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The Story: San Jose State University Elm



San Jose State University is the founding school of the 23 campus California State University system and holds the distinction of being the oldest public institution of higher education on the West Coast of the USA. Located in downtown San Jose, the campus is situated on 154 acres and occupies approximately 19 square blocks. Founded in 1857, it is fair to say the landscaping is well established.

During the summer of 2012, an Elm tree next to MacQuarrie Hall lost a large limb which damaged a portion of the building. Fortunately, nobody was walking past the entrance when it fell, so there were no injuries. However, visual inspection of the tree revealed signs of decay and disease. Safety concerns prompted hiring a professional arborist to evaluate the health of all Elms on campus. The evaluation showed that many of the Elms were a potential safety hazard, and as a result 88 Elm trees have been removed. While SJSU doesn't like to remove trees, it is a necessity of managing a healthy urban forest and something that cannot be avoided at times. Plans are in place to replant trees where the Elms were removed. Fortunately, the wood is still beautiful and Mission Bell is pleased to be able to make this beautiful salvaged Elm available for projects in the Bay Area. Give us a call if you are interested in seeing this beautiful material taken from 100 year old trees.

Material #: SJ-EL San Jose State Elm