



# RIVANNA RIVER STEWARD REPORT

River Stewards: Dan Triman

Date: 08-13-17

Starting Location and Time: Darden Towe Park (10:15 AM)

Ending Location and Time: Milton (1:15 PM)

Weather: Clear Skies Recent Precipitation: Very Dry

USGS Gauges: Earlysville 1.28 ft (16 cfs), Palmyra 2.45 ft (80 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: Riverview Park River Right (38°01.4'N 78°27.2'W)

## Land Use:

Residential mainly, with some commercial use and park property

## Wildlife Sightings and Plant Life:

Turtles, 3 Green Heron, 4 Great Blue Heron, 3 Long Nose Gar, Small Fish, Dragonflies, Spiders, Damselflies, Snails, Geese, 2 Kingfishers, Small Birds, Tadpoles, 1 Osprey, Butterflies, Crow. Nice flowering vegetation along the banks. Some large downed trees, but nothing of concern.

## People Interactions:

I had the Rivanna River to myself today. No other people were seen on boats, but there were some folks out at Riverview and Darden and along the Rivanna Trail. Some vehicles at Milton when I was leaving.

## Litter and Pollution:

Collected 1 bag of trash (mostly bottles), and removed 1 tire (of the 6 or 7 I saw) from River. Trailer is still in the River (38°00.483'N 78°25.273'W).

## Overall Summary:

It ended up being a nice day for a paddle despite low water levels and low flows. There was enough water in Rivanna so didn't have to get out of boat too many times. Lots of wildlife out today. The gate at Milton was locked today, which was nice to see, but our RCA table at Milton was broken.

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

2 – Remove trailer from River; 4 – Replace table at Milton or remove it



Figure 1: One of many Cardinal flowers seen today



Figure 2: Small turtle sunning on a log



Figure 3: Spider on the kayak



Figure 4: Green Heron on the bank



Figure 5: Damselfly on a rock at Riverview Park



Figure 6: Large tree down just past Riverview Park at River Left





Figure 7: Great Blue Heron taking off from a tree



Figure 8: Tadpole in a shallow area of the River



Figure 9: Yellow flowers growing along the bank



Figure 10: Eagles nest on power line tower



Figure 11: Trailer buried in the Rivanna River



Figure 12: View upstream from where Trailer is buried





Figure 13: View downstream from where trailer is buried



Figure 14: Goose enjoying the nice day



Figure 15: Historic Panel in RCA kiosk at Milton



Figure 16: Erosion area on dirt road at Milton



Figure 17: Broken table at Milton



Figure 18: Trash collected from the paddle



Figure 19: New lock installed on Milton Gate



Figure 20: Milton Gate closed and locked