



## **RIVANNA RIVER STEWARD REPORT**

**River Steward Name(s):** Dan Triman and Justin Altice **Date:** 04-25-15

**Starting Location and Time:** UVA Boathouse Dock 10:00 AM

**Ending Location and Time:** UVA Boathouse Dock (Out and Back) 12:15 PM

**Weather:** Overcast **Recent Precipitation:** Some rain recently

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

**Water Temp. :** 14 deg C **Air Temp. :** 50 deg F

**DO:** 3 ppm **PH:** 7.0 **Turbidity:** 40 JTU

**USGS Water Gauge Reading:** Earlysville 2.5 ft, Palmyra 4.2 ft

**Physical Location Characteristics:** Rivanna Reservoir

**Specific Location Testing Performed:** At UVA Boathouse Dock

### **Land Use:**

Mostly farmland and wooded areas with some residential areas closer to the Reservoir.

### **Wildlife Sightings and Plant Life:**

Today we saw a beaver, a few turtles, a Blue Heron, numerous Swallows, Geese, Ducks, Fish jumping out of the water, and butterflies. Some of the flowers were blooming on the plants along the banks.

### **People Interactions:**

This trip was the Spring 2015 Sojourn, so we went with a group of about 20 people total including RCS staff, as well as BRMS and Outdoors at UVA. We saw a few other people out rowing, paddling, and fishing during our trip.

### **Litter and Pollution:**

We managed to pick up about 2 bags worth of trash from the river. It was mostly bottles and cans, with a few larger items like buckets.

### **Overall Summary:**

The Sojourn went really well. We did an out and back paddle on the South Fork of the Rivanna above the Reservoir. We had a little rain and colder temperatures, but everyone had a good time. This was the first time most of the paddlers on the trip had been on this section of the Rivanna.

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

None



Figure 1: Trash collected during Plow & Hearth clean up during the previous day along the Reservoir.



Figure 2: Getting ready to start the paddle at the boat dock



Figure 3: Sarah and Marcy paddling in an RCS canoe



Figure 4: Having fun paddling a tandem kayak



Figure 5: Turning around and heading back to the dock



Figure 6: BRMS and Outdoors at UVA paddlers



Figure 7: Hauling some of the trash we picked up



Figure 8: RCS Board members Dave and JD on the River



Figure 9: Pile of trash removed from the River



Figure 10: Everyone enjoying the food supplied by Walmart