

Final Progress Report for Fiscal Year 2015

As of November 30, 2015 (updated 1/31/16)

Snapshot of Accomplishments & Capabilities

- All 19 HWA-infested Georgia counties in native hemlock range now served by our Hemlock Help Program
- Hemlock Help Line available 7 days a week with 1,055 calls handled to date
- 10 SGH Hemlock Help Clinics with 69 attendees
- 8 SGH Facilitator Training Workshops with 20 new Facilitators trained and 12 Facilitators refreshed
- 2 Lead Facilitator Workshops with 19 participants
- Current total of active 183 Volunteer Facilitators in Georgia and 56 in other states
- 93 Facilitator visits made to property owners with charitable treatment of 481 trees
- 8 training classes for 118 neighborhood volunteers
- 14 presentations to community groups with 660 attendees
- 5 Hemlock Lessons and/or education stations for youth events with 500 student/teacher participants
- 12 festivals/events with 70 volunteers and 979 visitors/contacts
- 25 articles/news items written by, with the assistance of, or about SGH published in newspapers/magazines and 1 radio interview
- 11 hemlock rescue projects with 21 volunteers, 301 saplings and 270 seedlings rescued
- 173 hemlock saplings adopted, 72 saplings and 270 seedlings donated to schools/nonprofits
- 5 hemlock sapling planting projects with 64 volunteers planting 80 saplings
- 13 hemlock treatment projects with 138 volunteers treating/retreating 1,956 trees
- 7 soil injectors repaired/refurbished
- Total of 4,762 volunteer hours logged to date

Financial Report

Current: Fiscal 2015*

Dec. 1, 2014 – Nov. 30, 2015

Total Contributions	Educational Spending	Charitable Service Spending	Administrative Expense	Membership/Fundraising	Total Expenses	Cash on Hand
\$14,965.43	\$7,019.11	\$5,374.39	\$1,108.13	\$53.47	\$13,555.10	\$18,212.26
	51.78%	39.65%	8.18%	.39%		

Cumulative: Fiscal 2009 – 2015

July 1, 2009 – Nov. 30, 2015

Total Contributions	Educational Spending	Charitable Service Spending	Administrative Expense	Membership Fundraising	Total Expenses
\$106,127.37	\$44,271.96	\$35,082.88	\$6,451.37	\$1,708.90	\$87,915.11
	50.36%	40.28%	7.34%	1.94%	

* Our fiscal year is from December 1 to November 30.

Total Spending in FY 2015:

91.43% for educational & charitable service programs.
8.57% for administrative, membership & fund raising activities.

Cumulative Spending FY 2009-2015:

90.72% for educational & charitable service programs.
9.28% for administrative, membership & fund raising activities.



Activity Detail: Completed

Dec. 1, 2014 – Nov. 30, 2015

Date	Activity
12/1/14	Facilitator visits to 3 properties in Gilmer County (reported from 11/28/14)
12/3/14	Facilitator visit to 1 property in White County
12/5/15	1 sapling adopted
12/6/14	SGH presentation to Blackberry Mountain property owners association – 100 attendees
12/9/14	1 sapling adopted
12/14/14	7 saplings adopted
12/29/14	Project planning training/assistance for hemlock assessment at Whitepath Golf Course– 4 neighborhood participants
1/6/15	Training for 24 neighborhood volunteers for assessment of Whitepath Golf Course hemlocks
1/6/15	Hemlock assessment project at Whitepath Golf Course with 23 volunteers
1/6/15	Facilitator visit to 1 property in Gilmer County
1/14/15	Rescue and potting of 50 saplings in Dahlonega – 1 volunteer.
1/18/15	SGH Leadership Team winter meeting in Dahlonega
1/19/15	Martin Luther King Day of Service -- Brief presentation to 12 attendees; planting of 12 donated hemlock saplings at West Atlanta Watershed Alliance Outdoor Activity Center. 13 volunteers
1/20/15	Hemlock assessment project continued at Whitepath Golf Course. 7 volunteers re-evaluated 600+ trees.
1/21/15	Facilitator visit to 1 property in Gilmer County
1/22/15	SGH presentation to Rabun County Rotary Club – 60 attendees
1/22/15	Facilitator visit to 1 property in Gilmer County
1/26/15	Facilitator visit to 1 property in Gilmer County
1/30/15	SGH education station at Northeast GA Regional Science & Engineering Fair in Athens. 1 volunteer, 30 student & teacher visitors, 1 sapling adopted
2/3/15	12 saplings adopted
2/4/15	Project planning training/assistance for hemlock treatment at Whitepath Golf Course– 4 neighborhood participants
2/4/15	Facilitator visit to 1 property in Gilmer County
2/8/15	Facilitator visit to 1 property in Rabun and charitable treatment of 11 trees
2/10/15	Hemlock presentation to Gold Diggers Garden Club in Dahlonega – 14 attendees
2/11/15	Facilitator visits to 3 properties in Union County
2/11/15	Facilitator visit to 1 property in Habersham County
2/12/15	Facilitator visit to 1 property in Lumpkin County
2/12/15	2 saplings adopted
2/16/15	Facilitator visit to 1 property in White County and charitable treatment of 6 trees
2/26/15	SGH presentation to guests at the Hike Inn – 20 attendees.
2/27/15	Article “Help Save Our Hemlocks” written by Mike Walters and published in <i>West Rabun Property Owners winter newsletter</i>
2/28/15	Lead Facilitator Workshop in Dahlonega. 12 participants
3/7/15	Lead Facilitator Workshop in Ellijay. 7 participants
3/8/15	Hemlock treatment project in Rabun County. 1 volunteer, 40 trees
3/9/15	Hemlock treatment project in Rabun County. 1 volunteer, 60 trees
3/10/15	Article “Good partners make a strong team” written by Jim Reich and published in March issue of <i>Blue Ridge Trout Unlimited newsletter</i>
3/15/15	Facilitator visit to 1 property in Rabun County
3/17/15	Training for 6 neighborhood volunteers for sapling rescue at Whitepath Golf Course
3/17/15	Rescue and potting of 100 hemlock saplings with 6 volunteers at Whitepath Golf Course

