

Cullman City Parks and Recreation Bid Specifications

Date: January 23, 2026

Subject: Lawn Care Services (26.004)

1. The Cullman City Parks and Recreation will receive bids to provide lawn care services for up to three (3) years* in multiple locations (details listed under “4. Minimum Bid Requirements”). The successful vendor shall provide labor, personnel, and ancillary resources needed to perform the services pursuant to the specifications and other requirements as listed in this bid.
2. Bids will be opened at the Parks and Recreation Train Depot Board Room at 2:00PM on February 6, 2026.
3. It is required that all interested parties schedule and complete a pre-bid meeting/tour with Michael Graveman, phone 256-339-4911, no later than February 2, 2026.
4. Bids are to be submitted to the following address:

Cullman City Parks and Recreation
ATTN: Kyle Clark
Lawn Care Services (Bid #26.004)
PO Box 788
Cullman, Alabama 35056

5. The bid must be placed in a sealed envelope and clearly marked “**Lawn Care Services (Bid #26.004)**.”
6. The Cullman City Park Board reserves the right to reject any/all bids or any part thereof. It is not the policy of the Cullman City Park Board to accept bids based solely on price. Quality, conformity with specifications, promptness in delivery, previous service, and experience are also considered.
7. The Cullman City Park Board reserves the right to withdraw bids prior to purchase of any item.
8. The Cullman City Park Board reserves the right to suspend service intervals on any of the listed properties with a 2-week notice.
9. There is no guarantee that all listed properties will be awarded to the same bidder.
10. Questions concerning this bid are to be directed to Michael Graveman, phone 256-339-4911.

Sincerely,
Kyle Clark
Director of Operations

**Contract period and prices shall be for one year from contract effective date. At the end of the contract period, the contract amount may be extended in one-year intervals two times upon agreement of both parties in writing.*

Lawn Care Services

(Bid #26.004)

1. **General:** Vendors should meet minimum specifications on the Lawn Care Services listed and will be given credit for exceeding the specifications.
2. **Vendor Qualifications:**
 - a. Must have been in the lawn care business for at least 5 years.
 - b. Must have a current City of Cullman business license
 - c. Must have and maintain 1-million-dollar per occurrence and a policy of general liability insurance coverage (to include property damage) having a combined single limit of not less than 2-million-dollars per occurrence, written by a company satisfactory to Cullman Parks, Recreation, and Sports Tourism. Such policy will list the City of Cullman dba Cullman Parks, Recreation, and Sports Tourism as an additional insured under said policy. Bidder shall furnish Cullman Parks, Recreation, and Sports Tourism with a certificate of insurance satisfactory to evidence compliance with this provision prior to being awarded said bid. Bidder waives any right of subrogation.
 - d. Must have and maintain workman's compensation insurance on employees.
 - e. Must sign a hold harmless agreement.

Exceptions to this will be considered on a case-by-case basis.

3. **Administrative Procedures:**

- a. Bids must be addressed as follows:

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- b. Bids must be placed in a sealed envelope and the envelope must be clearly marked "Lawn Care Services Bid #26.004." **Bids will not be accepted via email or fax and will not be accepted after the listed opening date and time.**
- c. The Park Board reserves the right to reject any/all bids. Bids will be awarded on multiple criteria such as quality, service, promptness of delivery, previous service, and not on price alone. On the attached response sheet, vendors are invited to offer additional information (other than price) for consideration on the product/service they are offering. This could include components that exceed RFP specifications, exceptional warranty, support services offerings, etc.
- d. It is required that all interested parties **schedule and complete a pre-bid meeting/tour with Michael Graveman, phone 256-339-4911, no later than February 2, 2026.**
- e. Bid price shall not include Federal or State taxes.
- f. All bid prices will include costs associated with shipping and handling, etc.
- g. Cullman City Parks and Recreation will not reimburse any cost incurred by vendors in developing or submitting bids.
- h. Vendors must fully explain the warranty, as to what items are not covered by the warranty, and the procedure for replacement of defective units.
- i. Questions should be directed to Michael Graveman, phone 256-339-4911.

