



Save Georgia's Hemlocks

11-8-09 Meeting Agenda

A quarterly Board meeting is called for Sunday, November 8 at 4:00 p.m. at the home of Donna Shearer, 37 Woody Bend, Dahlonega. The meeting is open to all interested parties. The agenda will include:

Review and signing of organizing documents

Articles of Incorporation
Bylaws
Conflict of Interest Policy
Donor Privacy Policy

Election of officers

Chairman
Vice Chairman
Treasurer
Secretary

Review of financial condition and accomplishments to date

Progress Report as of November 9, 2009

Discussion of goals, objectives, and future projects

- **More counties** -- In early spring of 2010, the Hemlock Help for Homeowners program will be implemented in additional north Georgia counties with the goal of staying on the leading edge of the HWA infestation as it spreads. Click here to see a [coverage map](#) with roll-out dates.
- **More clinics** -- We will continue to raise awareness and advocate for action through Hemlock Help Clinics in both the new and currently implemented counties. Check the [Hemlock Clinic Schedule](#) for the next informational meeting near you. We would also like to train more [Facilitators](#) so that local on-site help will be available in each county.
- **More enabling** -- We will place additional soil injectors in the counties as demand rises, will assist more retail outlets to carry treatment products in order to increase availability, and will establish a charitable assistance fund to provide Hemlock help discreetly to individuals in financial need.
- **More education** -- We will continue to do research on the HWA problem and solutions, participate in citizen science initiatives, publish timely information from a wide variety of serious sources as it becomes available, and encourage citizens to become more knowledgeable of and exercise greater stewardship over the natural environment.
- **More service** -- We will work to foster partnerships to advocate for and support broad-based community action, provide meaningful opportunities through which volunteers may become involved, and serve as an organizational structure for assisting public land managers and private land owners in special Hemlock Help projects.

Discussion of needs

- **Spreading the word** -- Please share these **three key messages** with your friends, neighbors, and business associates through word of mouth and any e-mail lists, newsletters, bulletin boards, or web site you have access to:
 - The Hemlocks are in trouble and will die unless effective action is taken soon.
 - Homeowners can save as many of their Hemlocks as they want, and it's easy and inexpensive.
 - Save Georgia's Hemlocks can provide a great deal of practical help.
- **Helping others** -- Consider becoming a Facilitator by learning more about the HWA problem and solutions and then being available to help your own neighbors identify/assess HWA infestations, understand/choose appropriate control options, and find the right resources to get started. The training only takes a couple of hours; click here to see the [Facilitator Job Description](#).
- **Supporting the effort** -- Please help by making a tax-deductible donation to support the efforts of Save Georgia's Hemlocks. We are fiscally conservative and use our resources very carefully. Our budgetary goal is to keep overhead expenses to 10% or less in order to devote 90% or more of our resources to clearly defined program activities, and our books are open to public inspection. Please make your check payable to Save Georgia's Hemlocks and mail it to:

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Setting next quarterly meeting