

Thank you, Spokane!

The final election tally shows voters approving the Parks levy by 55.8% and the SPS bond by 61.8%. The election will be certified Nov. 25.

These results show community support for an investment in hundreds of projects to benefit every park, school, and neighborhood across our city. Together, they reflect a shared vision for Spokane: aligning resources to serve youth, adults, and families more efficiently for years to come.

With this momentum, both Parks and Schools are ready to move forward.

In keeping with strong outreach, we are committed to transparency, accountability, and engagement.

On the Parks side, the Park levy will fund the list of projects outlined by category in a detailed Levy Program Manual (www.SpokaneParks.org/levy).

Here's a look at upcoming Parks plans:

- November 2025: Park Board will review a proposed matrix to determine how levy projects will be sequenced over the 20-year levy.
- December 2025: Park Board will review a proposed 2026 project plan based on that matrix
- January April 2026: Detailed planning and project design begins (including partnership projects with Spokane Public Schools), initial project bidding, hiring recruitment begins
- May 2026: the first Parks levy check arrives (after April property taxes are paid) and Parks investments begin

As outlined on the ballot, the Parks levy is funded through an increase of 27-cents per \$1,000 of 2026 taxable assessed property valuation. Between 2027-2031, the Parks levy can go up by a maximum of 3% each year. After 2031, the yearly Parks levy increase is capped at 1%. (Those increases apply only to the Parks levy, not to overall City levy amounts. The <u>Spokane County Tax Transparency tools</u> show current tax distribution related to your parcel.)

We look forward to sharing more details in the months to come, and engaging with the community on plans for each neighborhood at www.TogetherSpokane.org.

For now, thank you for choosing to invest in parks, schools, neighborhoods, and our community.

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