



RIVANNA RIVER STEWARD REPORT

River Stewards: Justin Altice and Dan Triman **Date:** 04-28-17

Starting Location and Time: Riverview Park (9:30 AM)

Ending Location and Time: Milton-Shadwell (11:00 AM)

Weather: Sunny Sky, No Clouds **Recent Precipitation:** A lot of rain the previous weekend with a rain shower the night before

USGS Gauges: Earlysville 2.25 ft (150 ft² / sec), Palmyra 3.75 ft (1000 ft² / sec)

Water Color: Murky **Water Odor:** Some unpleasant odors near 64 Overpass **Air Temp:** 85° F

DO: 5 ppm **PH:** 7 **Turbidity:** 30 JTU **Water Temp:** 23° C

Water Testing Location: Riverview Park

Land Use:

A few houses after Riverview Park then the old Woolen Mills site soon to be redeveloped; River runs underneath I-64 overpass and railroad; mostly wooded the rest of the way with a few open fields.

Wildlife Sightings and Plant Life:

Turtles, Green Heron, Cardinal, Tree Swallows, Hawk, EAGLE, Lots of paired up Geese, Ducks, Spiders, Butterflies, Vegetation very green with Spring flowers blooming.

People Interactions:

We saw people enjoying Riverview Park and then ran into some dropping a large trailer for boat pickup at Milton. We did not see anyone on the River.

Litter and Pollution:

We picked up 1 very large trash bag worth of Styrofoam, plastic, drink containers, and other litter today. Lots of trash washed in certain areas with recent heavy rains last weekend. Found many athletic balls including: basketball, soccer ball, many tennis balls, and a football.

Overall Summary:

Water levels were up and the River was moving briskly after the recent heavy rains we received. This is the most active stretch for rapids on the River; the paddle offered many exciting moments due to water levels and rocks located in rapid areas. Water temps are still cool but starting to



warm. The bridge abutments at the 64 overpass and North Milton Road once contained many large trees and branches piled up from high water wash outs but these areas are now clear. The trip time was greatly reduced due to the swiftness the water was moving. The improvements made to the Milton Boat Access steps by the Rivanna River Company have greatly improved the safety of this area for paddlers.

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

2 – Follow up with Albemarle County officials regarding closing off access to field on side of Milton Boat Access area which is causing erosion issues

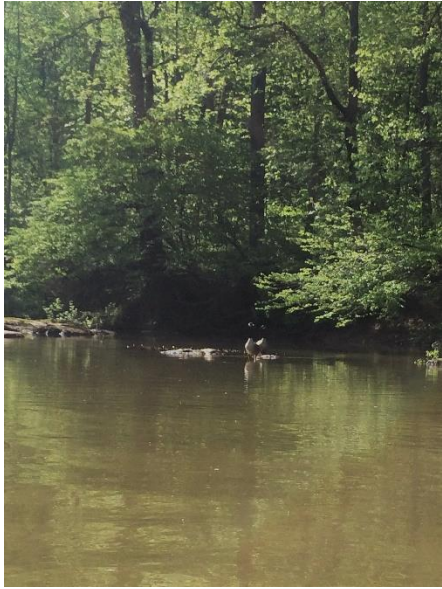


Figure 1: Goose (very prevalent on this paddle

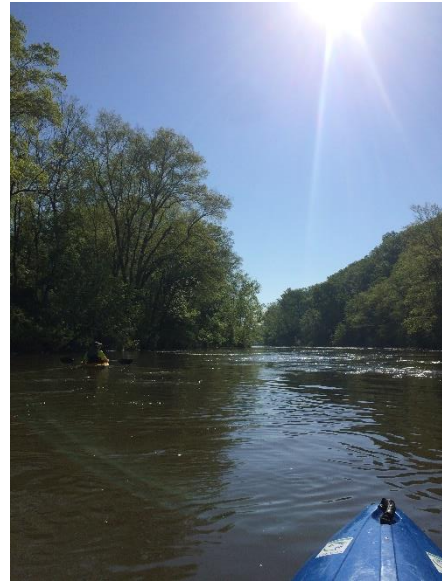


Figure 2: Sunny day on the River.



Figure 3: Rapids on this stretch of the Rivanna.

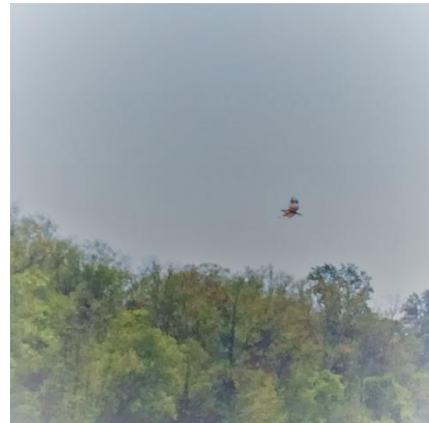


Figure 4: Eagle taking flight over the Rivanna.



Figure 5: Eagle nest of powerline pole.



Figure 6: New access steps at Milton, installed by RRC.



Figure 7: Trash collected during paddle.