings and Plant Life:**

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| Turtles, Fish, Geese, smaller birds, and 1 Great Blue Heron. Some invasives noticed on the banks (such as bamboo), but also some native flowering plants. Lower water levels exposed a lot more underwater vegetation than we have seen recently.  |

**People Interactions:**

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| We saw a good number of people out today on the Rive (fishing, swimming, kayaking, and tubing). There were also a lot of folks out at both Darden and Riverview parks using the trails and play areas.  |

**Litter and Pollution:**

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| We removed about 1 bag of trash from the Rivanna today, mostly bottles and cans. We also removed a few sports ball, a tire rim, and a milk carton. There was a kids bicycle on one of the banks that looked like it came out of the River, and we also saw a few tires along the way.  |

**Overall Summary:**

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| Water levels are extremely low right now. We did this paddle to scout things out for our paddle later this week for a local conference. Due to Labor Day, there was a lot of people on the River. The new boat access at Riverview Park is still in progress, but coming along (see photos below).  |

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

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| 3 – Finish building new Riverview steps; 4 – Remove bicycle and tires |

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Figure : Turtle on a log near Darden Towe park Figure : Justin picking up a plastic bottle

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Figure : Some of the flowering colors on the bansk Figure : View of 2 kayakers in front of Free Bridge

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Figure 5: Goose posing for a photo on a rock Figure 6: Kids Bicycle found on one of the banks



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Figure 7: New Riverview Park boat access Figure 8: Another view of the Riverview steps

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Figure 9: Trash removed from River today