Together Spokane



Schools. Parks. Neighborhoods

WHAT IS PROPOSED?

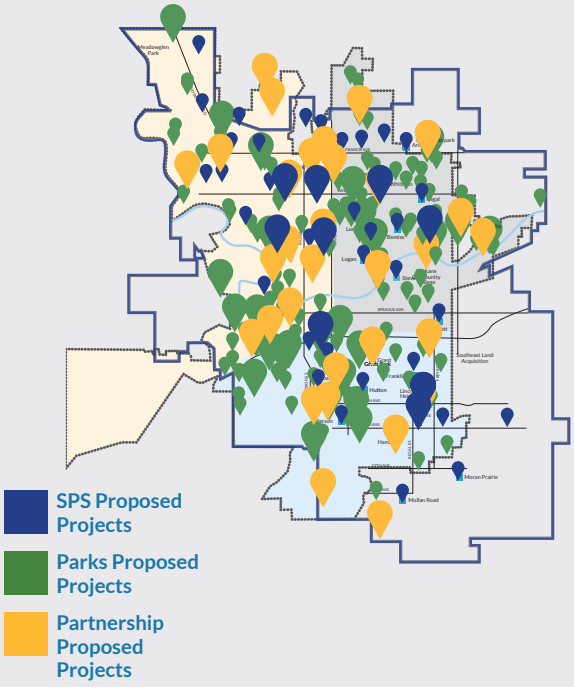
Spokane Public Schools (SPS) and Spokane Parks and Recreation (Parks) have joined a range of community partners to present this shared vision for the future of our city's parks, schools, and neighborhoods.

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

Indoor Sports



Indoor court space is at a premium in Spokane. Rising participation in youth basketball leagues, the increasing popularity of pickleball, and a vibrant volleyball community are just three reasons behind the immense need for courts throughout the year.

One way Together Spokane aims to meet this need is by including a fieldhouse with public court space inside our replacement for Madison Elementary, adjacent to Franklin Park. This North Spokane facility would include:

- **Five indoor courts for basketball or volleyball**
- **Sixteen pickleball courts**
- **Enhanced parking with additional basketball courts**

Pacific Northwest Qualifier - one of the largest volleyball tournaments on the west coast – and Hoopfest have pledged to invest private funds in the facility, substantially lessening the proposed cost to taxpayers.

Learn more at **TogetherSpokane.org**.

Featured Projects

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.

Restroom & Playground Upgrades



Repair or replace every restroom and every playground in need across Spokane Parks.

Madison School & Rec Center



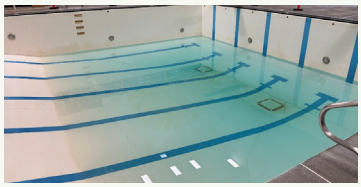
Co-locate a new Madison Elementary School with a Boys & Girls Club and rec facility that includes 16 pickleball courts next to Franklin Park.

Community Access to HS Auditoriums



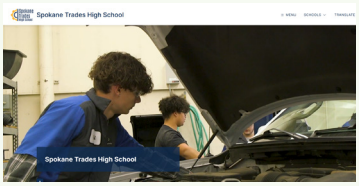
Update auditorium spaces to offer consistent performing arts experiences for students and more community access for events.

Indoor Aquatics Center



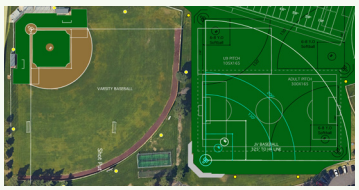
Renovate Spokane Community College facility to expand Parks programming and offer swimming lessons for 2nd grade students.

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.

Citywide All-Weather Fields with Lights



At least one all-weather rectangular field and at least one turf infield with lighting installed in each of our five high school boundaries.

Other Projects

Enhanced Security and Maintenance Across all 90+ Parks
Community Access to High School Auditoriums
Integration of School Playfields into After-hours Parks
New Trades High School
Merkel Complex Expansion

Learn About All 200+ Projects Citywide at TogetherSpokane.org