

Facts about the Jefferson Elementary Modernization Project and Hart Field Upgrades

Community open houses to share information, answer questions, and collect input about this project were held on February 23 and April 27. An additional open house will be scheduled for this summer upon completion of the traffic and real-estate studies being conducted. More information and a comment form about the project can be found at www.spokaneschools.org.

Jefferson Elementary School Project Facts

Jefferson Elementary School originally opened in 1908. In 1948, an addition was built providing additional classrooms, a combination gymnasium and cafeteria, library and administrative space. Portable classrooms were added in 1955 and 1956.

Enrollment: 560

Current Facility Size (Approx. Square Feet):
Permanent 41,285 • Portables 16,751

Current Site Size (Approx. Acres): 4.48

Estimated Project Budget: \$25.1 million

Architectural Firm: Madsen Mitchell Evenson & Conrad (MMEC) PLLC of Spokane

General Contractor: To be selected in spring 2012

Hart Field Upgrade Facts

Size: 35.6 acres

Originally Purchased: 1925 • Additional land acquired in 1939 and 1940

Used by Jefferson, Sacajawea and Lewis and Clark students as well as community events

Project budget: \$2.5 million

Project includes renovation of all ball fields to varying degrees to match district-wide standards, additional street trees and sidewalks, parking facilities, upgrades to locker room facilities, restrooms and concessions, new irrigation systems and tennis court re-surfacing



FAQ **Jefferson and Hart Field Projects**

What are the options being considered? (see drawings)

Spokane Public Schools owns the entire 35.6-acre Hart Field site, which gives the school district several options for the modernization of Jefferson Elementary and upgrades to Hart Field. Options currently being considered are:

East: Jefferson stays at 37th and Grand and uses the 1908 building as the site "anchor."

West: Jefferson moves to the west end of Hart Field, near where Manito Primary was located in the 1950s.

North: Jefferson moves across the street from Sacajawea Middle School, on the north end of Hart Field.

Note: Variations of these and other options are also being reviewed to address building and field location, traffic, and neighborhood impact.

How will the recommended school site be chosen?

A steering committee, facilitated by architects from MMEC, has been meeting since January 2010 to develop planning options. The committee includes representatives from the Comstock Neighborhood Council and Spokane Preservation Advocates; Jefferson parents and teachers; district administrators, and administrators from Jefferson, Sacajawea Middle School and Lewis and Clark High School. SPS administration, based on the committee's work and community feedback, will ultimately make a recommendation to the school board, likely in late summer/early fall, on which site option will be best for the modernization of Jefferson elementary and upgrades to Hart Field.

Are there any restrictions for using part of Hart Field for a school?

No. The original deed of sale from Feb. 19, 1940, allows a school building or buildings to be built on Hart Field.

What will each option cost?

A cost estimate cannot be completed until the site has been selected. The district has a \$25.1 million budget that will cover the cost of the east option, which would be the most expensive. Part of the budget includes student relocation costs to temporary site(s) and some demolition costs, which aren't needed if the west or north options are selected. The \$2.5 million Hart Field budget is separate from the school remodeling budget, but big enough to do all needed improvements, regardless of the option selected.

How is the state construction match funding affected with each of the options?

Each option would receive the same amount of state match funding to assist with the project.

If the West or North option is chosen, will the old Jefferson be torn down?

No. The district will make use of the historic 1908 building, possibly for administrative and support personnel use, or will sell it for commercial use with the restriction that the building be maintained.

Where will students be located during the year of construction?

If the East option (current site) is chosen, the students will be bused to another district site or sites. The West and North options allow students to remain in the current location while a new school is being built.

