Together Spokane



Schools. Parks. Neighborhoods

WHAT IS PROPOSED?

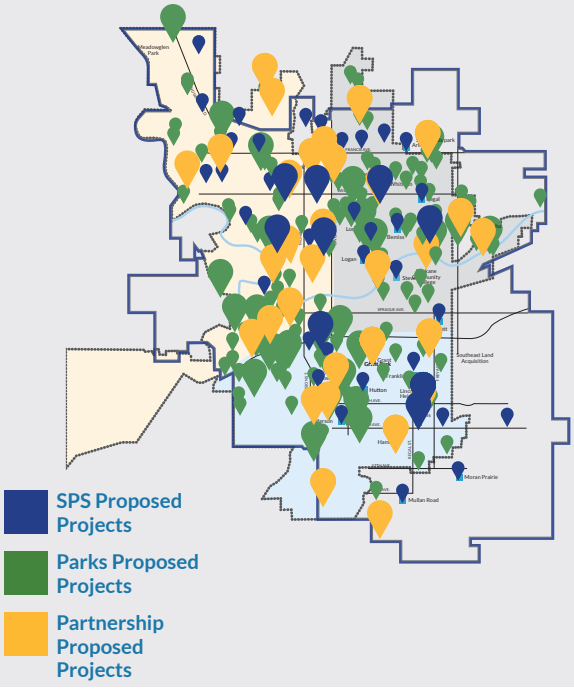
Spokane Public Schools (SPS) and Spokane Parks and Recreation (Parks) have joined a range of community partners to present this shared vision for the future of our city's parks, schools, and neighborhoods.

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

Outdoor Recreation



An appreciation for natural spaces is one of the most cited reasons people who live here choose to call Spokane home. From the Spokane River at our city's heart to Mount Spokane State Park, our region offers abundant opportunities for hiking, biking, skiing and much more.

Together Spokane aims to enhance outdoor experiences by upgrading park facilities, improving trails, and developing more open-air spaces for community enjoyment. By working together, SPS and Parks seek to develop well-maintained spaces that support youth wellness, healthy neighborhoods, and recreational opportunities for all ages in all areas of our city.

Find projects in your neighborhood and throughout the city at TogetherSpokane.org.

Featured Projects

Land Conservation & Management



Plan to protect wildlife habitat, conserve native plants, sensitive landscape and forests, and preserve areas with beautiful and/or unique natural habitat.

Upgraded Fields and Courts



Improvements to racquet sport courts across the city, renovated and new sports fields, a new pump track/skate park, and another disc golf course.

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.

Trailhead & Trail Improvements



Improve trailhead parking and park trail connections, including more ADA-accessible, paved, and unpaved trails citywide, and safety enhancements.

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.

School Playfields into After-hours Parks



Increase access and improve safety during times of open public use of school playfields with more Special Commission Park Rangers outside of school hours.

Restroom & Playground Upgrades



Repair or replace every restroom and every playground across Spokane Parks, a top community request.

Other Projects

Water Efficiency Upgrades

Six Outdoor Learning Centers

Integration of School Playfields into After-hours Parks

Learn About All 200+ Projects Citywide at TogetherSpokane.org