**RIVANNA RIVER STEWARD REPORT**

**River Stewards:** Dan Triman and Justin Altice **Date:** 04-08-16

**Starting Location and Time:** Reas Ford Rd (3:00 PM)

**Ending Location and Time:** Earlysville Rd (5:00 PM)

**Weather:** Cloudy and Windy **Recent Precipitation:** Some rain this week

**USGS Gauges**: Earlysville 2.05 ft (119 ft3 / sec), Palmyra 4.20 ft (1,090 ft3 / sec),

**Water Color:** A little cloudy **Water Odor:** None **Air Temp. :** 55 deg F

**DO:** 4 ppm **PH:** 8 **Turbidity:** 30 JTU **Water Temp. :** 13 deg C

**Water Testing Location:** Under Bridge Overpass at Woodlands Rd

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**Land Use:**

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| Mostly farmland and wooded areas with residential areas near Reservoir. |

**Wildlife Sightings and Plant Life:**

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| Turtles, Crows, Fish, Osprey, Hawk, Blue Heron, Geese, and Ducks.Vegetation is slowly starting to come back after the Winter. Saw some redbuds, and other flowering plants.  |

**People Interactions:**

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| We saw 3 other kayakers, rowing teams near the UVA boathouse, and several people fishing at the Woodlands Rd boat put in.  |

**Litter and Pollution:**

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| We removed ½ a bag of trash from the River. It was mostly cans and bottles, food containers, fish bait boxes, and plastic bags. There was a large orange construction cone buried in the water just above the Reservoir at River right, which appears to have been there a long time.  |

**Overall Summary:**

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| Water levels were up slightly with the rain this week. The water was a little cloudy with sediment, but no odors noticed. There were a lot of new no trespassing signs on trees for the Panorama Farms property at River left we noticed. Lots of turtles out today, and spotted a good amount of birds as well. Most of the trash found was at the Reas Ford put in location.  |

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

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| 4 – Remove orange construction cone from the water |

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Figure : Trash at Reas Ford put in Figure : View down river near Reas Ford

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Figure : Goose hiding behind a tree branch Figure : 2 Kayakers heading up river



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Figure 5: No trespassing signs posted for Panorama Farms Figure 6: “Turtle Island” as we have named it



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Figure 7: More turtles Figure 8: Blue Heron in flight

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Figure 9: Same Blue Heron flying overhead Figure 10: Orange Construction Cone in water

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Figure 11: Redbuds at Woodlands Rd boat put in