A COMMUNITY ENGAGED RESEARCH PROJECT MAPPING INVASIVE WAVYLEAF BASKETGRASS

PROJECT WAVYLEAF

Wavyleaf basketgrass (Oplismenus undulatifolius) is an invasive grass that was first found in Maryland in 1996. The grass grows in dense monocultures in forest understories and spreads quickly through clonal growth and by dispersal of glue covered seeds that stick to fur, clothing, and skin.

We need your help!

Help us by mapping the distribution and spread of this invasive species. It's easy and fun to participate, and can be done with groups, as a family, or on your own.

- Individuals: use the app while hiking.
- Families: make the mapping activity a part of your summer camping trip.
- Educators: Teach a lesson on invasive species to your class and demonstrate science in action using the app.

How to get involved:

- Download the wavyleaf mapping app by scanning the QR code below or searching "wavyleaf" on Android Google Play or the iOS App Store.
- 2. Register the app so we know a little about our citizen scientists.
- **3.** Get Mapping! Whether you see wavyleaf basketgrass on your property or along a hike, record the location or map a series of points along a trail.

Questions? Find us online at www.towson.edu/wavyleaf













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Summer 2014 Training Dates and Locations

Attendance at a training session is not required to participate in this project. Information on how to use the app is available in the help screen and at www.towson.edu/wavyleaf. Please send any questions to wavyleaf@towson.edu

If you are interested in learning more about wavyleaf basketgrass or want to come to a training session, please join us at one of the following locations. All training sessions are free. All ages are welcome but participants must be 18 years or over to submit data.

Patapsco Valley State Park

Saturday June 7, 9 am – 12 pm, Glen Artney Area, Shelter 92 Saturday July 12, 9 am – 12 pm McKeldin Area, Shelter 540 Saturday October 4, 10 am – 1 pm Hilton or Hollofield Area – check later for details

For more information and to register for any Patapsco Valley State Park Training, go to <u>http://www.patapscoheritagegreenway.org/eventcal.html</u> and search the page for "wavyleaf"

Middle Patuxent Environmental Area

Tuesday June 24, 9 – 11 am, Trotter Road Entrance

More information is available at <u>www.howardcountymaryland.gov/CSPSchedule.pdf</u>

Fraser Preserve, Fairfax County VA

Saturday July 5, 9:30 am – 12 pm and 1:00 – 3:30 pm

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