4. **Minimum Bid Requirements:** Cullman City Parks and Recreation is accepting bids to perform lawn care services for the locations listed in Appendix A. Price must be itemized per park, per service. Areas highlighted in green will be mowed weekly and areas highlighted in blue will be mowed bi-weekly. Cullman City Parks and Recreation will determine service intervals and reserves the right to change at any time. The Park Board reserves the right to reject the purchase of any single item/service, even when they meet minimum item specifications.
 - a. Lawn Care Services will consist of:
 - i. Grounds inspection and debris/trash removal shall be completed prior to mowing.
 - ii. Mowing of turf as required to maintain a neat, level appearance. Turf shall be cut at a height of 2" – 4" as turf type and conditions dictate. Mowing shall be performed in accordance with the frequency outlined in Appendix A. Mowing equipment and patterns shall be employed to permit recycling of clippings where possible. Gaping, unleveled cuts are not acceptable.
 - iii. Edging of all sidewalks, beds, and curbs that meet grassy areas is required to be maintained neatly. Edging shall be done with a power edger to all grassed areas at sidewalks, bedlines, and curbs during the growing season. Edging shall be performed biweekly.
 - iv. Trimming (weedeating) of all grassy areas, where mowing equipment cannot access, is required to be maintained neatly. Trimming shall be done to all grassed areas, where mowing equipment cannot access, during the growing season. Trimming shall be performed in accordance with the frequency outlined in Appendix A.
 - v. Removal of clippings and other waste from sidewalks, driveways, and parking lots is required to maintain cleanliness of facilities. Grass clippings, leaf litter, etc. on sidewalks, driveways, and parking lots shall be blown free from these areas at the conclusion of mowing, edging, etc. **Clippings, leaf litter, etc. SHALL NOT be blown into flower/tree beds or any other landscaped feature. Doing so will result in a monetary penalty that will be assessed on the next billing cycle.**
 - vi. Post-emergent systemic herbicides (such as Round-Up) shall not be used without express consent from Michael Graveman or his designated proxy.
 - b. Communication of completed lawn maintenance services is required. Email or text notification on the day of the completed service shall be provided to Michael Graveman.
5. **Exceeding Minimum Proposal Requirements:** Vendors who exceed minimum bid requirements will be given consideration for doing so.
6. **Failure to Meet Minimum Bid Requirements:** Due to unique variations in some vendor product lines, failure to meet minimum bid requirements will not automatically eliminate a bidder from consideration. Failure to meet any minimum bid requirements should be explained on the response page.

