



About Lumpkin Coalition

Lumpkin Coalition, a 100% volunteer non-profit 501c3 charitable organization formed in 2005. Saving the Hemlocks has been a primary focus from the start. All funds raised through the Private Landowners Assistance Team program will be used to help us continue:

- Raising public awareness of the Hemlock problem and promoting action.
- Providing ongoing support for the efforts of all three labs in Georgia that raise predatory beetles to combat the HWA on public land.
- Assisting private land owners and public agencies in managing the health of their Hemlock trees.
- Facilitating other projects that benefit north Georgia, Lumpkin County, its residents and visitors.

Your Support Is Appreciated

If you would like to support the efforts of Lumpkin Coalition through a contribution of funds, materials, or services, we would greatly appreciate it.

All such donations are 100% tax-deductible.

Contact Us

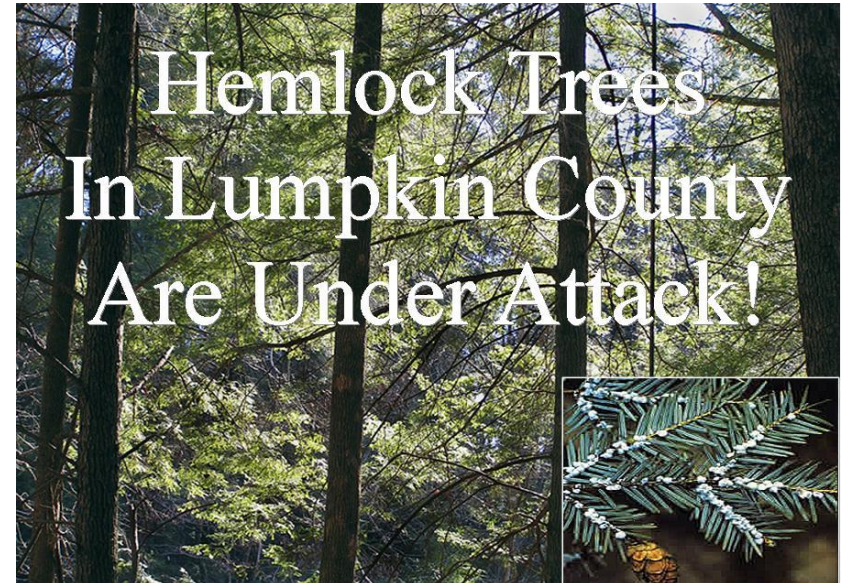
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Hemlock Help for Lumpkin Property Owners



Dear Lumpkin County Property Owners,

The Hemlock trees in north Georgia are under attack by an invasive insect pest, the Hemlock woolly adelgid. Experts forecast that almost all of these beautiful trees will die in the next few years unless action is taken soon. But good news - help is available!

The Lumpkin Coalition, a local 100% volunteer organization, is working to save our Hemlocks. Call the Hemlock Help Line at (706) 429-8010, email us at info@lumpkincoalition.org, or visit our web site at <http://www.lumpkincoalition.org/> for more information on what you can do to save your trees.

Background

The Hemlock woolly adelgid (HWA) was accidentally introduced to the eastern U.S. about 60 years ago and has been spreading up and down the entire Appalachian Mountain chain. Recently, the infestation advanced into Georgia and has been steadily gaining momentum, leaving great swaths of Hemlocks dead or dying, especially along our waterways.

Why Do Hemlocks Matter?

Besides adding enjoyment and beauty to our mountain community, Hemlocks play vital roles in the ecological and environmental health of our rivers and forests. They also contribute to the special sense of place that draws thousands of outdoor enthusiasts and millions of dollars in associated revenue to our area each year.

Are Your Hemlocks Infested with HWA?

Look for tiny white woolly egg sacs on the underside of branches. Infested trees show a gradual decline in needle density, an increasingly grayish tint to the foliage, and finally - if left untreated -- complete defoliation and death. The photos below show the sad progression of HWA.



Infested Branch



Thinning Crown



Hemlock Killed by HWA

We Can Help

As a service to our community, Lumpkin Coalition volunteers are offering some practical and effective measures that can help you save your trees.

The first step is to call the Hemlock Help Line 706-429-8010 to discuss the condition of your trees and the kind of help you may need. Then:

- A Facilitator can schedule a free, on-site consultation to determine if your Hemlocks are infested and explain the options for managing the health of your trees.
- If you want to contract with a professional, the Help Line can give you a list of qualified local companies that do the work in this area and their average rates.
- For do-it-yourselfers, the Help Line can provide instructions and tell you where to get the necessary treatment products and equipment so you can treat your own trees at the lowest possible cost.
- In some cases, the Coalition can even provide volunteer labor in exchange for a *quid pro quo* donation if you cannot do the work yourself.

You Can Help Too

The Lumpkin Coalition is an issue-based organization that welcomes all who are interested in preserving and enhancing our quality of life through a clean and healthy environment, responsible living, and responsible growth. We are all volunteers with no paid staff or officers -- just lots of hard-working folks who enjoy each other and this wonderful part of Georgia.