3/19/15	Partnership established with USFS Chattooga River District to treat hemlocks in conservation areas; Facilitator visit to 6 work sites in NE Ga counties
3/20/15 & 3/21/15	SGH support for Georgia Mountains Master Gardener / 4H Plant Sale, including information table and potted saplings for adoption – 2 volunteers, 15 visitors, 6 saplings donated for GMMG’s benefit, 5 saplings adopted for SGH’s benefit
3/21/15	SGH information booth at Spring Forward Paulding fair in Dallas. 1 volunteer, 66 visitors, 1 sapling donated for SFP’s benefit, 5 saplings adopted for SGH’s benefit
3/23/15	Facilitator visit to 1 property in Fannin County
3/23/15	Rescue and potting of 40 hemlock saplings in Dahlonega. 2 volunteers
3/25/15	Training for 19 neighborhood volunteers for hemlock treatment project at Whitepath Golf Course
3/25/15	Hemlock treatment project at Whitepath Golf Course. 20 volunteers, 295 trees treated
3/26/15	Facilitator visit to 1 property in Lumpkin County
3/28/15	SGH information booth at Trail Fest in Dahlonega. 6 volunteers, 104 visitors, 12 saplings adopted
3/30/15	Facilitator visit to 1 property in Gilmer County
3/31/15	SGH-USFS hemlock treatment project in Frank Gross Campground HCA, Fannin County. 9 volunteers, 61 trees treated/retreated
4/1/15	Facilitator visit to 1 property in White County
4/2/15	Facilitator visit to 1 property in Hall County
4/2/15	Flyer “Help the Hemlocks” for SGH Presentation at Fernbank written and published by Lynn Anders
4/3/15	Article "Tiny bug is big trouble" published in April issue of <i>Blue Ridge Trout Unlimited newsletter</i> .
4/5/15	1 sapling adopted
4/6/15	Facilitator visit to 1 property in Fannin County, charitable treatment of 35 trees.
4/7/15	3 volunteers continued treatment of Whitepath Golf Course – 110 more trees
4/9/15	Brief presentation to Forest Service personnel and partners at meeting with new Regional Forester – 20 attendees
4/11/15	Presentation to Blue Ridge Trout Unlimited – 30 attendees
4/12/14	SGH Leadership Team spring meeting at Smithgall Woods
4/14/15	Volunteer support for Trout Unlimited Fundraiser / educational event at Noontootla Creek Farms
4/14/15	SGH presentation to Blue Ridge Mountains Rotary Club – 18 attendees, 1 sapling adopted
4/18/15	SGH-USFS hemlock treatment project in Blackwell Creek HCA – 12 volunteers treated/retreated 172 trees
4/19/15	SGH information table at Ecumenical Earth Day celebration in Dalton – 1 volunteer, 25 visitors
4/19/15	SGH information booth and presentation at Fernbank Museum of Natural History – 30 visitors, 22 attendees, 1 sapling donated
4/20/15	Facilitator visit to 2 properties in Pickens County
4/22/15	Training for 6 neighborhood volunteers for Safari treatment of hemlock at Whitepath Golf Course
4/22/15	Completion of hemlock treatment project at Whitepath Golf Course – 6 volunteers, 56 trees
4/22/15	2 sapling rescue projects in Ellijay – 3 volunteers, 30 saplings donated by property owner, 100 seedlings rescued for future donation
4/24/15	SGH education station and seedling potting at High Meadows Earth Day in Roswell – 6 volunteers, 100 students, 100 donated seedlings
4/24/15	Facilitator visit to 1 property in Gilmer County
4/28/15	Hemlock seedling rescue project in Ellijay – 2 volunteers, 110 seedlings for future donation
5/1/15	Facilitator visit to 1 property in Rabun County
5/1/15	Rescue project in Dahlonega – 1 volunteer, 60 seedlings rescued for future donation
5/2/15	SGH education station and seedling potting at Trout Unlimited / Girl Scouts Go Fish at Mercier Orchard in Blue Ridge – 5 volunteers, 60 Girl Scouts and their leaders, 60 donated seedlings
5/4/15	Community Calendar announcement published in <i>Gainesville Times</i> and Flowery Branch newspaper for training classes in Gainesville on 5/16/15. Flyer distributed to Hall County Master Gardeners.
5/4/15	Facilitator visits to 2 individuals in Rabun County; 1 soil injector tested and recalibrated for CES Rabun

