

# UCF Tree Team at Work to Save Elms

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The Department of Landscape and Natural Resources' Urban Forestry Tree Team are hard at work maintaining and managing the diverse tree canopy on the UCF campus. This project focused on improving the growing quality of several drake elms, *Ulmus parviflora*, planted in front of the Classroom 1 Building. These elms were struggling to establish and a look at the tree roots and planting media was needed to evaluate the reason for the slow establishment. With the use of an air spade, the soil was excavated from the planting containers without damaging any roots in the process (image 1). The compacted soil was replaced with new topsoil which should allow the trees more opportunity for growth.



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tu3uHmvBMtQ>