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Save Georgia's Hemlocks

Our native hemlock trees throughout north Georgia are being killed by an invasive insect, the hemlock woolly adelgid. Almost all of these beautiful trees will die in a few years unless action is taken soon. Hemlocks are a vital keystone species providing food and habitat for about 120 species of vertebrates and more than 90 species of birds, shade for native plants, and cool temperatures for trout streams while protecting watersheds, filtering pollutants from the air, and producing oxygen for us to breathe. Healthy mature hemlocks can add 7-10% to private property values and provide enjoyment for those who live among them, as well as, those who visit for tourism and recreation. The loss of these important trees would be an aesthetic, economic, and environmental tragedy on the scale of the American Chestnut.

The good news is that help is available!

Save Georgia's Hemlocks, a 100% volunteer, 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, has implemented the free Hemlock Help Program to educate property owners and enable them to choose and implement an appropriate solution to save their hemlocks. For more information, visit www.savegeorgiashemlocks.org or call the Hemlock Help Line at (706) 429-8010.

