

# Progress Report for Fiscal Year 2022

December 1, 2022 – December 31, 2022

## 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 778 calls handled to date.
- **6 Hemlock Help Clinics** with total of 25 attendees.
- **4 Facilitator Training Workshops** with total of 13 new Facilitators trained.  
Total active Facilitators = 415 in Georgia and 93 in other states.
- **7 Presentations** for 160 adults:
  - Georgia Native Plant Society at Young Harris College
  - Master Naturalist class in Rock Hill, SC
  - Signal Mtn TN homeowners
  - Lookout Mtn TN & GA homeowners
  - Lake Winfield Scott Cabin Owners Association
  - Trail Fest in Dahlonega
  - Rock Creek Homeowners Association
- **12 Customized training sessions** for 25 volunteers and public land managers
  - HWA training for Facilitator in Signal Mountain
  - Business training for new professional
  - HWA training Facilitator in Signal Mountain
  - Service training for 3 Lead Facilitators
  - Injector maintenance training for Facilitator in Young Harris
  - Training for Education Program
  - Training for web site maintenance
  - Treatment training for Cartecay project
  - Treatment training for Lumpkin County volunteer
  - Injector repair training
  - Treatment training for 2 clients in Dade County
- **10 Festivals & public events** with 79 volunteers and estimated 1,205 visitors:
  - Info booth at Anna Ruby Falls in Helen
  - Bear on the Square in Dahlonega
  - Blue Ridge Trout & Outdoor Adventures Festival
  - Blue Ridge Spring Arts Festival
  - Lake Rabun Assoc. Memorial Day meeting
  - Hemlock Day at Anna Ruby Falls in Helen
  - Lake Rabun Assoc. Labor Day meeting
  - Trail Fest in Dahlonega
  - Appalachian Trail Day at Brasstown Bald
  - Georgia Marble Festival in Jasper
  - Boy Scout Conservation Weekend
- **21 Articles / news items** written by, with the assistance of, or about SGH published in newspapers/magazines, including:
  - 12/8/21 Article "Volunteers plant hemlocks at Yahoola Creek Park" written by Elaine Davis and published in *Dahlonega Nugget*.
  - 4/1/22 Article "Our hemlocks are suffering, and YOU can save them" published in the *Mountain Mirror* on Lookout and Signal Mountains
  - 4/15/22 Article "The mighty hemlock of North Georgia are disappearing but a small army of dedicated volunteers is working to save them" published in *The Georgia Mountaineer Quarterly*

- **165 Facilitator visits** made with charitable treatment of 2,024 trees
- **36 hemlock treatment projects** with 226 volunteers treating 6,432 trees:
  - Sky Valley, Rabun County
  - Foxfire Museum & Heritage Center, Rabun County
  - Georgia Mountain Research & Education Center , Union County
  - Smithgall Woods, White County
  - Copper Ridge. Lumpkin County
  - Plum Orchard, Rabun County
  - Black Rock Mountain state Park, Rabun County
  - Anna Ruby Falls, White County, day 1
  - Black Rock Creek State Park, Rabun County
  - Alex Cove, Union County
  - Property in Lumpkin County
  - Anna Ruby Falls, White County, day 2
  - 15 large projects in Dade County
  - Dicks Creek, Upper & Lower Waters Creek, Lumpkin County
  - Waters Creeks cont'd, Lumpkin County
  - Anna Ruby Falls, White County, day 3
  - Lake Seed & Lake Tugaloo, Rabun County
  - Lake Rabun shoreline, Rabun County
  - Lake Seed & Lake Tugaloo, Rabun County, day 2
  - Helton Creek, Union County
  - Tallulah river Campground, Rabun County
  - Camp Woodruff, Union County
  - Dicks Creek, Stephens County
- **6 sapling rescue projects** with 32 volunteers, 455 saplings rescued and potted for use in educational / service activities or future adoption:
  - Sky Valley, Rabun County
  - Property in Gilmer County
  - 2 projects at Smithgall Woods, White County
  - Property in Rabun County
  - Property in Gilmer County
- **218 hemlock saplings adopted.**
- **153 saplings donated** to schools, churches, nonprofits
- **7 hemlock sapling planting projects** with 43 volunteers planting 89 donated hemlocks:
  - Smithgall Woods, White County
  - Tammen Park, Fannin County
  - Hurricane Creek Research Station, Lumpkin County
  - Faith Presbyterian Church, Fannin County
  - Moccasin Creek State Park, Rabun County
  - UNG Hurricane Creek Research Station, Lumpkin County
  - UNG Campus, Lumpkin County
- **12 soil injectors repaired/refurbished**
- **Total of 6,025 volunteer hours logged.**

