

# Progress Report for Fiscal Year 2020

December 1, 2020 – March 31, 2021

## 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 299 calls handled to date.
- 4 Facilitator Training Workshops with total of 19 new Facilitators trained.  
Total active Facilitators = 422 in Georgia and 89 in other states.
  - 1/30/21 SGH Facilitator Training Workshop for Rabun Towns Habersham, 5 new Facilitators
  - 2/13/21 SGH Facilitator Training Workshop for Union White & Towns, 6 new Facilitators
  - 2/27/21 SGH Facilitator Training Workshop for Lumpkin Dawson Hall, trained 6 new Facilitators
  - 3/26/21 SGH Volunteer Facilitator Training Workshop for Pickens & Cherokee, 2 new Facilitators
- 1 Hemlock Lesson for 12 youth & adults:
  - 3/30/21 SGH Hemlock Lesson for Jonathan Micancin's Ecology class at Young Harris College, 12 attendees
- 2 customized training sessions for 7 volunteers and public land managers:
  - 12/11/20 customized training on hemlock treatment project management, diagnosing and repairing Kioritz and EZ-Ject soil injectors for USFS Michael Starbuck, USFS Christopher Jett, Jon Jones, Jody Webb, and Derrick Morris.
  - 3/28/21 customized training re sapling planting for Eagle Scout candidate & father
- 2 articles / news items written by, with the assistance of, or about SGH published in newspapers/magazines.
  - 2/1/21 "Celebrate Arbor Day by Planting Hemlocks"
  - 2/3/21 "Plans underway for Arbor Day celebration"
- 37 Facilitator visits made with charitable treatment of 123 trees.
  - 12/5/21 client in Rabun County
  - 12/5/21 client in White County
  - 12/10/21 client in Lookout Mountain, TN w/charitable treatment of 30 trees
  - 12/12/20 client in White County
  - 12/12/20 client in Rabun County
  - 12/15/20 client in Lookout Mountain, charitable treatment of 22 trees
  - 12/15/20 client in Lookout Mountain, charitable treatment of 17 trees
  - 12/99/20 client in Rabun County
  - 12/29/20 site in Rabun County
  - 12/29/20 site in Rabun County
  - 1/4/21 client in White County
  - 1/16/21 client in Pickens County, charitable treatment of 6 trees
  - 1/30/21 sites (3) in Rabun County
  - 2/4/21 client in Rabun County
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  - 2/8/21 client in Fannin County
  - 2/8/21 client in Fannin County
  - 2/15/21 client in Fulton County
  - 2/23/21 client in Forsyth County
  - 2/23/21 client in Union County
  - 2/25/21 sites (3) in Rabun County
  - 3/2/21 client in Lumpkin County
  - 3/3/21 clients in Rabun County
  - 3/7/21 client in Gilmer County, charitable treatment of 2 trees
  - 3/9/21 client in Morganton
  - 3/9/21 client in Ellijay
  - 3/11/21 site in Rabun County
  - 3/12/21 client in Rabun County
  - 3/18/21 client in Brevard, NC

3/24/21 client in Rabun County, charitable treatment of 13 trees  
3/24/21 site in Union County  
3/25/21 site in Murray County  
3/28/21 client in Gilmer County, charitable treatment of 12 trees  
3/29/21 client in Fannin County, charitable treatment of 8 trees  
3/29/21 client in Fannin County, charitable treatment of 31 trees

- 4 hemlock treatment projects with 27 volunteers treating/retreating 527 trees:
  - 12/2/20 Minnehaha Falls, Rabun County, 6 volunteers treated 59 trees.
  - 12/5/20 Lake Rabun Campgrounds & Recreation Area, 6 volunteers treated 89 trees.
  - 12/7/21 Hemlock Acres, Walker County, 1 volunteer treated 40 trees.
  - 3/27/21 Smithgall Woods, 14 volunteers treated 339 trees.
  
- 7 hemlock rescue projects with 12 volunteers, 283 saplings rescued and potted for use in educational / service activities or future adoption:
  - 12/9/20 sapling rescue & potting, 3 volunteers rescued 50 saplings.
  - 1/28/21 sapling rescue & potting, 1 volunteer rescued 20 saplings
  - 2/10/21 sapling rescue & potting, 3 volunteers rescued 29 saplings.
  - 2/15/21 sapling rescue & potting, 1 volunteer rescued 20 saplings.
  - 2/20/21 sapling rescue & potting, 3 volunteers rescued 100 saplings.
  - 3/5/21 sapling rescue & potting, 1 volunteer rescued 58 saplings.
  - 3/30/21 sapling rescue & potting, 1 volunteer rescued 6 saplings.
  
- 126 hemlock saplings adopted.
  - 12/23/20 4 saplings adopted
  - 2/16/21 50 saplings adopted
  - 2/23/21 5 saplings adopted
  - 2/23/21 10 saplings adopted
  - 3/6/21 2 saplings adopted.
  - 3/9/21 11 saplings adopted
  - 3/13/21 11 saplings adopted
  - 3/19/21 15 saplings adopted
  - 3/19/21 10 saplings adopted
  - 3/27/21 2 saplings adopted
  - 3/28/21 6 saplings adopted
  
- 22 large saplings donated to agencies / schools / nonprofits.
  - 3/5/21 2 saplings donated to Mr. Natural, supporting vendor
  - 3/20/21 20 saplings donated to Trees Atlanta
  
- 4 hemlock sapling planting projects with 43 volunteers planting 36 saplings and 40 other trees/shrubs:
  - 2/15/21 sapling planting in Atlanta, 1 volunteer planted 6 hemlocks.
  - 3/7/21 sapling planting in Atlanta, 1 volunteer planted 4 hemlocks.
  - 3/20/21 sapling planting in Atlanta, 40 volunteers planted 20 hemlocks plus 40 other trees & shrubs.
  - 3/10/21 sapling planting on Prospect Trail in Cleveland, 1 volunteer planted 6 saplings
  
- 3 Kioritz and EZ-Ject soil injectors repaired/refurbished
  - 12/11/20 repaired 2 Kioritz soil injectors for USFS
  - 2/19/21 repaired 1 Kioritz soil injector for Bob Nace
  
- Total of 1,235 volunteer hours logged.