

# Progress Report for Fiscal Year 2020

December 1, 2019 – November 30, 2020

## 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 781 calls handled to date.
- 3 Hemlock Help Clinics with total of 41 attendees:
  - 1/25/20 GA Appalachian Trail Club
  - 2/2/20 GA Canoeing Association
  - 6/6/20 Bent Tree Lake & Wildlife volunteers (virtual)
- 12 Facilitator Training Workshops with total of 57 new Facilitators trained.  
Total active Facilitators = 406 in Georgia and 88 in other states.
  - 1/25/20 GA Appalachian Trail Club
  - 2/2/20 GA Canoeing Association
  - 4/16/20 Rabun County (virtual)
  - 6/6/20 Bent Tree Lake & Wildlife volunteers in Pickens County (virtual)
  - 6/13/20 Dade & Walker Counties (virtual)
  - 8/8/20 White, Lumpkin, & Habersham Counties (virtual)
  - 8/22/20 Union, Towns & White Counties (virtual)
  - 9/3/30 Atlanta & Chatanooga (virtual)
  - 9/12/20 Cherokee, Gordon & Pickens Counties (virtual)
  - 9/26/20 Rabun, Towns & Habersham Counties (virtual)
  - 10/17/20 Gilmer, Fannin & Lumpkin
  - 10/24/20 Union, Habersham, Hall & Dawson
- 1 Hemlock Lesson for 14 youth & adults:
  - 9/30/20 Scout Troop 4900 in Woodstock
- 17 customized training sessions for 58 volunteers and public land managers:
  - 1/26/20 Alabama youth group at Cloudland Canyon
  - 2/18/20 Project Chimps in Fannin County
  - 4/4/20 Volunteers in Rabun County
  - 4/26/20 USFS staff in South Carolina
  - 5/11/20 GFC staff in Lumpkin County
  - 6/9/20 Bent Tree Lake & Wildlife volunteers in Pickens County
  - 6/25/20 Lookout Mountain Golf Course, Dade County
  - 7/2/20 White County
  - 7/8/20 Rabun County
  - 7/15/20 Fairyland Golf Course, Walker County
  - 8/10/20 Rock City, Walker County
  - 8/12/20 Dade County
  - 9/25/20 Atlanta & Chattanooga
  - 10/3/20 Scouts from Troop 4900
  - 10/11/20 Scouts from Troop 2024
  - 10/14/20 Facilitator in Dahlonega
  - 10/25/20 Facilitators in NE Ga
- 2 presentations to civic/community groups with 43 attendees:
  - 12/11/20 Mountain Conservation Trust of Georgia
  - 2/21/20 Arbor Day celebration in Jasper
- 2 festivals / public events with info booth & saplings for adoption, 2 volunteers and 40+ visitors / contacts:
  - 6/6/20 Hemlock Day at Anna Ruby Falls
  - 9/12/20 Trail Fest in Dahlonega (virtual info booth) – number of virtual visitors unknown
- 13 articles / news items written by, with the assistance of, or about SGH published in newspapers/magazines.

- 202 Facilitator visits made with charitable treatment of 2,140 trees.
- 11 hemlock treatment projects with 76 volunteers treating/retreating 1,247 trees:
  - 1/25/20 USFS Blackwell Creek
  - 2/2/20 Young Harris College
  - 2/4/20 USFS Fern Creek
  - 3/7/20 Cartecay River
  - 4/14/20 Bent Tree
  - 6/27/20 USFS High Shoals & Corbin Creek
  - 7/15/20 Fairyland Golf Course, Walker County
  - 8/10/20 Rock City, Walker County
  - 8/12/20 property in Dade County
  - 10/6/20 property in North Carolina
  - 11/8/20 Bent Tree
- 10 hemlock rescue projects with 41 volunteers, 310 saplings rescued and potted for use in educational / service activities or future adoption:
  - 1/26/20 Cloudland Canyon, Dade County
  - 2/18/20 Fannin County
  - 3/26/20 Dawson County
  - 4/15/20 Alpharetta, Fulton County
  - 6/3/20 Turner's Corner, White County
  - 7/10/20 Lumpkin County
  - 7/31/20 Murphy, NC
  - 10/3/20 Lumpkin County
  - 10/24/20 Gilmer County
  - 11/13/20 Lumpkin County
- 158 hemlock saplings adopted; 61 large saplings donated to agencies / schools / nonprofits.
- 7 hemlock sapling planting projects with 53 volunteers planting 171 saplings and 54 other trees/shrubs:
  - 2/21/20 Lee Newton Park, Pickens County
  - 2/29/20 Rocky Flats, Murray County
  - 4/11/20 Lumpkin County
  - 4/15/20 Alpharetta, Fulton County
  - 10/9/20 Lumpkin County
  - 10/12/20 Lumpkin County
  - 10/26/20 Jacks River Campground
- 43 Kioritz and EZ-Ject soil injectors repaired/refurbished; 8 new EZ-Ject Lite soil injectors assembled and prepared for use
- Total of 5,505 volunteer hours logged.