**REVIEW OF FY 2022 FINANCIAL MATTERS as of 12/31/22**

**\* Financial Summary**

Starting 2022 Ckg Acct Balance	\$ 63,514.70
Total Income	\$55,619.48
Total Expense	\$47,094.50
Ending Ckg Acct Balance	\$72,039.68
Net Change from 2021	\$8,524.98

**\* Income in 2022 as of 12/31/22**

INCOME	Contrib Indiv	Contrib Member	Contrib Found	Contrib Non Profit	Contrib In Kind Goods	Contrib In Kind Svc	Contrib Corp	Gov Reimb
2022 INC BY SOURCE	\$43,514.24	\$2,596.80	\$2,914.63	\$1,908.69	\$43,514.24	\$2,596.80	\$2,914.63	\$1,908.69
2022 INC BY PERCENT	78.24%	4.67%	5.24%	3.43%	78.24%	4.67%	5.24%	3.43%
Total Income	<b>\$55,619.48</b>							

**\* Expense in 2022 as of 12/31/22**

EXPENSE	11 Educ Clinics	12 Educ Facil Trng	13 Educ Comm Progs	16 Public Comm	14 Saplings	15 Treatment	51 Gen Admin	52 Memb & Fund Raising
2022 EXP BY CATEGORY	\$66.21	\$586.05	\$11,041.08	\$6,733.98	\$6,819.17	\$16,979.37	\$4,065.42	\$803.22
2022 EXP BY PERCENT	0.14%	1.24%	23.44%	14.30%	14.48%	36.05%	8.63%	1.71%
Total Expense	<b>\$47,094.50</b>							
Current Ckg Acct Balance	<b>\$72,039.68</b>							

**\* Cumulative Income FY 2009 – FY 2022**

INCOME	Contrib Indiv	Contrib Member	Contrib Found	Contrib Non Profit	Contrib In Kind Goods	Contrib In Kind Svc	Contrib Corp	Gov Reimb
CUMULATIVE BY SOURCE	\$38,640.80	\$211,730.70	\$39,911.61	\$16,689.46	\$26,772.30	\$6,670.33	\$11,618.57	\$3,798.38
CUMULATIVE PERCENTAGE	10.86%	59.50%	11.22%	4.69%	7.52%	1.87%	3.27%	1.07%
	<b>\$355,832.15</b>							

**\* Cumulative Expense FY 2009 – FY 2022**

EXPENSE	11 Educ Hemlock Clinics	12 Educ Facil Trng	13 Educ Comm Progs	16 Public Comm	14 Saplings	15 Treatment	51 Gen Admin	52 Memb & Fund Raising
CUMULATIVE BY SOURCE	\$5,567.89	\$15,826.75	\$66,557.24	\$34,846.68	\$40,570.07	\$95,482.89	\$19,755.24	\$5,185.71
CUMULATIVE PERCENTAGE	1.96%	5.58%	23.45%	12.28%	14.30%	33.65%	6.96%	1.83%
	<b>\$283,792.47</b>							
	\$122,798.56			43.27%	\$136,052.96	47.94%	\$24,940.95	8.79%

\* **Spending Ratio** in 2022: 39.13% Education, 50.53% Charitable Service, 10.34% Admin.  
**Cumulative Spending Ratio:** 43.27% Education, 47.94 % Charitable Service, 8.79% Admin.

\* **Report on Annual Membership Appeal** as of 12/31/22: 136 donations totaling \$18,727  
 compared to 130 donations totaling \$17,235 last year.

