



Figure 1. Upstream from the Main Street Bridge (VR01): December 2005 top, November 2006 bottom. The river is now covered with two types of plant cover. Most of what can be seen is watercress, however, the arrow marks a line of slightly darker, and taller, vegetation near the stream edge: *Ludwigia hexapetala* or water primrose. Lacking a big wet winter during the next few years this plant will come to dominate the lower river.



Figure 2. Upstream from the Main Street Bridge (VR01): December 2005 top, November 2006 bottom. The view here is similar to Figure 1, but taken further east on the bridge to document the change in riparian vegetation. Both brush and *Arundo* have made a substantial comeback over the past year.



Figure 3. VR02 from the levee near Stanley Road: December 2005 top, November 2006 bottom. While aquatic plants have also come to dominate the river here, the most interesting development is the rapid growth of willows (indicated by the arrow), now head-high in the riparian zone.



Figure 4. Upstream from the Shell Road bridge: December 2005 top, November 2006 bottom. Although the changes in aquatic vegetation are not as noticeable here, riparian brush and trees have grown considerably. Note that the bank stabilization structure visible in the upper photo (arrow) can hardly be seen in the lower.



Figure 5. Downstream from the Foster Park bridge: December 2005 top, November 2006 bottom. The change here has mostly been in the growth of riparian brush and trees. What used to be a walk across rocks to access the sampling site is now a fight through dense brush..