

The Plan: Save Georgia's Hemlocks

With an unprecedented level of collaboration, citizen groups, government agencies, scientists and Georgia's conservation community are working together to combat the Hemlock Woolly Adelgid and hopefully check its populations before it is too late for these beautiful evergreens. While some chemical controls are being utilized for short term treatment, our best hope for long term control is establishing effective adelgid predators throughout the forest.

Thanks to the hard work of all concerned, there is now a lab at the University of Georgia for rearing predator beetles for release on hemlocks within Georgia's National Forests. With this success, Georgia has joined a multi-state effort to find an effective biological control for Hemlock Woolly Adelgid. This is a highly scientific yet experimental pursuit, not a silver bullet.

But we, like most experts and Georgia citizens alike, believe we must do all we can to save our hemlocks.



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Above: Entomologist, Dr. Tom Coleman, speaking to the press about predator-rearing in the new lab at the University of Georgia. These small suspended chambers contain beetles that only eat the Hemlock Woolly Adelgid.