

Parks staff proposes the following modifications to the *Statement of Policies and Guidelines for Slacklining in Parks and Recreation Areas within the Madison Park System*:

1. **Slacklining Guidelines**, Item 4, Paragraph (c), ADD the following language:

- iii. All elm trees (American and Disease Resistant Elm cultivars). American elm trees and disease resistant elms are susceptible to Dutch Elm Disease, a deadly fungus that is spread by insects that introduce the pathogen through openings in tree's outer bark.

The Parks Superintendent has the discretion to disallow the use of any tree in a Madison Park as an anchor point for slacklining due to damage from this use. The Parks Superintendent also has the authority to modify the list of tree species that cannot be used as anchor points at any time. If there are any modifications to this section, an updated policy will be posted on the Madison Parks website and the Board of Park Commissioners will be notified of any changes.

2. Item 11, MODIFY as follows:

Slacklining is not permitted in parks designated as conservation areas **or at Olbrich Botanical Gardens**. Conservation parks are listed at ...