APPENDIX A

ART PARK



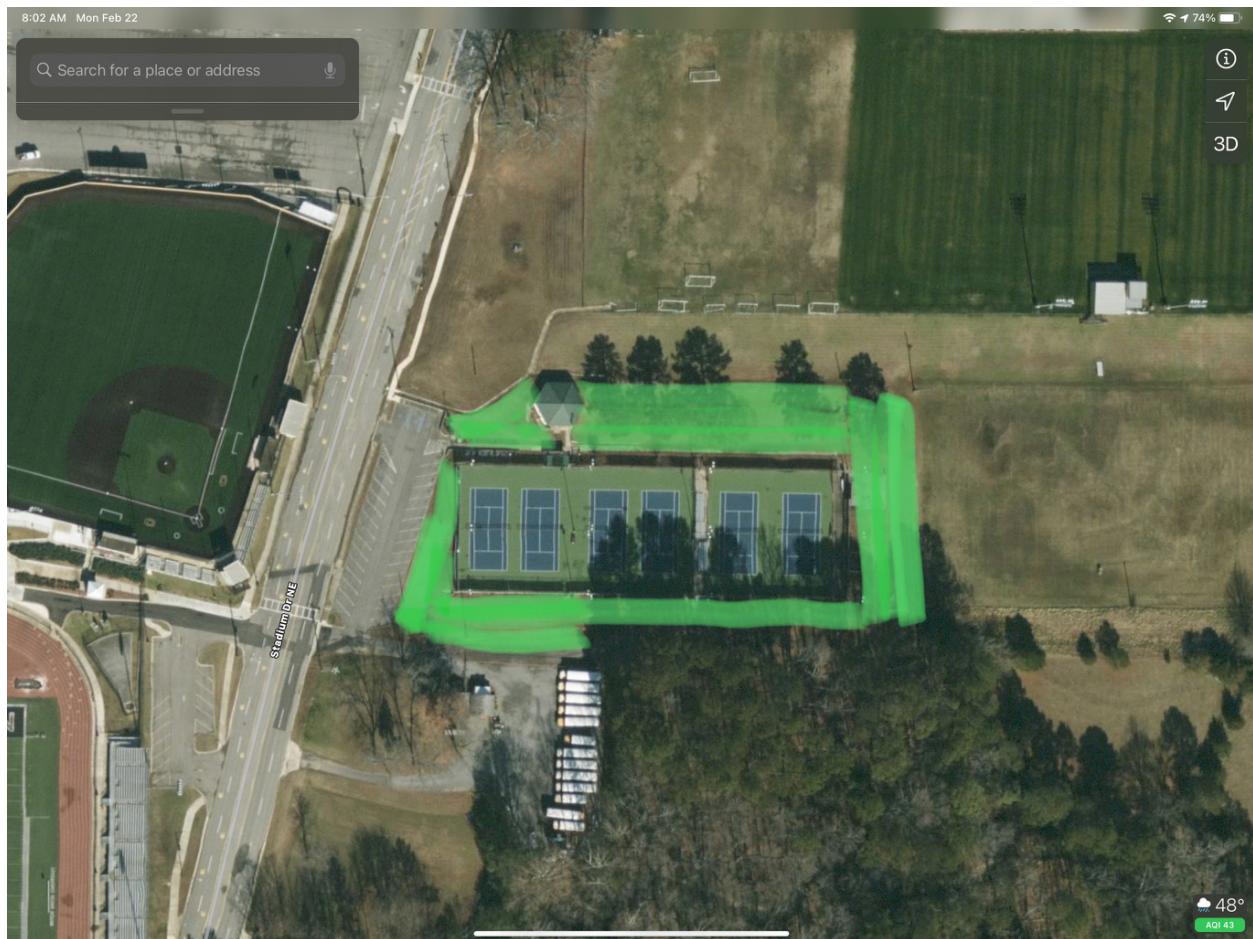
STIEFELMEYER PARK



CARROLL ACRES PARK



TENNIS COURTS



CULLMAN GYMNASTICS AND CHEER ACADEMY (CGCA)



