



## Hemlock Restoration Project at Toccoa Bend Project Details



<b>Date:</b>	Friday, November 19, 2021	
<b>Event:</b>	We'll be planting 2 dozen healthy hemlock saplings along a 1,500-foot section of the Toccoa River to increase the shade canopy on the trout stream.	
<b>Notice:</b>	<p>As SGH is committed to protecting the health and safety of our volunteers at all events, we will be following CDC guidelines regarding the <i>coronavirus</i> pandemic.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>&gt; If you have, or recently have had, a fever or any other symptoms of COVID-19, please do not sign-up and do seek appropriate medical help.</li> <li>&gt; We will maintain a 6-foot social distancing except for family units.</li> <li>&gt; Face coverings will not be required but will be available for those wishing to wear them.</li> </ul>	
<b>Where to Meet:</b>	The pavilion in Toccoa Bend. The subdivision is just off Hwy 60 (13.1 miles northwest of Suches and 15.8 miles southeast of Morganton). From Hwy 60 turn onto Rock Creek, then right onto White Pine Dr., and then right onto Hemlock Dr. Signs will be posted to the pavilion.	
<b>Schedule:</b>	<p><b>10:00 a.m.</b> – All volunteers report. We'll have sign-in with coffee and donuts.</p> <p><b>10:15 a.m.</b> – We'll stage the trees and planting materials next to the pre-marked planting sites, have a demo of the special process for planting hemlock saplings, and then get to work tucking these little trees into their new forever homes.</p> <p><b>12:30 p.m.</b> – We should be finished planting by this time. All volunteers will come together for a group picnic, do project clean-up, and then head for home.</p>	
<b>Terrain and Access:</b>	The terrain at the project site is flat. You'll be able to drive very close to it.	
<b>What to Wear:</b>	Dress for the weather and the activity, including <b>long pants and long sleeves, sturdy footwear</b> with socks, work gloves, and rain gear in case of light rain.	
<b>What to Bring:</b>	<p>Bring a sharp pointed or rounded shovel suitable for digging holes.</p> <p>Pack a sack lunch, personal water bottle and a camera if you like.</p> <p>If you have any serious allergies (like bee stings), bring whatever you need to manage.</p>	
<b>Registration Required:</b>	<p>Trout Unlimited volunteers sign up through Jim Reich at 404-423-7622 or <a href="mailto:jimreich72@gmail.com">jimreich72@gmail.com</a>.</p> <p>SGH volunteers sign up through Donna Shearer at 706-429-8010 or <a href="mailto:donna@savegeorgiashemlocks.org">donna@savegeorgiashemlocks.org</a>.</p> <p>If you have questions or a change of plans, please call or email before the project start time.</p>	

