River Stewards: Dan Triman        Date: 07-15-17
Starting Location and Time: UVA Boathouse – SF Reservoir (9:00 AM)
Ending Location and Time: UVA Boathouse – SF Reservoir (11:00 AM)
Weather: Clear Skies     Recent Precipitation: Mostly Dry
USGS Gauges: Earlysville 1.70 ft (60 cfs), Palmyra 2.44 ft (90 cfs)
Water Color: Mostly Clear   Water Odor: None   Air Temp: 80° F
DO: 4 ppm       PH: 8       Turbidity: 10 JTU       Water Temp: 32° C
Water Testing Location: UVA Boathouse Dock (38°05.8’N 78°29.2’W)

Land Use:
Residential mainly along the banks of the Reservoir, with some private commercial properties as well, such as Cornerstone Community Church.

Wildlife Sightings and Plant Life:
Turtles, Fish, Tree Swallows, Deer. Green vegetation along the banks.

People Interactions:
This was our yearly paddle with the local Big Brothers Big Sisters group. We had 6 matches (pairing of child and their adult match), for a total of 12 participants. Many of the children (elementary school age) had never been in a boat on the water before. We started at the UVA Boathouse dock and did an out and back paddle towards the Dam, and then headed back to the UVA Boathouse dock. There were also a significant amount of other people out in boats today, including kayaks, fishing boats, and rowers.

Litter and Pollution:
There was only 1 or 2 pieces of small trash found today.

Overall Summary:
It was a very successful paddle / event today and everyone had a good time. The water levels were decent even with the recent dry period we have been experiencing. All the participants got to learn about some of the work RCA does and why we try to keep our water healthy and clean.

Actions Needed – level of priority (1 highest/5 lowest):
None
Figure 1: Getting everyone’s PFD’s on before the paddle

Figure 2: Everyone selecting their canoes for the paddle

Figure 3: Carrying a canoe down to the dock

Figure 4: Starting the paddle heading towards the Dam

Figure 5: Paddlers enjoying the Reservoir

Figure 6: Working together to paddle the canoe
Figure 7: Stopping to pose for a photo in the canoe
Figure 8: Flowers blooming along the bank of the Reservoir
Figure 9: Paddlers taking a break
Figure 10: RCA Board Member JD Brown with paddlers
Figure 11: Some of the rowers seen today
Figure 12: View of the Reservoir looking downstream
Figure 13: View of the Reservoir heading back to the dock

Figure 14: RCA staff member Eli Connell helping with boats

Figure 15: RCA Canoes lined up after the paddle

Figure 16: Enjoying some snacks after the paddle

Figure 17: Resting after finishing the paddle

Figure 18: Group photo of all the paddlers