\* **Other grants and dedicated funds on hand:**

Gheesling UGA Scholarship	\$1,125	.....	3 Scholarships awarded @ \$1000, \$875 donated
Private donation, Rabun	\$2,889	.....	\$6,694 used for treatment on Lake Seed & Tugaloo
		.....	and \$750 for 50 saplings for Billy Goat Island
Lake Rabun Foundation	\$1,255	.....	for use in Rabun County
Lake Burton Civic Assoc	\$1,824	.....	for use in Rabun County
Laurel Ridge	\$391	.....	\$1861 used for treatment projects 2016 - 2018
Rock Creek Project	\$162	.....	\$1638 used in 2022
Grant to UNG Beetle Lab	\$0	.....	was \$2000 in 2022
Grant to Young Harris Beetle Lab	\$0	.....	was \$2000 in 2022
<b>TOTAL DEDICATED FUNDS</b>	<b>\$7,646</b>		

\* **Report on 2022 Budget vs Actual** as of 12/31/22

BUDGET INCOME	ACTUAL INCOME	DIFF
\$37,500	\$55,619	\$18,119

BUDGET EXPENSE	ACTUAL EXPENSE	DIFF
\$36,895	\$47,095	\$10,200

## Activity Detail: Completed Dec. 1, 2021 – Dec. 31, 2022

Date	Activity
12/1/21	SGH Facilitator Training Workshop, 1 new Facilitator trained
12/1/21	Customized HWA training for Facilitator in Signal Mountain
12/5/21	Repaired / refurbished 2 soil injectors for professional, 1 injector for Facilitator, and 2 injectors for USFS
12/6/21	Adoption of 1 medium and 10 small saplings
12/7/21	Facilitator visit to Sky Valley trail
12/7/21	Customized training for new professional
12/8/21	Article "Volunteers plant hemlocks at Yahooola Creek Park" written by Elaine Davis and published in Dahlonega Nugget.
12/8/21	5 Facilitator visits w/ charitable treatment of 63 trees.
12/9/21	Adoption of 2 large saplings
12/9/21	SGH hemlock treatment project at Sky Valley, Rabun. 19 volunteers treated 96 large hemlocks and estimated 400-500 saplings.
12/14/21	Facilitator visit to treat 1 hemlock in Young Harris
12/18/21	Facilitator visit to Smithgall Woods
12/20/21	Customized HWA training Facilitator in Signal Mountain
12/20/21	Facilitator visit to Anna Ruby Falls
1/7/22	Sapling planting of 3 donated trees with 5 volunteers at Smithgall Woods
1/9/22	Leadership Team Winter Meeting
1/12/22	Customized training for 3 Lead Facilitators
1/14/22	Customized training for Facilitator in Young Harris re injector maintenance
1/21/22	Facilitator visit with client in Gilmer County
1/28/22	Customized training re education program
2/12/22	Presentation for Georgia Native Plant Society at Young Harris College, 15 attendees
2/12/22	Adoption of 1 sapling
2/12/22	Facilitator visit to client in Towns County
2/13/22	Customized training re web site maintenance
2/16/22	3 Facilitator visits to sites in Pickens County
2/20/22	Sapling planting of 1 tree. Adoption of 6 med saplings
2/25/22	Sapling rescue project in Sky Valley, then transport to Buz's house. 9 volunteers rescued 130 saplings
2/26/22	Customized training for 9 volunteers re Cartecay hemlock treatment project
2/26/22	Adoption of 2 saplings
2/26/22	Sapling potting project – 5 volunteers potted 100 saplings
3/1/22	Sapling potting project – 1 volunteer potted 30 saplings
3/3/22	Adoption of 10 large saplings
3/5/22	Facilitator visit to Copper Ridge
3/9/22	Facilitator visit in White County re repair of injector parts
3/10/22	Facilitator visit re saplings nursery
3/11/22	Facilitator visit to Mr Natural re planting materials
3/12/22	Hemlock treatment project at Foxfire with Boy Scout troop. 10 Boy Scouts and Scouting adults and 7 SGH Facilitators treated 425 trees
3/17/22	Hemlock treatment project at Georgia Mountain Research & Education Center -- 16 volunteers treated 217 trees
3/20/22	Facilitator visit in Union county, charitable treatment of 65 trees
3/18/22	Sapling rescue project in Gilmer County, 3 volunteers rescued and potted 31 saplings

