**RIVANNA RIVER STEWARD REPORT**

**River Steward Names:** Justin Altice and Dan Triman **Date:** 11-04-14

**Starting Location and Time:** Riverview Park (2:15 PM)

**Ending Location and Time:** Milton (4:45 PM)

**Weather:** Cloudy **Recent Precipitation:** Very little rain lately

**Water Flow:** Very Slow **Water Color:** Mostly Clear  **Water Odor:** None

**Water Temp. :** 14 deg C **Air Temp. :** 66 deg F

**DO:** 4 ppm **PH:** 8 **Turbidity:** 10 JTU

**USGS Water Gauge Reading:** Earlysville 1.27 ft., and Palmyra 2.60 ft.

**Physical Location Characteristics:** Just before Milton bridge

**Location Tested:** River right near bank

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**Land Use:**

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| Residential development with a wooded buffer around the river that contains the RTF then turning to more rural land uses towards Milton |

**Wildlife Sightings and Plant Life:**

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| 1 hawk, 1 kingfisher, crows, geese, ducks, several smaller birds, turtles, 1 deer, 1 beaver, 1 otter, and wild turkeys along the bank. We also saw 2 adult bald eagles and 1 younger bald eagle as well as a nest located on a power line tower at approx. 38°00'31.7"N 78°25'26.0"W. A lot more of the leaves had fallen off the trees along the river.  |

**People Interactions:**

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| We talked to 1 man at Riverview Park before we started our paddle. He had just moved to town and had some questions about paddling the Rivanna.  |

**Litter and Pollution:**

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| We removed some plastic and glass bottles, a 4x4 wood post, and found a canoe paddle along the river bank. There were many plastic bags in trees, and litter accumulated in debris piles. We also saw 12 tires, a shopping cart near Woolen Mills, and a newspaper box and payphone near Milton bridge.  |

**Overall Summary:**

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| Water levels were extremely low. Lots of wildlife seen, not many people seen. Some trash and large objects encountered during the paddle.  |

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

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| 4 – Remove more tires, remaining small trash, and larger trash items from River; 4 – Repair vandalized Milton kiosk |

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Figure : Turtle relaxing on a log Figure : Buried shopping cart near Woolen Mills



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Figure : Geese swimming in the river Figure : Younger bald eagle in flight



 Figure : Eagles nest on power line tower. Younger bald Figure : Milton kiosk that has been vandalized

 eagle sitting on tower just above nest to the left.