**River Stewards:** Dan Triman  
**Date:** 05-29-17  
**Starting Location and Time:** Milton (8:00 AM)  
**Ending Location and Time:** Crofton (11:00 AM)  
**Weather:** Mostly Clear  
**Recent Precipitation:** Heavy rain past week  
**USGS Gauges:** Earlysville 3.0 ft (310 cfs), Palmyra 4.66 ft (1560 cfs)  
**Water Color:** Brown  
**Water Odor:** None  
**Air Temp:** 70° F  
**DO:** 5 ppm  
**PH:** 7  
**Turbidity:** 20 JTU  
**Water Temp:** 26° C  
**Water Testing Location:** Crofton Boat Ramp River Left (37°55.1’N 78°17.9’W)  

**Land Use:**  
Mostly farms and wooded land; residential in Keswick and Lake Monticello.  

**Wildlife Sightings and Plant Life:**  
Turtles, Small Birds, Ducks and Ducklings, Butterflies, Dragonflies, Fish, 2 Osprey, Crows, 2 Deer crossing Mechunk Creek. Some downed trees, but overall the vegetation was very green and full around the River.  

**People Interactions:**  
I was joined on this paddle by Jamie Beadle from Lake Monticello Water Rescue Team. We didn’t see anyone else out on the River today, but there was 1 other car parked at Crofton, and 1 other car parked at Milton.  

**Litter and Pollution:**  
The majority of the trash found today was plastic bags stuck in the tree branches above the River. We also found a cooler, a PFD, and an inner tube we removed. Less trash found the closer we got to Crofton.  

**Overall Summary:**  
With the recent rains, the water level being up and moving pretty fast meant the trip took much less time than usual, and the majority of the rocks that can cause issues were under water. The water levels being up allowed us to paddle a little ways upstream on Mechunk Creek as well. Happy to see a new gate/fence was up at Milton to keep people from driving onto the dirt path that is causing erosion of the boat access steps.  

**Actions Needed – level of priority (1 highest/5 lowest):**  
None.
Figure 1: New gate / fence at Milton

Figure 2: Dirt road at Milton boat access

Figure 3: Milton boat access steps into the River

Figure 4: View of the Rivanna down river from Milton

Figure 5: Erosion of bank at Glenmore

Figure 6: Large piece of farm equipment on the bank
Figure 7: Tree down across the River
Figure 8: Jamie paddling through Union Mills rapids
Figure 9: View of Mechunk Creek
Figure 10: Sediment on Crofton boat ramp
Figure 11: Trees piled up at Crofton bridge abutment
Figure 12: Trash collected during the paddle