

Our Activities in FY 2017

Educate: Enhance public awareness of the hemlock woolly adelgid crisis, current practical options and emerging control technologies, and the aesthetic, economic and environmental reasons to take timely and effective action to save the hemlocks.

Enable: Ensure easy access to sound hemlock-specific instruction, advice regarding economical solutions, and availability of necessary resources.

Engage: Enlist our volunteers to provide direct assistance to property owners, nonprofits, and public land managers.

Education: Clinics, Facilitator training, community programs, fairs and festivals, youth programs

Communications: Hemlock Help Line, web site and Facebook, print

Service: Facilitator visits, hemlock treatment projects for/with public land managers and property owners, soil injector repair

Saplings: Rescue, raising, adoption, hemlock restoration on trout streams, hemlock field insectaries

You can help.

Take care of your own hemlocks. Call us and we'll tell you how.

Help your neighbors save their trees. They will thank you.

Join the fight for the hemlocks. You can serve as a Facilitator in your local community, participate in volunteer hemlock treatment or planting projects, do research and citizen science, work with youth groups, staff an information booth or education station, or help teach a class.

Share your financial support. Memberships and sapling adoptions are our primary sources for the funds needed to do our work.

Thanks to our wonderful Leadership Team

Chris Curtin	John Shearouse
Frank Gheesling	Darrell Sheffield
Sarah Heath	Buz Stone
Derrick Morris	Dave Teffeteller
Bob Pledger	Kim Wood
Donna Shearer	



Welcome to Hemlock Camp Meeting 2017!

We're so glad you've come to share this educational and membership event sponsored by Save Georgia's Hemlocks for the purposes of:

- * Raising public awareness of the hemlock crisis and issuing a call for help,
- * Recognizing and thanking our members, volunteers and partners,
- * Learning about progress in the hemlocks vs. HWA battle, the latest scientific research, and ways we can help, and
- * Building synergy with other like-minded individuals and groups to care for our forests and waterways.

As we strive to fulfill our mission of saving endangered hemlocks through education and charitable service, your interest, participation, and support continue to be of paramount importance.

Together, through our joint efforts for preservation, conservation and restoration, we can ensure that there will be a healthy population of hemlocks in Georgia for future generations.

THANK YOU!

Schedule for the Day

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| 10:00 – Noon | Free time to visit exhibits, meet old and new friends, stroll along the river, chat with Dr. Ellis, and enjoy the music by Downtown Roy |
| Noon – 1:00 | Lunch with Poole's barbecue and your own covered side dishes to share |
| 1:00 – 2:00 | Keynote message from Dr. Ellis |
| 2:00 | Announcement of raffle winners |
| 2:00 – 3:00 | More free time for browsing the exhibits, enjoying the music, visiting with friends, and chatting with Dr. Ellis |
| 3:00 | THANKS! And safe travel home. |



Dr. Justin Ellis, Keynote Speaker

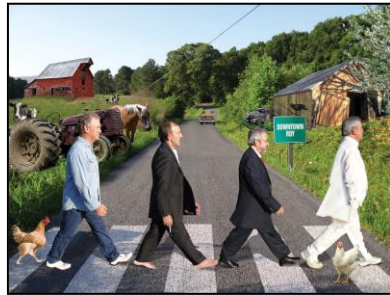
Dr. Ellis is a lecturer and the Director of the Environmental Leadership Center at the University of North Georgia in Dahlonega. With a Bachelor's degree from Birmingham Southern College in 1997 and a Ph.D in Agroecology from Odum School of Ecology, University of Georgia in 2013, his research interests focus on the development of sustainability innovations that restore degraded ecosystems.

Dr. Ellis' responsibilities also include the UNG Ecological Protection Lab (formerly the Beetle Lab), which has led in regional efforts to protect the Eastern Hemlock from the invasive Woolly Adelgid by initiating biological control efforts through the rearing and release of predatory beetles to reduce adelgid numbers and impacts.

The title of today's presentation is "Biological Controls and Geospatial Data in the Long-Term Protection of Hemlock Ecosystems."

Music by Downtown Roy

We're delighted to have Downtown Roy providing great music again this year.



Once upon a time... there stood a general store out Roy Road, in northeastern Gilmer County, Georgia where gold prospectors would gather to buy provisions, send mail, and just "loafer"-around. Now, where the store once stood, is the home-base for a few local pickers known as "Downtown Roy."

Dan Worley sings, plays guitar, banjo, mandolin, and every other instrument known to man. Frank Enes sings, and plays bass, and harp. Dr. Steve "Possum" Jones sings, and plays mando-caster and harp. Don Roberts sings, and plays rhythm guitar.



Poole's Barbecue

Get ready to enjoy the best barbecue in north Georgia. Poole's is famous for mouth-watering chicken and pork generously dressed with Colonel Poole's original sauce. YUM!!!



Thanks to a special partner

"Where quality is more than a concept"

Save Georgia's Hemlocks is blessed by a partnership that has proven absolutely critical to our ability to treat hemlocks and enable others to do so. Since 2013, Cleveland Tool & Design has helped us repair and maintain 50 Kioritz soil injectors that are used for the chemical treatment of HWA-infested hemlocks.

With the injectors no longer being manufactured and the parts no longer available, CT&D has often had to literally remake certain vital parts in order to restore the devices to good working condition. And clients ranging from the U. S. Forest Service, Department of Natural Resources, Forestry Commission, as well as professional applicators, property owner association, and individuals from Georgia to Massachusetts are very grateful.

Their mission statement reads, "Cleveland Tool & Design, LLC is committed to providing an excellent product with superior service to all customers while fostering a safe, friendly, fair, and creative work environment which respects diversity, new ideas, and hard work." And they certainly live up to it.

Many thanks to principals Jeff Gooch, Jim Messer, Troy Caldwell, and Tim Holtzclaw for your wonderful support. We couldn't do it without you!

Today's Raffle Goodies