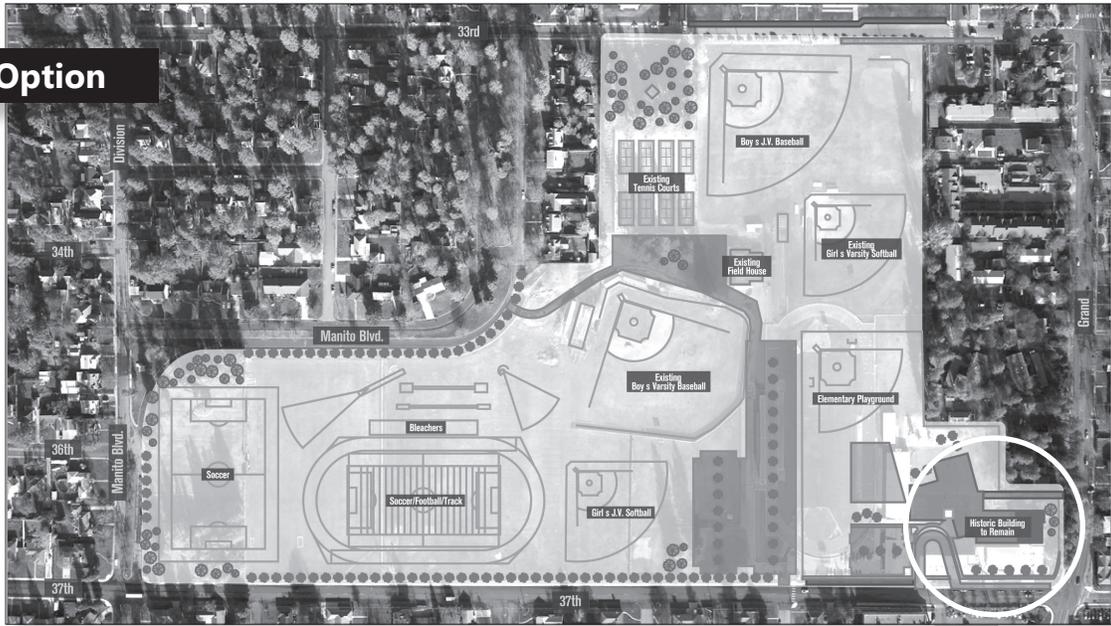
Has there been a formal traffic study conducted?

The district has hired a traffic engineering firm to examine the impacts of all three site options and the variations, and to help develop solutions for each. Results will be available early summer.

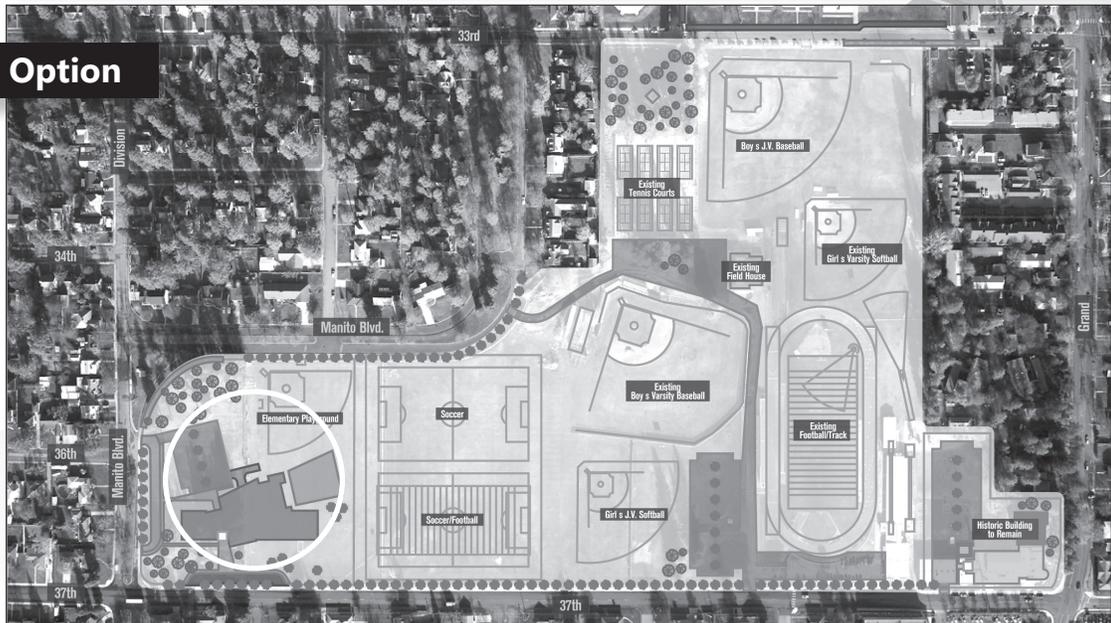
What impact does a school have on residential property values?

