Together Spokane



Schools. Parks. Neighborhoods

WHAT IS PROPOSED?

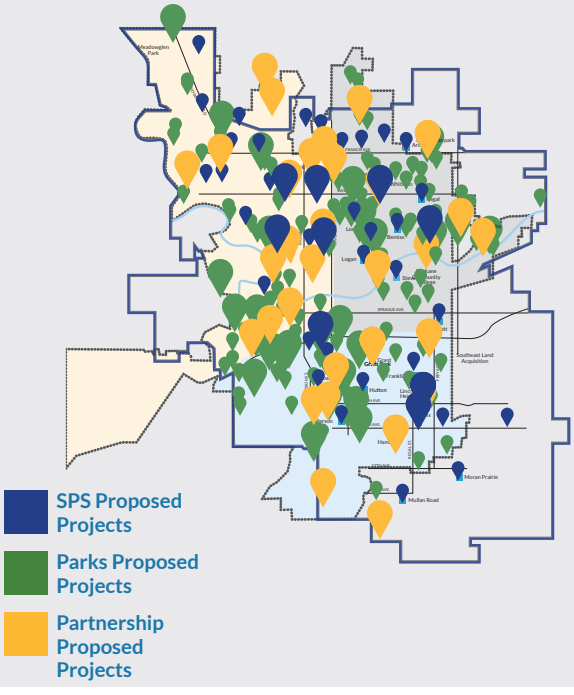
Spokane Public Schools (SPS) and Spokane Parks and Recreation (Parks) have joined a range of community partners to present this shared vision for the future of our city's parks, schools, and neighborhoods.

Spokane is experiencing historic participation in youth activities, adult recreation, and community programs. At the same time, many school buildings and park facilities are aging and need upgrades to function well and sustain increasing demand.

Working together, we're proposing a plan to improve parks and schools in every neighborhood to address the top needs we've heard from the community.

Together Spokane proposes two separate ballot measures – a parks levy and a school bond – that align to accomplish more than 200 projects across our community.

If both measures pass, we will complete 30+ additional projects that neither entity could have accomplished alone.



WHAT WILL IT COST?

The proposed Parks ballot measure is a $240 million 20-year levy, while the proposed SPS bond measure is a $200 million construction plan that would be paid off over 20 years.

The cost of both initiatives combined is 29 cents per $1,000 of assessed property value in the first year with an average increase of between 2%-3% per year calculated through 2030.

Homeowners can calculate the monthly increase to their tax bill at **TogetherSpokane.org/Cost**.

Spokane Parks and Spokane Public Schools have developed individual Q&A specific to the separate proposed ballot measures:

- **spokaneschools.org/2025bond**
- **spokaneparks.org/levy**

HOW CAN WE DO MORE TOGETHER?

If Parks and SPS were to do government as usual – in our silos with non-aligned ballot measures – we could achieve around 170 projects citywide for a taxpayer cost of 31 cents per $1,000 of assessed home value.

Together, we can accomplish more than 30 additional projects with fewer tax dollars – a local property tax rate of 29 cents per $1,000 of assessed home value in the first year.

This is made possible by:

- Coordinating facilities and programming for more access
- Joint funding and land use for efficient development
- Attracting more project partners to contribute private funds

As of July 2025, private partners have committed about $11 million to infrastructure and/or programming for one or more projects. Find a list at **TogetherSpokane.org/Partnerships.**

WHAT'S THE TIMELINE?

Spokane voters will consider separate but aligned ballot measures as part of a November 4, 2025 ballot.

If both initiatives pass, major joint projects and schools projects would break ground within the first 5 years, while Parks projects would be completed over 20 years.

Learn more at **TogetherSpokane.org**

Information current as of July, 2025

Arts & Culture



Together Spokane is poised to significantly enhance Spokane's arts community through strategic investments in cultural infrastructure. At the Northwest Museum of Arts & Culture (MAC), the initiative would relocate artifact storage off-site, freeing up valuable space for expanded exhibitions and educational programming, including more public access to local and historical artifacts.

The initiative also proposes upgrades to auditoriums across Spokane's five comprehensive high schools, including modernized audio-visual technology and improved accessibility. The updated auditoriums will be made available for community concerts, theater productions, and civic gatherings. This dual-purpose approach not only supports student development but also addresses a community need for mid-sized venues.

These projects and others aim to create a more vibrant and inclusive arts community that fosters more access and deeper engagement.

Find details about all projects at **TogetherSpokane.org**.

Featured Projects

Consolidate Museum Storage Offsite



SPS and other public agencies are exploring consolidation of properties through a shared facility, reducing costs and creating opportunities to expand and enhance services.

High School Auditorium Upgrades



Update auditorium spaces to offer consistent and equitable performing arts experiences that also support community access for events.

The Community School Relocation



Better accommodate the programming needs of this 9-12th grade option high school by moving it to the University District alongside central administration.

Adams School with Boys & Girls Club



Replace school built in 1909 that has outgrown its capacity and has issues with efficiency, accessibility and safety. Facility incorporates Boys & Girls Club.

Three New Neighborhood Parks



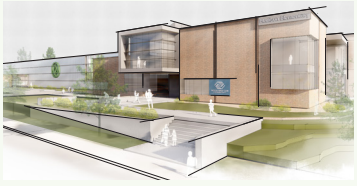
Build three new parks in areas lacking a park within a 10-minute walk from residences and acquire land for future development of park spaces.

Enhanced Security & Maintenance



Improved routine cleaning and care of all 90+ parks through more maintenance staff, and additional Special Commission Park Rangers to serve all neighborhoods.

Madison School & Rec Center



Co-locate a new Madison Elementary School with a Boys & Girls Club and multi-use recreational facility next to Franklin Park.

Other Projects

Enhanced Security Across Parks
Repair or Replace Every Park Playground & Restroom
Three Major Park Renovations
School Playfields into After-hours Parks
Outdoor Learning Centers

Learn About All 200+ Projects Citywide at TogetherSpokane.org