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# Barking up the right tree



Green thumbs UP to Erie MetroParks for trying to bring back one tree while dealing with the decline of another. Reeling along with everyone else with the loss of ash trees to the Emerald Ash Borer, the parks district is planting seven American elms at the James H. McBride Arboretum at BGSU Firelands. These stately trees used to be part of the American suburban landscape decades ago, until nearly all falling to Dutch Elm disease, the ash borer of its day. The recently planted trees were grown from cuttings from individual trees resistant to the disease, so the past is being resurrected to provide for the future — and that's what the arboretum is about, according to words spoken at its dedication, years ago.