Together Spokane



Schools. Parks. Neighborhoods

WHAT IS PROPOSED?

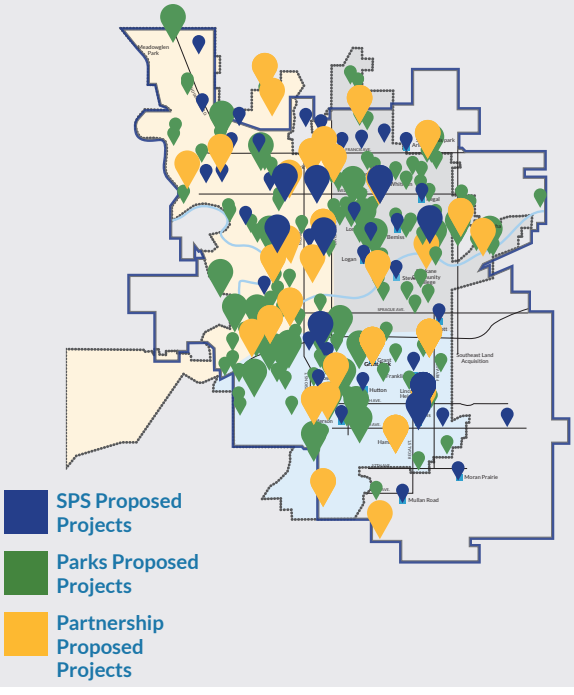
Spokane Public Schools (SPS) and Spokane Parks and Recreation (Parks) have joined a range of community partners to present this shared vision for the future of our city's parks, schools, and neighborhoods.

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

New Trades High School



New SPS Trades School on SCC Campus

Together Spokane aims to strengthen the trades industry and create new opportunities for students through a new four-year Trades High School.

In partnership with Spokane Colleges, the program will offer a full-day educational experience where students can gain hands-on skills, industry certifications, and even a two-year technical degree upon graduation, preparing them for immediate entry into well-paying jobs.

This project will:

- Address Spokane's workforce shortage in critical trades, ensuring a steady pipeline of skilled professionals.
- Foster a stronger connection between industry and public schools, reinforcing the local economy.
- Utilize existing infrastructure and resources to keep costs manageable.

Learn more at **TogetherSpokane.org/Trades-hs**.

Other Featured Projects

North Central High School Modernization



Renovate the oldest portions of the building to improve efficiency and safety, expand parking, and improve sports fields to expand evening and off-season use.

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.

Facility Improvements for Spokane Schools



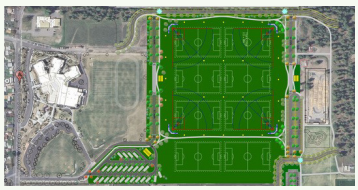
Provide necessary facility improvements to ensure all of our 58 schools are safe, secure, and have a long useful lifespan.

Adams School with Boys & Girls Club



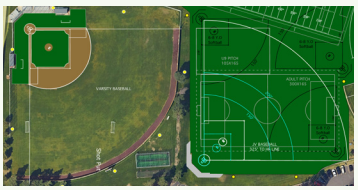
Replace school built in 1909 that has outgrown its capacity and has issues with efficiency, accessibility and safety. Facility incorporates Boys & Girls Club.

Merkel Sports Complex Expansion



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

Citywide All-Weather Fields with Lights



At least one all-weather rectangular field and at least one turf infield for baseball/ softball installed within each high school boundary.

Garry Renovation & Nevada Park Upgrades



Renovate Garry Middle School and adjacent Nevada Park to maximize benefit for the school and community.

Other Projects of Note

Restroom & Playground Upgrades
Three New Parks
Indoor Aquatics Center
Shadle Park Indoor Tennis Center

Learn About All 200+ Projects Citywide at TogetherSpokane.org