The district is having a local property appraisal firm study the impact of elementary school buildings at all site options on neighborhood housing prices. Results of this study will be available in early summer.

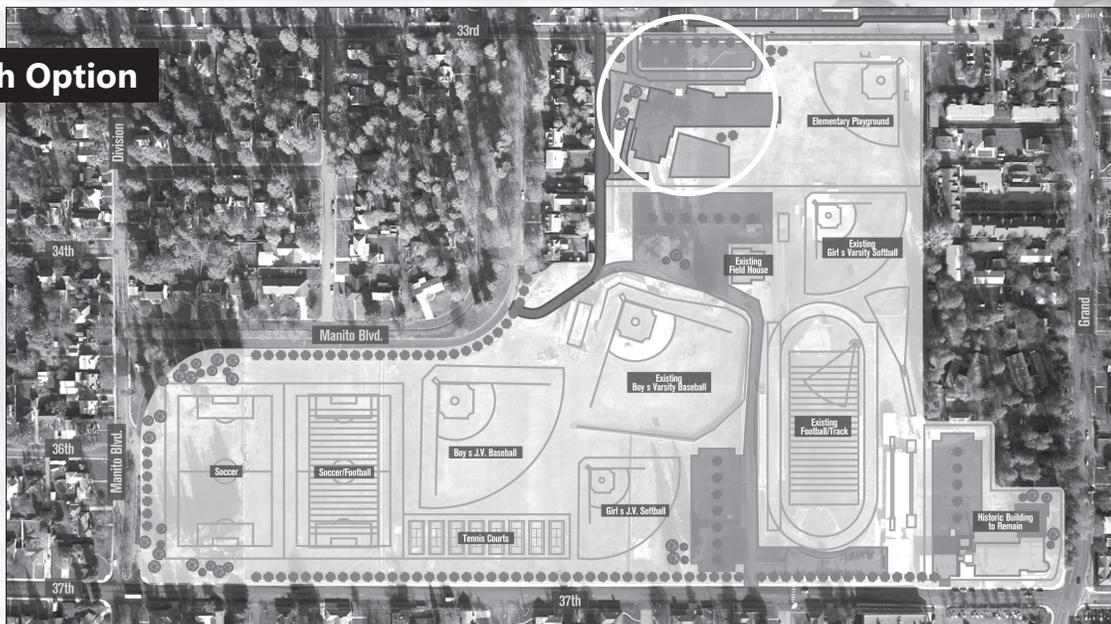
East Option



West Option



North Option



FAQ **Jefferson and Hart Field Projects - continued**

How does each option impact Hart Field?

All options would include additional event parking to help relieve congestion on the streets.

The East option (current site) would displace the football/track and require an extensive overhaul of all the fields (except boys varsity baseball). This is due to the current site not having enough room for expanding the current building, staff parking, playground and provide space for parent pick-up and drop-off area.

The West option (former site of Manito Primary) will displace one soccer field, which can be recreated by reorienting the remaining soccer field. The varsity boys baseball and football/track fields would not be impacted.

The North option (across from Sac) will displace three softball/baseball fields and eight tennis courts, which can be rebuilt by reorganizing the fields on the site and using the west side of the site for some of the replacement fields. The varsity boys baseball and football/track fields would not be impacted.

Will the new football/ track be lighted and be used for evening events?

There are no plans to consider lighted fields at Hart Field. Lighted fields are not a district standard, and no fields in the district are lighted except Shadle Park's boys baseball field, which is on City park property.

How does each site impact trees?

East: This option impacts most of the trees on the west side of Hart Field to accommodate relocated ball fields but retains trees north of the tennis courts.

West: This option retains the trees north of the tennis courts and will have a small impact to the trees on the west side of the site.

North: This option impacts the large stand of trees north of the tennis courts, and most of the trees on the west side of Hart Field to accommodate parking and relocated ball fields.