CULPEPPER PARK



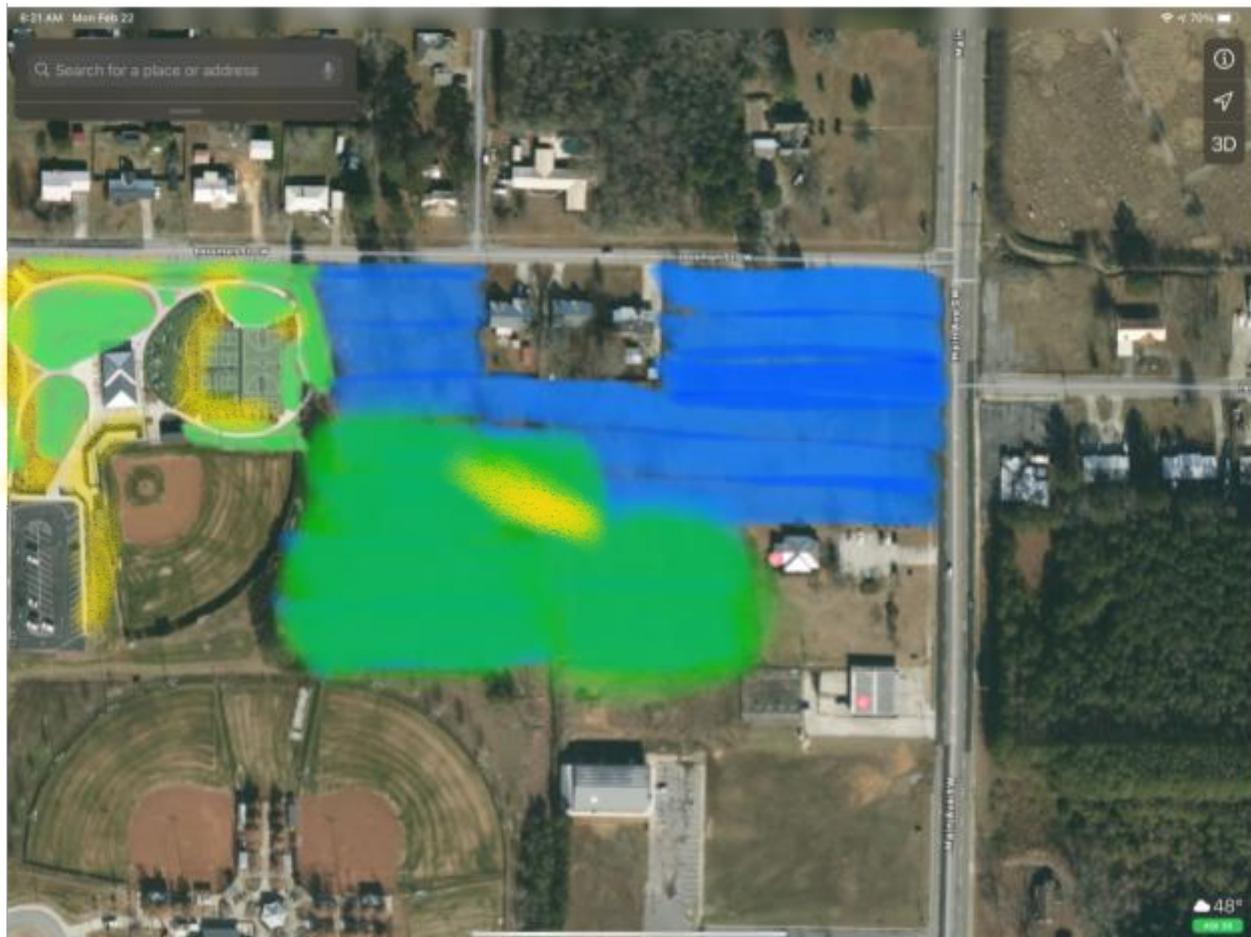
HURRICANE CREEK PARK



EASTSIDE PARK



INGLE PARK (INCLUDING DOG PARK)



