Together Spokane



Schools. Parks. Neighborhoods

WHAT IS PROPOSED?

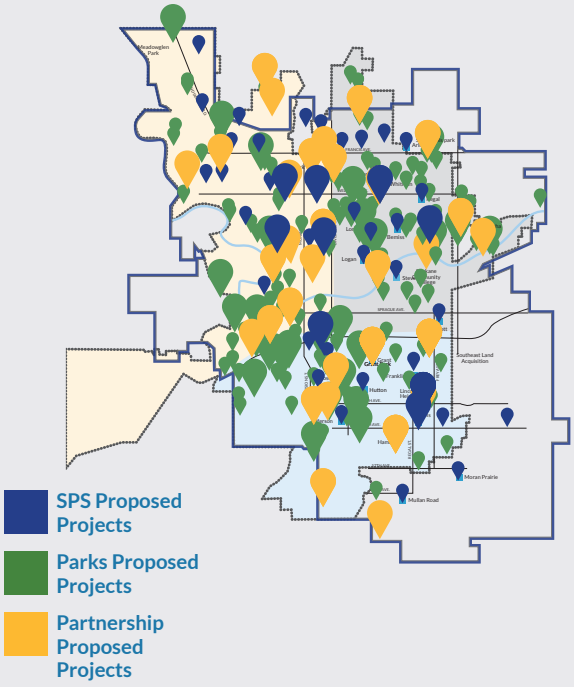
Spokane Public Schools (SPS) and Spokane Parks and Recreation (Parks) have joined a range of community partners to present this shared vision for the future of our city's parks, schools, and neighborhoods.

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

Older Adults



Parks and schools belong to everyone in our community, including residents who do not have children or whose children have grown.

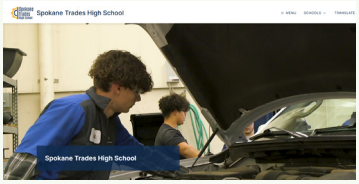
Secure, well-maintained parks offer safe, beautiful spaces for a range of activities, and a quality school system ensures that the next generation is prepared to successfully enter the workforce and further strengthen our community.

Together Spokane aims to improve parks, schools and neighborhoods across the city, providing a value proposition that enhances the quality of life for all who call Spokane home.

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

Featured Projects

New Trades High School



Establish a school where students can graduate with a high school diploma, a two-year degree, and other career and technical education certificates.

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.

Restroom & Playground Upgrades



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

Shadle Park Indoor Tennis Center



Partner with the United States Tennis Association PNW to construct an indoor tennis facility for Shadle Park High School students and community members.

Madison School & Rec Center



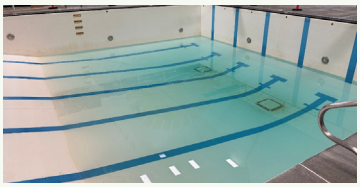
Co-locate a new Madison Elementary School with a Boys & Girls Club and rec facility that includes 16 pickleball courts next to Franklin Park.

Community Access to HS Auditoriums



Update auditorium spaces to offer consistent performing arts experiences for students and more community access for events.

Indoor Aquatics Center



Renovate Spokane Community College facility to expand Parks programming and offer swimming lessons for 2nd grade students.

Other Projects

Three New Neighborhood Parks
Three Major Park Renovations
School District Property Consolidation
Outdoor Learning Centers

Learn About All 200+ Projects Citywide at TogetherSpokane.org