Together Spokane



Schools. Parks. Neighborhoods

WHAT IS PROPOSED?

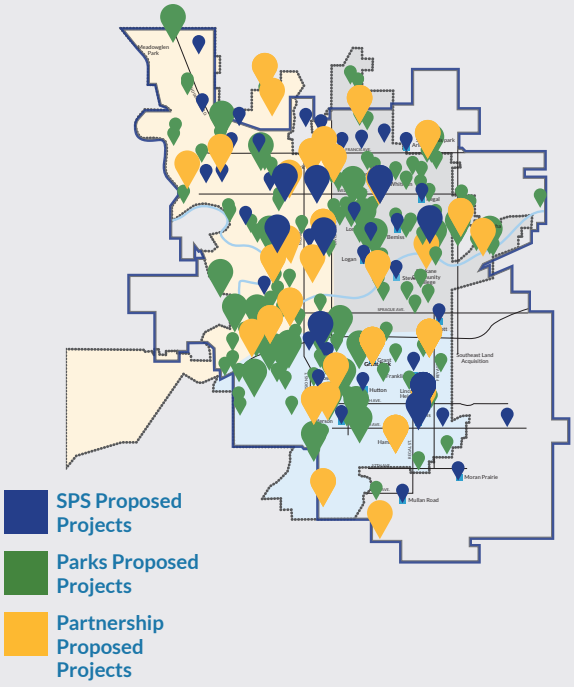
Spokane Public Schools (SPS) and Spokane Parks and Recreation (Parks) have joined a range of community partners to present this shared vision for the future of our city's parks, schools, and neighborhoods.

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

Improved Access for All



Making sure public spaces like parks and schools are welcoming and usable for everyone, regardless of ability or background, is an essential part of the Together Spokane initiative. Having places where all residents can connect, recreate, and explore contributes to a healthier, safer, and more connected community.

This plan would upgrade infrastructure, modernize facilities, and promote access across the City of Spokane. Built on input from community members, the initiative ensures that public spaces meet the needs of all.

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

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Featured Projects

Restroom Replacements & Renovation



Construct, repair, or replace every Spokane park restroom to improve accessibility, reduce vandalism opportunities, and modernize antiquated equipment.

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.

Indoor Public Aquatics Center



Renovate the indoor aquatics facility at Spokane Community College to expand adaptive swimming and no cost lessons for 2nd graders.

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 park development.

Community Access to HS Auditoriums



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

Playground Replacements & Renovations



Repair or replace every park playground for improved accessibility, functionality, and 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.

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

- Facility Improvements for 54 Neighborhood Schools
- New SPS Trades High School
- New & Renovated Park Amenities
- Three Major Park Renovations