



RIVANNA RIVER STEWARD REPORT

River Stewards: Dan Triman and Justin Altice Date: 08-23-17

Starting Location and Time: Crofton (10:00 AM)

Ending Location and Time: Palmyra (1:00 PM)

Weather: Cloudy Skies Recent Precipitation: Very Dry

USGS Gauges: Earlysville 1.28 ft (16 cfs), Palmyra 2.50 ft (85 cfs)

Water Color: Clear Water Odor: None Air Temp: 80° F

DO: 5 ppm PH: 8 Turbidity: 10 JTU Water Temp: 30° C

Water Testing Location: Palmyra Boat Ramp River Right (37°51.5'N 78°16.0'W)

Land Use:

Mostly open space and wooded areas, with some farms and residential.

Wildlife Sightings and Plant Life:

Turtles, 3 Green Heron, 1 Great Blue Heron, 5 Long Nose Gar, Small Fish, Dragonflies, Spiders, Damselflies, Geese, 1 Kingfisher, 1 Pileated Woodpecker, Small Birds, Butterflies, Vultures, Crow, Frog, Deer. Most of the banks were well vegetated, with some erosion on the banks.

People Interactions:

We saw a few people fishing near Camp Friendship, and one other person at Crofton, but otherwise it was quiet today on the Rivanna.

Litter and Pollution:

Not much trash found today, just a couple of bottles and a bucket. We saw about 5 tires in and around the River during the paddle as well. Some of the banks at River Left near Crofton are pretty severely eroded.

Overall Summary:

There was just enough water in the Rivanna River to make the paddle possible without too much trouble with the boats scraping the bottom. Lots of wildlife out again today. We also replaced some of the RCA maps and brochures today in the Crofton and Palmyra information kiosks.

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

None



Figure 1: Example of badly eroded banks near Crofton



Figure 2: Some of the flowering vegetation along the banks



Figure 3: Small turtle sitting on a log



Figure 4: Green Heron looking for some food



Figure 5: 3 Deer standing in the middle of the Rivanna



Figure 6: Flock of large Geese



Figure 7: Person fishing in the Rivanna



Figure 8: View of old bridge abutment at Palmyra



Figure 9: Historic Panel at Palmyra



Figure 10: Updated maps and info in kiosk at Palmyra



Figure 11: Historic Panel at Crofton



Figure 12: Updated maps and info in kiosk at Crofton