5/4/15	Facilitator visit to 1 property in Fannin County
5/6/15	Facilitator visit to 1 property in Gilmer County
5/6/15	Community Calendar announcement published in <i>Chatsworth Times</i> and <i>Dalton Citizen</i> for training classes in Chatsworth 5/16/15. Flyer distributed to Murray/Whitfield Master Gardeners.
5/7/15	Facilitator visits to 7 properties in Rabun County and charitable treatment of 45 trees
5/7/15	4 saplings adopted
5/8/15	3 saplings adopted
5/8/15	SGH presentation to 9 groups of 4 th graders at All About Trees Field Day in Blairsville – 200 student & teacher participants
5/8/15	SGH brief presentation and seedling potting for 120 5 th graders and teachers at Blackburn Elementary School's Bear Jamboree Festival in Dahlonega, 110 donated seedlings
5/9/15	SGH support for Garden Club of Ellijay Plant Sale, including potted saplings for adoption and handout materials – 1 volunteer, 30 visitors, 20 saplings donated for GCE's benefit
5/9/15	Hemlock treatment project at Boy Scout Camp Rainey Mountain in Rabun County – 12 volunteers, 100 trees treated
5/9/15	Facilitator visit to 1 property in Rabun County and charitable treatment of 44 trees
5/10/15	Boxed ad published in <i>Gainesville Times</i> for training classes in Gainesville on 5/16/15
5/11/15	Article "Free workshop aims to help residents save hemlock trees" written by Caroline Watts and published in <i>Gainesville Times</i>
5/12/15	Facilitator visit to 1 property in Rabun County
5/13/15	Community Calendar announcement published in <i>Chatsworth Times</i> and <i>Dalton Citizen</i> for training classes in Chatsworth 5/16/15. Boxed ad published in <i>Chatsworth Times</i> .
5/13/15	SGH Leadership Team interim meeting in Dahlonega to prepare for Hemlock Camp Meeting
5/14/15	8 saplings adopted at Dahlonega Farmers' Market
5/16/15	SGH Hemlock Help Clinic & Facilitator Training Workshop in Hall County – 3 Clinic attendees, 1 new Facilitator trained
5/16/15	SGH Hemlock Help Clinic & Facilitator Training Workshop for Murray and Whitfield Counties – 3 Clinic attendees, 1 new Facilitator trained, 1 Facilitator retrained
5/20/15	Community Calendar announcement and boxed ad published in <i>Pickens County Progress</i> for training classes in Jasper 5/30/15. Flyer distributed through Cooperative Extension Office.
5/23/15 & 5/24/14	SGH information booth at Blue Ridge Arts Festival – 15 volunteers, 400 visitors, 27 saplings adopted
5/24/15	SGH brief presentation and exhibit at Lake Rabun Association property owners meeting – 100 attendees
5/24/15	Facilitator visits to 2 properties in Rabun County
5/25/15	Facilitator visits to 3 properties in Rabun County and charitable treatment of 20 trees
5/27/15	Facilitator visits to 2 properties in Rabun County and charitable treatment of 45 trees
5/27/15	Press release "Hemlock Camp Meeting" and/or Community Calendar announcement published in a dozen north Georgia newspapers
5/27/15	Article "Save Your Hemlocks While You Still Can" published in <i>Pickens County Progress</i>
5/27/15	Donation of 2 large hemlocks to a church in Blue Ridge.
5/29/15	Facilitator visit to 3 properties in Rabun County and charitable treatment of 83 trees
5/30/15	SGH Hemlock Help Clinic & Facilitator Training Workshop in Pickens County – 12 Clinic attendees, 4 new Facilitators trained
5/30/15	Facilitator visits to 2 properties in Whitfield County and charitable treatment of 1 tree
5/30/15	Facilitator visit to 1 property in Rabun County
5/31/15	6 saplings adopted
6/2/15	Hemlock saplings rescue project in White County – 2 volunteers, 18 saplings rescued and donated to SGH
6/6/15	SGH info booth at Hemlock Day at Anna Ruby Falls – 3 volunteers, 80 visitors, 10 saplings adopted
6/6/15	Article "New Hope for Saving Hemlocks" written by Ralph Heller and published in June issue of <i>Benton MacKaye Trail Association newsletter</i>

