



“The Legacy Tree Project” is a program created by Valent USA corporation to help preserve the history and beauty of America’s urban forests by providing solutions to protect trees from invasive pests such as emerald ash borer (EAB) and hemlock woolly adelgid (HWA). The goal of this project is to help build public awareness of invasive pests by providing treatment of trees located on municipal property in several different states. In Georgia, Valent has partnered with AdelRid, the Hemlock Survival Specialist, a hemlock tree treatment company located in North Georgia. The Legacy Tree Project in Georgia will protect several hundred Georgia hemlock trees from HWA while raising public awareness of the impact of this pest. HWA has already destroyed countless hemlock in other states and poses a severe threat to hemlocks in Georgia. At present, insecticides are the only certain way to save hemlock from HWA.

Because of the value of this program, Chestatee Chattahoochee RC&D and the University of Georgia College of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences are showing their support by partnering with Valent and AdelRid in the Legacy Tree Project in Georgia.

For this project, Valent will supply Safari® Insecticide, one of the few products registered by the Environmental Protection Agency to control HWA, free of charge. AdelRid, meanwhile, will donate treatment at no charge to municipalities. At this time Valent and AdelRid are committing five years of material and treatment and on-going monitoring to save high profile trees on municipal properties.

AdelRid and Valent need help in identifying appropriate municipal hemlock trees and gaining permission to treat these trees. They are asking volunteers for their help in finding these trees so that they may be saved from extinction. These trees must be located on municipal (publicly-owned) property, or on high profile private properties that are open and visible to the public.

HWA is spreading rapidly across North Georgia and has already left thousands of dead hemlock trees in its wake. Now is the time to take preventive action to save remaining North Georgia hemlock trees from this fate!

Valent, AdelRid and their partners are determined in their efforts to save these majestic Hemlock trees, but we need your help. For information on how you or your organization can help identify trees for this program, please contact Adel Rid at 706-318-4458. For information on *Safari* please visit www.valentpro.com/safari

