



## RIVANNA RIVER STEWARD REPORT

River Stewards: Dan Triman      Date: 06-26-17  
Starting Location and Time: Reas Ford Rd (8:00 AM)  
Ending Location and Time: Woodlands Rd – UVA Boathouse (10:30 AM)  
Weather: Clear Skies    Recent Precipitation: Mostly Dry  
USGS Gauges: Earlysville 1.76 ft (75 cfs), Palmyra 2.90 ft (240 cfs)  
Water Color: Clear    Water Odor: None    Air Temp: 70° F  
DO: 5 ppm      PH: 8      Turbidity: 0 JTU      Water Temp: 25° C  
Water Testing Location: Reas Ford Rd River Left (38°07.5'N 78°30.9'W)

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### Land Use:

Residential mainly along the banks of the Reservoir, with some private commercial properties as well, such as Panorama Farms.

### Wildlife Sightings and Plant Life:

Turtles, Green Heron, 5 Great Blue Heron, Fish, Ducks, Geese, Deer.  
Very green and thick vegetation along the banks.

### People Interactions:

I was joined on this paddle by Kim Taylor, who is the Science Teacher at The Village School in Charlottesville. We were discussing upcoming environmental education programs for her students for the 2017-2018 school year. We saw 2 other kayakers, and some high school rowing teams out on the Rivanna Reservoir today.

### Litter and Pollution:

Collected 1 bag of trash, mostly plastic and glass bottles, and fishing bait boxes (95% of which came from beach areas near Reas Ford Rd).

### Overall Summary:

It was a nice morning for a paddle, and there were a significant amount of birds out to watch today. There still seems to be issues with trash and litter being thrown on the ground at the areas near Reas Ford Rd, which mainly appear to be from people fishing and using the trails.

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

3 – Determine a way to address the trash issue near Reas Ford Rd



Figure 1: Trash found at bottom of trail at Reas Ford Rd

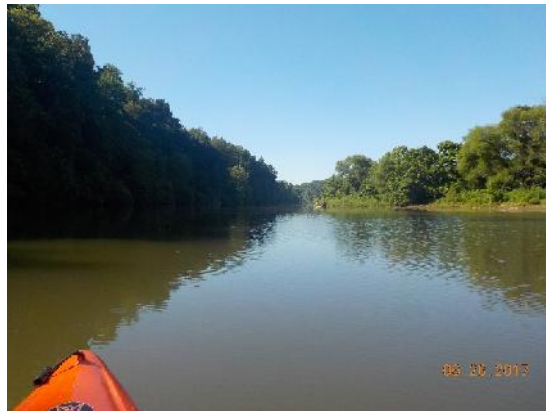


Figure 2: View of the South Fork Rivanna River



Figure 3: First on several Great Blue Herons seen



Figure 4: Turtle resting on a log



Figure 5: Great Blue Heron looking for fish to eat



Figure 6: Last of the Great Blue Heron photos





Figure 7: Unidentified large bird (Goose?) resting on a log



Figure 8: Local high school rowing team practicing



Figure 9: Reservoir looking upstream at UVA Boat Dock



Figure 10: Bag of trash collected during the paddle