6/7/15	SGH Hemlock Camp Meeting at ETC Pavilion in Ellijay with keynote speaker Dr. Richard McDonald presenting “Beetles Save Needles” – 17 volunteers, 130 attendees, 20 saplings adopted
6/8/15	Facilitator visit to 1 property in Rabun County.
6/9/15	Facilitator visit to 1 property in Rabun County, charitable treatment of 12 trees.
6/13/15	SGH-USFS hemlock treatment project in Noontootla – 11 volunteers, 167 trees treated/retreated
6/13/15	Supported Trout Unlimited Fundraiser in Blue Ridge
6/14/15	Facilitator visit to 1 property in Gilmer County
6/15/15	Community Calendar announcement published in <i>Dade County Sentinel</i> re training and treatment project at Cloudland Canyon on 6/20/15; flyer distributed by Friends of the Park; and article "Training Sessions Offered Concerning Hemlock Woolly Adelgid" published in <i>The Chattanooga</i> on-line.
6/16/15 & 6/17/15	Hemlock interview with Dr. John Raber & Donna Shearer aired on THUNDER 104.3 fm radio.
6/18/15	Community Calendar announcement and boxed ad published in <i>Times-Courier</i> for training classes in Ellijay on 6/27/15
6/20/15	SGH Hemlock Help Clinic & Facilitator Training Workshop for Dade County – 2 Clinic attendees, 2 new Facilitators trained
6/20/15	SGH-DNR hemlock treatment project in Cloudland Canyon – 10 volunteers, 299 trees treated
6/25/15	Article "Learn to Save Your Hemlocks While You Still Can" published in <i>Times-Courier</i>
6/27/15	SGH Hemlock Help Clinic & Facilitator Training Workshop in Gilmer County – 7 Clinic attendees, 1 new Facilitator trained, 3 Facilitators retrained
7/3/15	Facilitator visits to 2 properties in Gilmer County
7/7/15	Facilitator visit to 1 property in Towns County
7/12/15	SGH Leadership Team summer meeting in Dahlonega
7/15/15	Community Calendar announcement and boxed ad published in <i>Dawson News</i> for training classes in Dawsonville on 7/25/15
7/17/15	Soil injector repairs completed – 1 for professional applicator and 1 for USFS Chattooga River District
7/19/15	Soil injector repair completed – 1 for POA in Gilmer County
7/22/15	Community Calendar announcement and press release “Learn How to Save Your Hemlocks While You Still Can” published in <i>Dawson News</i> for training classes in Dawsonville on 7/25/15
7/22/15	Community Calendar announcement and boxed ad published in <i>Main Street News – Banks County</i> for training classes in Homer on 8/1/15
7/22/15	Flyer and other publicity prepared and distributed by Gordon County CES for Hemlock Help Clinic in Calhoun on 8/13/15
7/22/15	Facilitator visit to new nature preserve in Pickens County to research possible site for sapling planting, sapling nursery, or beetle insectary – 2 volunteers
7/25/15	SGH Hemlock Help Clinic & Facilitator Training Workshop in Dawson County – 1 Clinic attendee and 1 new Facilitator trained
7/27/15	Soil injector repairs completed – 3 for USFS Chattooga River District
7/29/15	Community Calendar announcement published in <i>Calhoun Times</i> for training class for Gordon County on 8/13/15
7/29/15	Community Calendar announcement and press release “Do Your Part to Save the Hemlocks” published in <i>Main Street News – Banks County</i> for training classes in Home on 8/1/15
7/29/15	Community Calendar announcement and boxed ad published in <i>The Dahlonega Nugget</i> and contiguous county newspapers for training classes in Dahlonega on 8/8/15
8/5/15	Community Calendar announcement and Letter to the Editor published in <i>The Dahlonega Nugget</i> and contiguous county newspapers for training classes in Dahlonega on 8/8/15
8/6/15	Acquired a Kioritz soil injector from SGH member
8/8/15	SGH Hemlock Help Clinic and Facilitator Training Workshop for Lumpkin County – 3 Clinic attendees and 2 new Facilitators trained
8/13/15	SGH Hemlock Help Clinic for Gordon County – 9 clinic attendees
8/17/15	Hemlock training for Americore group working with DNR – State Parks – 5 training participants