NESMITH PARK



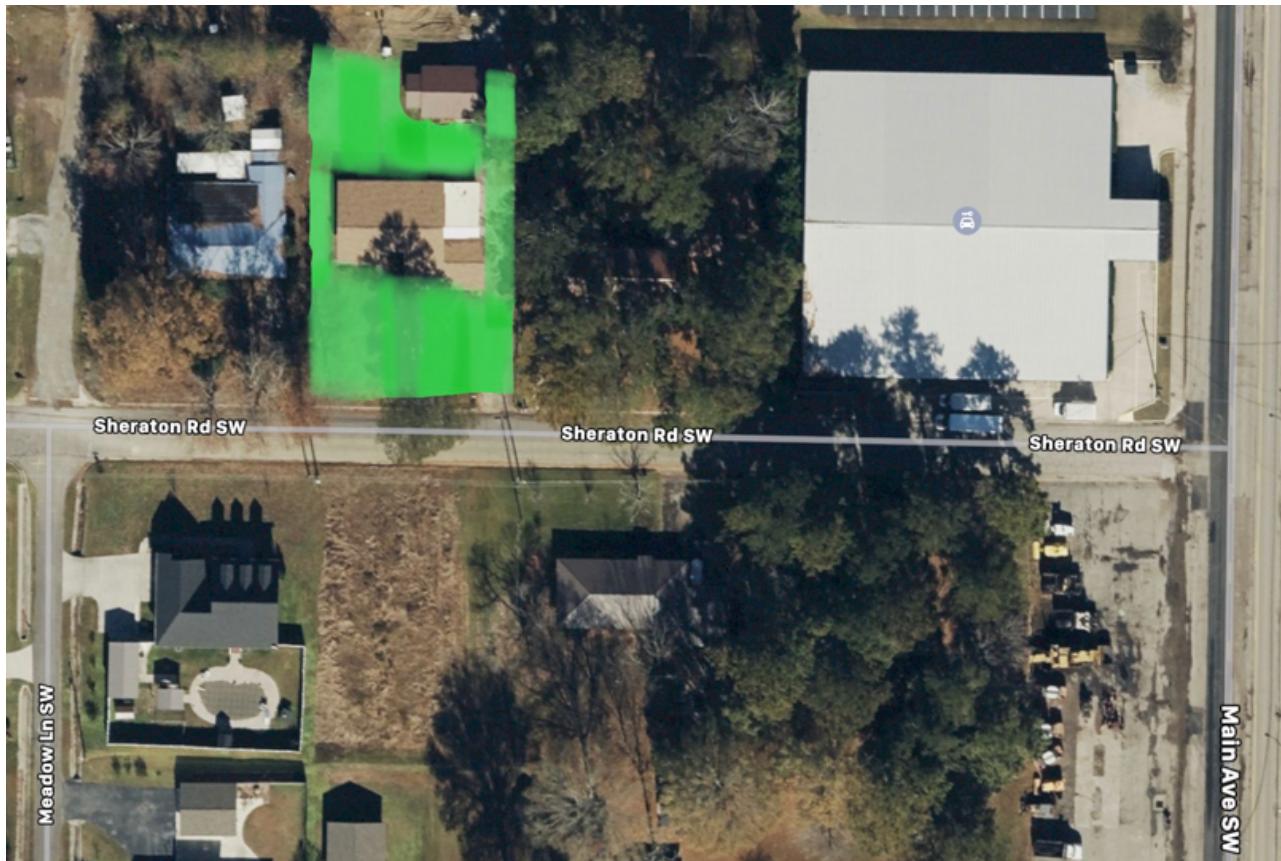
CULLMAN ARCHERY RANGE



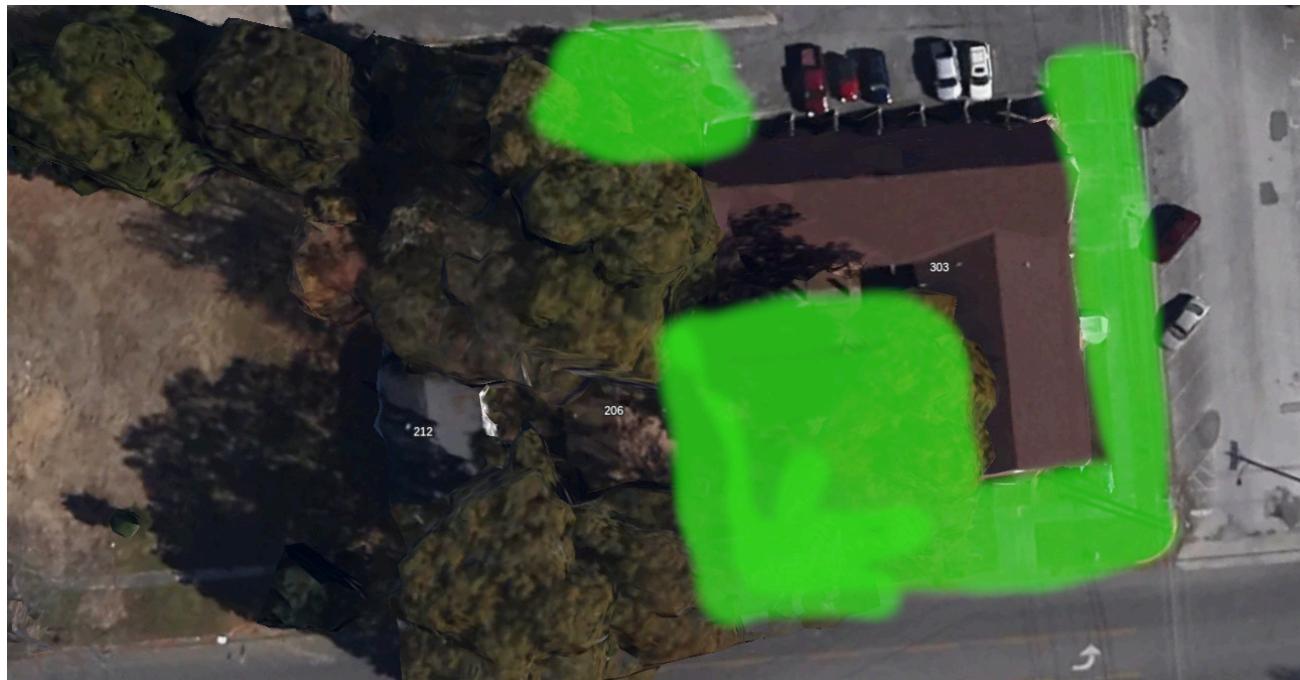
ACTIVE ADULT CENTER



1019 SHERATON RD SW



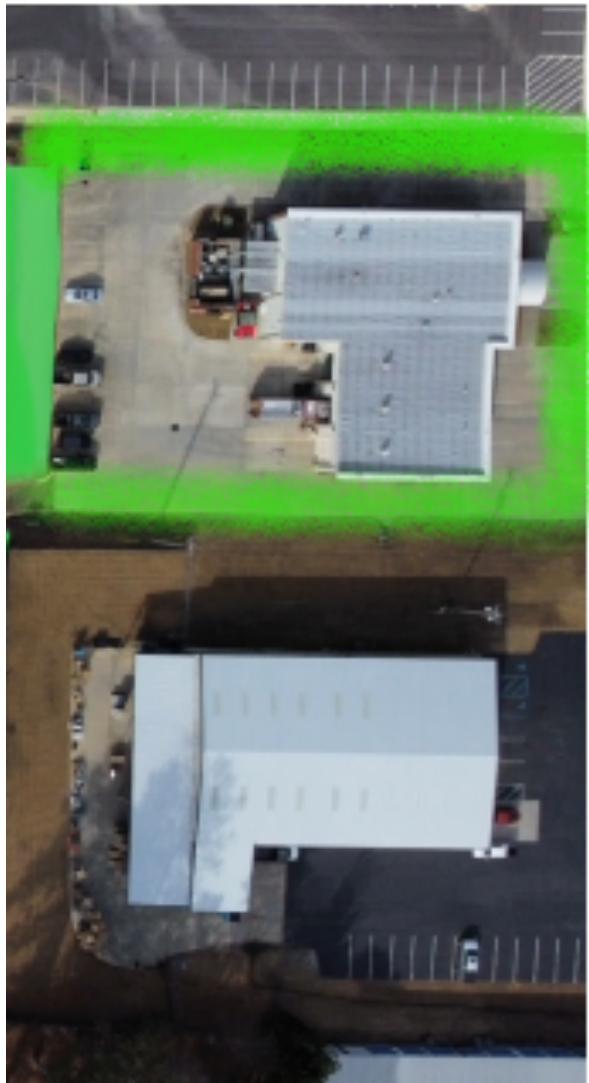
COMMUNITY THEATRE AND LOT NEXT DOOR



1007 MORNINGSIDE DRIVE & PARKING LOT ON MAIN AVE



CULLMAN FIRE RESCUE, STATION 2



Lawn Care Services
(Bid #26.004)

Vendor Response:

I/We have read and understand and agree to all requirements and specifications for Cullman City Parks and Recreation (Bid #26.004) except as noted below. I/We understand that failure to provide a "No Bid" response may result in disqualification from all future bids offered by this municipality.

Name of vendor: _____

Printed name of person submitting bid: _____

Signature of person submitting bid: _____

Price Individually per location

ART PARK _____ INGLE PARK (BIWEEKLY) _____

STIEFELMEYER PARK _____ NESMITH PARK (WEEKLY) _____

CARROLL ACRES PARK _____ NESMITH PARK (BIWEEKLY) _____

TENNIS COURTS _____ CULLMAN ARCHERY RANGE _____

CGCA _____ ACTIVE ADULT CENTER _____

CULPEPPER PARK _____ 1019 SHERATON RD SW _____

HURRICANE CREEK PARK _____ COMMUNITY THEATRE & LOT NEXT DOOR _____

EASTSIDE PARK _____ 1007 MORNINGSIDE DR SW & PARKING LOT ON MAIN _____

INGLE PARK (WEEKLY) _____ CULLMAN FIRE RESCUE, STATION 2 _____

Variation from stated minimum bid specifications are as follows:

References (Name of organization, person to contact, phone, email):