



FACT SHEET

- In the 1960s and 70s, hundreds of millions of elms nationwide were lost to Dutch Elm disease, including more than 200,000 trees in the Twin Cities alone.
- Landscape designer Bob Harvey, owner of Edelweiss Design, has made it his mission to “re-elm” the Twin Cities area, and is the main Minnesota supplier of two elm varieties, Princeton and Valley Forge, that are resistant to Dutch Elm disease.
- Elms thrive in cities because they grow fast, can survive subzero winters, scorching heat, air pollution, soil compaction, road salt, chemicals and physical damage.
- Because of the elm’s propensity for shade and their positive environmental effects, Harvey is encouraging city planners to add them back into the urban forest.
- Edelweiss Design is opening a retail shop in Richfield on Arbor Day, April 27, which will offer the Princeton and Valley Forge disease-resistant elms, annual flats and baskets, and garden accessories.
- Edelweiss Design is a full-service landscape architecture and garden design firm. The company is known for its creative outdoor living spaces that complement a client’s environment and lifestyle.

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