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### **E-LANDSCAPE TO PLANT DISEASE RESISTANT ELMS AT FORT BELVOIR BUSINESS CENTER**

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Davidsonville, Maryland-based commercial landscaping specialist E-Landscape Specialty Solutions announced today that it has been awarded a landscape installation contract at the new Fort Belvoir Business Center. Part of the company's scope includes planting 'Princeton' Elm trees. The inclusion of this disease-resistant cultivar will contribute to the landscaping industry's objective of supporting the restoration of the American Elm population.

The American Elm tree holds significance in the United States. It is historically the most popular shade tree in the country, and its importance has been recognized in the states of Massachusetts and North Dakota, where it is the state tree.

The American Elm population has been on the decline since the 1950's due to Dutch Elm Disease. This disease first came to America during a 1920's shipment of logs from the Netherlands, but was widespread in Asia prior to that time. It is spread by elm bark beetles, and although there are biological and chemical ways to treat this disease, disease prevention seems to be the only sustainable solution. The landscaping industry in the United States has committed to supporting restoration of the American Elm population through the use of disease resistant cultivars.

"This project at Fort Belvoir is really close to our hearts here at E-Landscape," commented E-Landscape President Eric Drenner. "The only way we'll be able to bring back the American Elm is to chip away at the problem one project at a time by ensuring that any new Elms planted are resistant to Dutch Elm disease."

E-Landscape Specialty Solutions is a premier provider of commercial landscape design, installation and landcare services in the Mid-Atlantic region. For more information, see [www.e-landscapellc.com](http://www.e-landscapellc.com).

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