# Together Spokane



Schools. Parks. Neighborhoods

## WHAT IS PROPOSED?

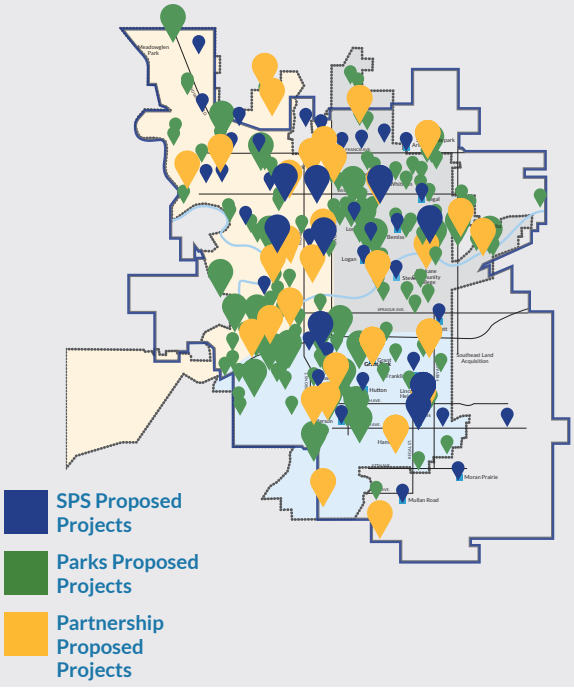
Spokane Public Schools (SPS) and Spokane Parks and Recreation (Parks) have joined a range of community partners to present this shared vision for the future of our city's parks, schools, and neighborhoods.

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

# Families of Every Age



Spokane is a great place to raise a family. Nearly 230,000 residents choose to make their home in the Lilac City, valuing our unique neighborhood communities, vibrant outdoor spaces, and abundant educational and workforce development opportunities.

Together Spokane aims to build on these strengths by investing in public education and parks, ensuring they remain well-funded, modern, and accessible for all families. Spokane Public Schools and Spokane Parks are committed to keeping Spokane a family-friendly city for generations to come.

This initiative proposes adding a Boys and Girls Club to two elementary schools, developing no cost swim lessons for all SPS second graders at an indoor aquatics center, ensuring every neighborhood has a park within a ten minute walk, and creating safe, well-maintained facilities for use by our entire community.

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

# Featured Projects

## 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.

## Adams School with Boys & Girls Club



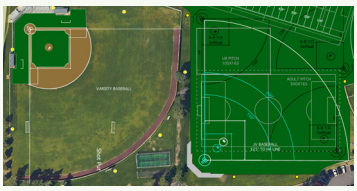
Replace school built in 1909 that has outgrown its capacity and has issues with efficiency, accessibility and safety. Facility incorporates Boys & Girls Club.

## Playground & Restroom Upgrades



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

## 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.

## Indoor Public Aquatics Center



Renovate the indoor aquatics facility at Spokane Community College to expand Parks aquatics programming and develop no-cost swimming lessons for second graders.

## Community Access to HS Auditoriums



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

## Other Projects

Facility Improvements for 54 Neighborhood Schools

Six Outdoor Learning Centers

Engage In Real Life Initiative

**Learn About All 200+ Projects Citywide at TogetherSpokane.org**