PRAIRIE EXPEDITION® AMERICAN ELM
(RFM-37)

_Ulmus americana 'Lewis & Clark' (Family: Ulmaceae)_

**Description:** Excellent cold hardy Dutch Elm Disease (DED) resistant American elm selection. The original tree was a lone survivor among other American elm trees that died from DED. Released and named in honor of the 200th anniversary of the Lewis and Clark Expedition in 2004.

**Hardiness:** USDA hardiness zone 3- 9

**Mature Size:** Height: 60’, Spread: 40’

**Form:** Umbrella-like form which typifies American elm

**Growth Rate:** Medium to Fast, NDSU trials averaged 3 – 4’ of growth annually over 10 years of evaluation.

**Foliage:** Alternate, Simple, 3 – 6” long and 1 – 3’ wide. Summer: High quality lustrous dark green
Autumn: Yellow.

**Texture:** Medium

**Flowers:** Greenish-red fascicles of 3 – 4 (perfect), not showy

**Fruit:** Rounded disc-shaped samara, not ornamental

**Special Preferences:** DED resistant

**Light Preference:** Full sun exposure.

**Soil Preference:** Prefers rich, moist soils but is highly adaptable to different soil types and pH.

**Propagation:** Softwood stem cuttings

**Ornamental Attributes:** High quality summer foliage

**Landscape Attributes:** Prairie Expedition® is an outstanding DED resistant American elm selection. Uses for this cultivar are in boulevard, park plantings and other large open spaces.

**Comments:** Clonal trees were inoculated with DED and shown to be resistant to the disease. The original tree (pictured above) has a double leader, which makes the tree wider than what it would be if properly maintained as a single leader in the landscape.

**Availability:** Bailey Nurseries, J. Frank Schmidt & Son Co., Sester Farms Inc., Jeffries Nurseries Ltd. (Canada)