



CASE STUDY | SAFETY & ENVIRONMENTAL RISK

A NEST UNDER THE EAVE. A MUCH BIGGER THREAT.

THE CLIENT

A recently widowed homeowner hired HMOTL to watch over her second home in the Lowcountry. She needed a trusted partner to manage the property details she could no longer easily coordinate alone.

WHAT WE FOUND

During a standard exterior check, the HMOTL team spotted a large nest tucked beneath a high eave over the garage. What first looked like a common hornet problem required immediate escalation.

MISCONCEPTION

*"It is just a hornet nest.
Call pest control and move on."*

THE ESCALATION

HMOTL contacted a trusted exterminator, who recognized that this was not a standard nest. It belonged to an invasive yellow-legged hornet - a serious threat to honeybees and the local ecosystem.

THE RESPONSE

HMOTL helped coordinate with Clemson University's tracking and eradication program. Scientists came to the property, logged the location, and safely removed the nest. What began as a routine home watch observation became a meaningful environmental intervention.



KEY TAKEAWAYS

ROUTINE VISITS CATCH UNEXPECTED RISKS

Not every serious issue looks dramatic at first glance - but it still needs attention. Safety is part of property oversight. A proactive home watch visit can prevent harm to both people and property.

WHY IT MATTERED

By noticing the nest early, HMOTL helped protect the homeowner, support state scientists, and contribute to the effort to stop a destructive invasive species.

LOCAL RELATIONSHIPS SPEED RESPONSE

Trusted vendors and local resources help HMOTL escalate unusual concerns quickly.

OVERSIGHT PROTECTS MORE THAN THE HOME

Sometimes one careful observation helps protect the wider community and environment as well.