3/19/22	SGH Facilitator Training Workshop, 3 Facilitators refreshed, 2 new Facilitators trained
3/23/22	Facilitator visit to client in Habersham County
3/24/22	Facilitator visit to client in Pickens County
3/25/22	Hemlock treatment project at Smithgall Woods. 9 volunteers treated 111 trees.
3/25/22	Adoption of 2 med saplings
3/26/22	Hemlock treatment project at Copper Ridge. 9 volunteers treated 159 trees.
3/30/22	Sapling rescue project at Smithgall Woods. 4 volunteers rescued & potted 59 saplings from Martin's Mine trail
3/31/22	25 saplings and planting materials donated to Friends of the Park
3/31/22	Report of hemlock treatment project at Plum Orchard, Rabun County, 5 volunteers treated 269 trees
3/31/22	Report of 8 Facilitator visits to clients in Rabun County w/ charitable treatment of 64 trees
3/31/22	Report of hemlock treatment project at Black Rock Mountain state Park w/ charitable treatment of 65 trees
3/31/22	Report of 2 Facilitator visits to clients in Gilmer County
3/31/22	Report of 3 Facilitator visits in Union County w/ charitable treatment of 6 trees
3/31/22	Report of 16 Facilitator visits in Dade County & Signal Mountain, TN
3/31/22	Adoption of 29 saplings
3/31/22	Report of presentation to Master Naturalist class in Rock Hill SC w/ 12 attendees
4/1/22	Article "Our hemlocks are suffering, and YOU can save them" published in <i>Mountain Mirror</i> on Lookout and Signal Mountains
4/2/22	Facilitator visit to scout Black Rock Mountain State Park, Rabun County
4/3/22	Facilitator visit to client in Habersham County
4/4/22	Customized training re treatment for client in Lumpkin County
4/4/22	Facilitator visit to Roadside Distillery in Blairsville, Union County
4/9/22	SGH Hemlock Help Clinic & Facilitator Training, 1 new Facilitator trained
4/10/22	Hemlock treatment project at Anna Ruby Falls, 5 USFS staff & 9 SGH volunteers treated 480 trees
4/10/22	SGH information booth at Anna Ruby Falls with 12 visitors
4/11/22	Facilitator visit to Brevard, NC to acquire saplings
4/12/22	Hemlock treatment project at Black Rock Creek State Park, Rabun County, 16 volunteers treated 62 trees
4/13/22	Sapling rescue project at Smithgall Woods, 4 volunteers rescued and potted 63 saplings.
4/13/22	Donation of 45 saplings to Friends of the Park
4/13/22	SGH Leadership Team Spring Meeting
4/15/22	Article "The mighty hemlock of North Georgia are disappearing but a small army of dedicated volunteers is working to save them" published in <i>The Georgia Mountaineer Quarterly</i>
4/19/22	Facilitator visit to scout for Alex Cove treatment project.
4/19/22	Sapling planting project with UNG Sustainability Club, 12 volunteers planted 20 donated saplings at Hurricane Creek Research Station, Lumpkin County
4/21/22	Adoption of 7 saplings
4/22/22	Sapling rescue project with Black Rock Buddies, 9 volunteers rescued and potted 60 saplings.
4/23/22	Hemlock treatment on Cartecay River with paddlers, 12 volunteers & 5 other attendees treated 55 trees
4/23/22 & 4/24/22	SGH information booth at Bear on the Square, 11 volunteers, 31 saplings adopted, estimated 264 visitors
4/27/22	Facilitator visit to client in Lumpkin County
4/29/22	Hemlock treatment project in Lumpkin County, 1 volunteer treated 120 trees
4/30/22	<b>SGH information booth at Blue Ridge Trout &amp; Outdoor Adventures Festival, 6 volunteers, 19 saplings adopted, estimated 162 visitors</b>

