Together Spokane



Schools. Parks. Neighborhoods

WHAT IS PROPOSED?

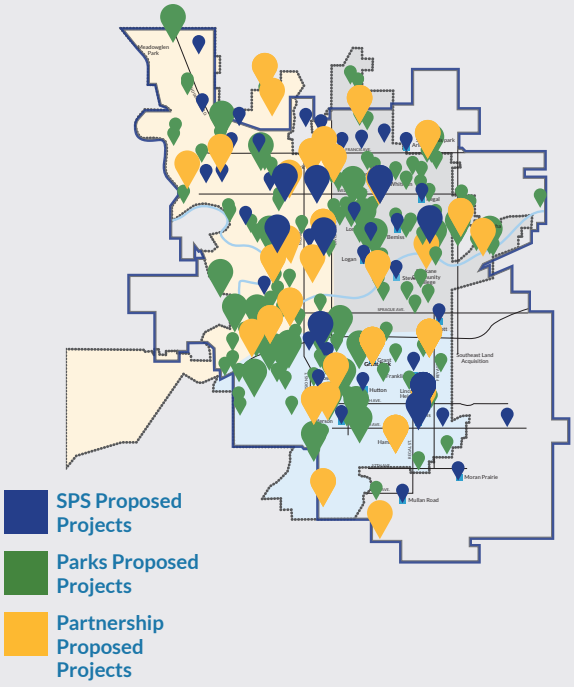
Spokane Public Schools (SPS) and Spokane Parks and Recreation (Parks) have joined a range of community partners to present this shared vision for the future of our city's parks, schools, and neighborhoods.

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

Field Sports



Spokane faces a significant shortage of sports fields, leaving many youth and adult athletes with limited options for local play.

On weekends, existing fields are often overcrowded, and seasonal weather renders many unusable for months, requiring families to travel long distances for games and tournaments.

Together Spokane proposes the development of at least one all-weather, lighted all-weather rectangular multi-sport field with lights and one turf baseball/softball infield within each of Spokane's five high school boundaries.

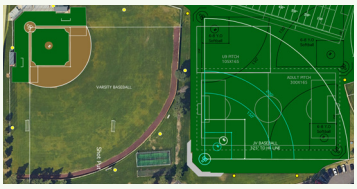
The plan also includes expanding the Dwight Merkel Sports Complex in Northwest Spokane with six additional fields, as well as enhancing fields across Spokane at or near each of our five comprehensive high schools.

These improvements aim to provide year-round access to sports facilities, reduce travel burdens for families, and support the growth of local sports programs.

Find out what projects are proposed for your neighborhood at **TogetherSpokane.org**.

Featured Projects

Citywide All-Weather Fields with Lights



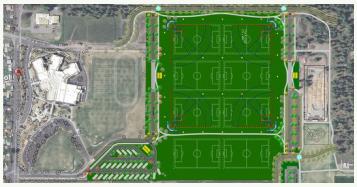
At least one all-weather rectangular field and at least one turf infield with lighting installed at or near each of our comprehensive high schools across the city.

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.

Merkel Sports Complex Expansion



Develop at least six new fields at the site of former Joe Albi Stadium to double capacity and support increased student and community access for all ages.

Restroom & Playground Upgrades



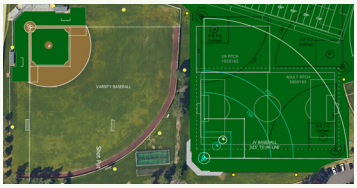
Repair or replace every restroom and every playground across Spokane Parks, a top community request.

Ferris Sports Complex



Develop fields with Spokane Youth Sports Association to extend use and support increased student and community interest in recreational activities.

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.

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.

Other Projects

Three Major Park Renovations
Indoor Aquatics Center
New Trades High School
Outdoor Learning Centers

Learn About All 200+ Projects Citywide at TogetherSpokane.org