

Air Spade Progress

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In May 2012 the Urban Forestry Team air spaded the Drake Elms in front of Classroom Building 1 (see write up further down on this page). It has been 2 years since these trees were treated and they have shown progress in establishment. Before the air spade treatment the elms were experiencing stunted growth and were sickly looking with sparse twiggy canopies and colorless bark on their trunks. Elms typically have a lush green canopy with red and tan puzzle like bark. Revisiting these trees this year, you might notice their improvement. Although it may not be a night and day difference to the untrained eye, it is obvious to the Tree Team that these are much healthier trees that are now growing in height and girth. Air spading is definitely beneficial to a tree that has been planted in either too deep or compacted soil, or in this case both.



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