

Hemlock Help Clinic

This introductory class is designed for people who are new to the area and haven't heard about the hemlock problem as well as for others who are aware of the problem but want to learn more about the options for saving the trees.

CONTENT – It provides an overview of the importance of the hemlocks, the invasive insect that's killing them, what property owners can do to save their own trees, opportunities for volunteers to help save the trees on public lands, and why timely action is vital. The class usually takes about an hour, including time for questions and answers. An outline is below, and handouts will be available during class.

DURATION – About an hour.

COST – The Clinic is totally FREE.

REGISTRATION REQUIRED – If you haven't already registered, please text Derrick at 404-593-3173 or email derrick1p1@gmail.com no later than noon of the day before class and provide your phone, email address, and county. The class will be taught via ZOOM and is a prerequisite for the Facilitator Training Workshop.

OUTLINE OF HEMLOCK HELP CLINIC

- A. The role and importance of hemlocks
 - Aesthetic value
 - Ecological value to wildlife and plants
 - Environmental value
 - Economic value to the community
 - Personal value to individuals and families
 - The consequences of not taking timely action
- B. The invasive insect that's killing them and how it does so
- C. How to recognize the problem and assess the severity
- D. What property owners can do to save their own trees
 - Do-it-yourself approach or professional service
 - An easy method to treat a hemlock
 - Cost and safety
- E. How volunteers and organizations can help others in their community to save hemlocks on our public land
- F. Opportunities for additional training and volunteer service