5/1/22	Repair of 1 soil injector
5/2/22	Sapling planting project at Moccasin Creek State Park, Rabun County, 6 volunteers planted 30 donated saplings
5/7/22	<b>Presentation to Signal Mtn TN homeowners re HWA DIY, 30 attendees</b>
5/14/22	<b>Presentation to Lookout Mtn TN &amp; GA homeowners re HWA DIY, 20 attendees</b>
5/15/22	<b>SGH Hemlock treatment project at Anna Ruby Falls, 17 SGH volunteers and USFS staff treated 707 trees</b>
5/25/22	Facilitator visit with client from white County
5/25/22	Facilitator visit to acquire saplings for Blue Ridge Arts Festival
5/26/22	2 Facilitator visits to client in Fall Branch Falls area, charitable treatment of 100 trees
5/28/22 & 5/29/22	<b>SGH information booth at Blue Ridge Spring Arts Festival, 22 volunteers, 37 saplings adopted, estimated 312 visitors</b>
5/29/22	<b>SGH education station at Lake Rabun Assoc. Memorial Day meeting, 1 volunteer, estimated 40 visitors</b>
5/31/22	Facilitator visit to client in Lumpkin County
6/1/22	Facilitator visit to client in Cullowhee, NC, charitable treatment of 12 trees
6/4/22	<b>SGH information booth at Hemlock Day at Anna Ruby Falls, 3 volunteers, 1 sapling adopted, estimated 40 visitors</b>
6/9/22	Facilitator visit to client in Gilmer County
6/13/22	Facilitator visit to client in Lumpkin County
6/19/22	Facilitator visit to client in Union County
6/25/22	Repair of 1 GFC Nu-Arbor injector, 2 SGH injectors
6/30/22	Facilitator visit to client in Rabun County, charitable treatment of 79 trees
6/30/22	Report of 6 Facilitator visits to clients in Rabun County, charitable treatment of 81 trees
6/30/22	Facilitator visit to acquire saplings for Rabun nursery
6/30/22	Report of 15 Q2 hemlock treatment projects in Dade County, 39 volunteers, charitable treatment of 2,156 trees over 22 days
6/30/22	Report of 20 Q2 Facilitator visits to clients in Dade County, charitable treatment of 74 trees
6/30/22	Report of adoption of 18 saplings
6/30/22	Facilitator visit to scout Waters & Dicks Creek
7/6/22	Facilitator visit to client in Lookout Mountain, TN, treated 12 trees.
7/11/22	Repair of soil injector for professional
7/16/22	Facilitator visit to client in Lookout Mountain, TN to treat 5 trees.
7/16/22	Facilitator visit to client in Lookout Mountain, TN to treat 6 trees.
7/16/22	Facilitator visit to client in Habersham County to assess health of trees
7/16/22	Hemlock treatment project at Dicks and Waters Creeks, 14 volunteers treated 196 trees
7/17/22	SGH Leadership Team summer meeting
7/21/22	Facilitator visit to client in Lookout Mountain, TN to treat 13 trees
7/21/22	Facilitator visit to client in Lookout Mountain, TN to treat 21 trees
7/23/22	Facilitator visit to Blue Ridge downtown park, treated 2 trees
7/27/22	Facilitator visit to scout for Waters Creek project.
7/28/22	Facilitator visit to client in Gilmer County
7/30/22	SGH Hemlock Help Clinic for Fannin and Gilmer Counties, 3 attendees
7/31/22	Presentation to Lake Winfield Scott Cabin Owners Association, est. 50 attendees.