8/29/15	SGH Hemlock Help Clinic for Fannin and Union Counties – 9 Clinic attendees
9/6/15	SGH info booth & brief presentation at Lake Rabun Association Labor Day meeting – approx 100 attendees
9/10/15	1 medium sapling adopted.
9/10/15	Facilitator visit to 1 property in Rabun County.
9/19/15	5 small saplings adopted.
9/22/15	1 large sapling adopted.
9/26/15	National Public Lands Day -- SGH Hike & Help the Hemlocks – 18 volunteers treated/retreated 259 trees in Lake Winfield Scott Campground HCA and attended lunch-and-learn presentations.
10/3/15	SGH info booth at Foxfire Mountaineer Festival in Clayton – 4 volunteers, approx 75 visitors, 2 saplings adopted
10/4/15	SGH info booth at Georgia Marble Festival in Jasper – 4 volunteers, approx 75 visitors, 12 saplings adopted
10/6/15	Facilitator visit to 1 property in Pickens County.
10/7/15	Facilitator visit to 1 property in Pickens County.
10/7/15	2 small saplings adopted
10/10/15	SGH presentation to White Horse Cove Community Association in Cleveland – 15 attendees
10/14/15	Community Calendar announcement and Letter to the Editor “Saving hemlocks is smart stewardship” published in <i>Northeast Georgian</i> and contiguous county newspapers for training classes in Clarkesville on Oct 24
10/18/15	Donation of 30 potted saplings, brief training presentation for 50 participants, and planting at West Atlanta Watershed Alliance Outdoor Activity Center. Donation of 20 more potted saplings for planting at new English Avenue park on October 28
10/21/15	Community Calendar announcement published in <i>Northeast Georgian</i> and contiguous county newspapers; boxed ad published in <i>Northeast Georgian</i> for training classes in Clarkesville on Oct 24
10/24/15	SGH Hemlock Help Clinic and Facilitator Training Workshop for Habersham, Rabun, Towns, White, Banks, Stephens, and Hall Counties -- 20 Clinic attendees, 8 new Facilitators trained, and 4 Facilitators refreshed
10/25/15	SGH Leadership Team fall meeting in Dahlonega
10/25/15	3 large hemlocks adopted.
10/26/15	Soil injector repair completed – 1 for USFS Chattooga River District
11/4/15 – 11/6/15	Beetles Save Needles training by Hemlock Restoration Initiative in Asheville – 4 SGH members attended.
11/7/14	SGH presentation to Bent Tree Lake & Wildlife group in Jasper – 80 attendees
11/7/15	1 Carolina hemlock sapling adopted
11/10/15	Facilitator visit to 1 property in Rabun County.
11/11/15	Facilitator visit to 1 property in Milton, GA
11/14/15	SGH-USFS hemlock treatment project in Rock Creek HCA near Suches – 20 volunteers treated/retreated 154 trees.
11/14/15	Sapling rescue/potting project in Dahlonega – 2 volunteers potted 16 saplings for distributed sapling nursery.
11/15/15	Facilitator visit to 1 property in Pickens County, charitable treatment of 12 trees.
11/16/15	10 hemlock saplings adopted at Dahlonega Farmers’ Market.
11/18/15	1 Carolina hemlock sapling adopted; 10 Eastern saplings adopted
11/18/15	SGH Facilitator Training Workshop – 3 Facilitators refreshed
11/20/15	Facilitator visits to 11 properties in Pickens County, charitable treatment of 88 trees.
11/21/15	SGH-USFS hemlock treatment project in Hemlock Falls HCA in Rabun County – 15 volunteers treated/retreated 182 trees.
11/30/15	32 hemlock saplings rescued by 1 volunteer and donated to urban forest project in City of Covington.
11/30/15	Reports received for 10 Facilitator visits, charitable treatment of 79 trees, 1 rescue project for 15 saplings, 2 sapling planting projects for 18 saplings.