8/1/22	Customized training re injector repair for 3 participants, repaired 1 USFS injector
8/6/22	Facilitator visit to client in Union County, treated 29 hemlocks
8/11/22	Facilitator visit with Ga Power official to scout hemlocks on Lake Tugaloo
8/13/22	Hemlock treatment project at Waters Creeks, cont'd. 8 volunteers treated 132 trees
8/13/22	Repair of 1 SGH soil injector
8/20/22	SGH Hemlock Help Clinic, 1 attendee
8/23/22	Facilitator visit to client in Lumpkin County
8/25/22	Facilitator visit to client in Lumpkin County
8/28/22	Facilitator visit to scout for 3rd Anna Ruby treatment project.
9/1/22	Facilitator visit to client in Dade County to discuss Rock Creek treatment project
9/2/22	Reported 2 Facilitator visits to clients in Union County, 12 trees treated
9/2/22	Facilitator visit to scout Lake Seed campground, Lake Tugaloo boat ramp for treatment projects
9/4/22	SGH education station at Lake Rabun Assoc. Labor Day Mtg 1 volunteer, est 40 visitors
9/6/22	Facilitator visit to client in Rock Creek to provide customized training for EZ-Ject treatment with Imid 2F
9/6/22	Facilitator visit to client in Cherokee County to assess tree health, make recommendations re Rosellinia.
9/10/22	SGH Hemlock Help Clinic, 4 attendees
9/13/22	Facilitator visit to client in Rock Creek, 20 trees treated
9/14/22	Facilitator visit to client in Gilmer County to assess & advise
9/15/22	Facilitator visit to client in Gilmer County to share hemlock info
9/17/22	SGH information booth at Trail Fest 8 volunteers, 90 visitors, 11 saplings adopted.
9/17/22	Presentation on "Plight of the Eastern Hemlock" at Trail Fest, 8 attendees.
9/18/22	Hemlock treatment project at Anna Ruby Falls. 11 volunteers treated 518 trees
9/18/22	Facilitator visit to client in Walker County to lend EZ-Ject and provide customized treatment instruction.
9/19/22	Facilitator visit to client in White County to scout for viable hemlocks.
9/20/22	Presentation to Rock Creek Homeowners Meeting re overview of treating HWA, est 25 attendees.
9/24/22	Sapling rescue project in Gilmer County, 3 volunteers rescued 112 saplings
9/24/22	National Public Lands Day: Appalachian Trail Day at Brasstown Bald, 5 volunteers, 42 visitors, 4 saplings adopted.
9/25/22	Facilitator visit to Lookout Mountain Methodist Summer Camp in Walker County
9/27/22	Facilitator visit to client in White County, 33 trees treated
9/29/22	Facilitator visit to scout for Helton Creek treatment project
10/1/22	Taught SGH Hemlock Help Clinic -- 1 attendee
10/1/22 & 10/2/22	SGH information booth at Georgia Marble Festival. 10 volunteers, 183 visitors, 26 saplings adopted
10/6/22	Facilitator to client in Fannin County
10/7/22	Facilitator visits to 2 clients in Lumpkin County
10/8/22	Facilitator visit to client in Lumpkin County
10/10/22	Hemlock treatment project. 2 SGH volunteers treated 90 trees in Lake Seed Campground and 30 trees in the Lake Tugaloo boat ramp
10/10/22	Facilitator visit to client in Lumpkin County
10/10/22	3 Facilitator visits reported to client in Pickens County, charitable treatment of 2 trees
10/12/22	Hemlock treatment project. 1 volunteer treated 60 trees along the Lake Rabun shoreline
10/13/22	Hemlock treatment project -40 trees treated at Lake Seed Campground and the Tugaloo boat ramp
10/16/22	SGH Leadership Team fall meeting
10/19/22	Facilitator visit to client in Gilmer County
10/19/22	Facilitator visit in Lumpkin County regarding injector repair
10/19/22	Facilitator visit to client in White County
10/20/22	Facilitator visit to client in Habersham County, charitable treatment of 2 trees
10/22/22	Hemlock treatment project at Helton Creek 14 volunteers treated 263 trees



11/2/22	Facilitator visit to client in Gilmer County
11/3/22	Facilitator visits to 2 clients in Lumpkin County, charitable treatment of 3 trees
11/4/22	Sapling planting project at UNG Hurricane Creek Research Station – 7 volunteers planted 30 donated sapling
11/5/22	Facilitator visit to client in Cobb County, adoption of 2 saplings
11/6/22	Hemlock treatment project - Tallulah River Campground, 9 volunteers treated 204 trees
11/8/22	Facilitator visit to client in Pickens County, charitable treatment of 2 trees
11/9/22	Facilitator visit to client in White County
11/10/22	Ceremonial hemlock planting on UNG Campus – 16 attendees/volunteers planted 1 large sapling and placed educational sign
11/12/22	SGH education station at Boy Scouts Conservation Weekend in Blue Ridge, 1 volunteer, 20 visitors
11/12/22	Hemlock treatment project at Camp Woodruff – 12 volunteers treated 60 trees
11/20/22	Hemlock treatment project at Dick’s Creek – 11 volunteers treated 101 trees
11/26/22	Facilitator visit to client in Habersham County, charitable treatment of 8 trees
12/2/22	Facilitator visit to client in Lumpkin County
12/31/22	Reports received of 23 additional Facilitator visits with charitable treatment of 1221 trees