

2022 Parks Report Card



WHY GRADE OUR PARKS?



**DEMONSTRATE
PROGRESS**



**DETERMINE
EFFECTIVENESS**



**COMMUNICATE
PRIORITIES**



**COMPARE PRESENT TO PAST
AND FUTURE PERFORMANCE**



**DIRECTION TO
ALLOCATE RESOURCES**



**TRANSPARENCY AND
ACCOUNTABILITY**

OUR GREATEST ASSET

- 2019 Community Attitude and Interest Survey, 92% respondents visited a park or facility



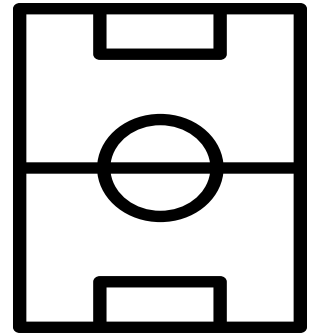
HOW DO WE USE THIS INFO?

- Key metric in the Strategic Plan
- Guides CIP, plans, standards and procedures
- Staff meet annually to identify trends and actions for improvement

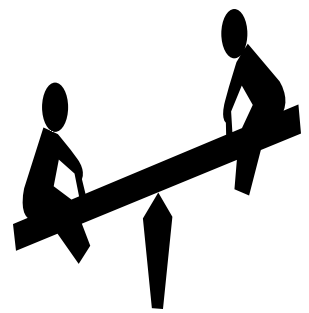
BOARD UPDATES

- The Board receives an annual update

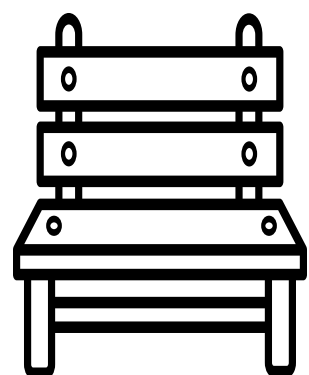
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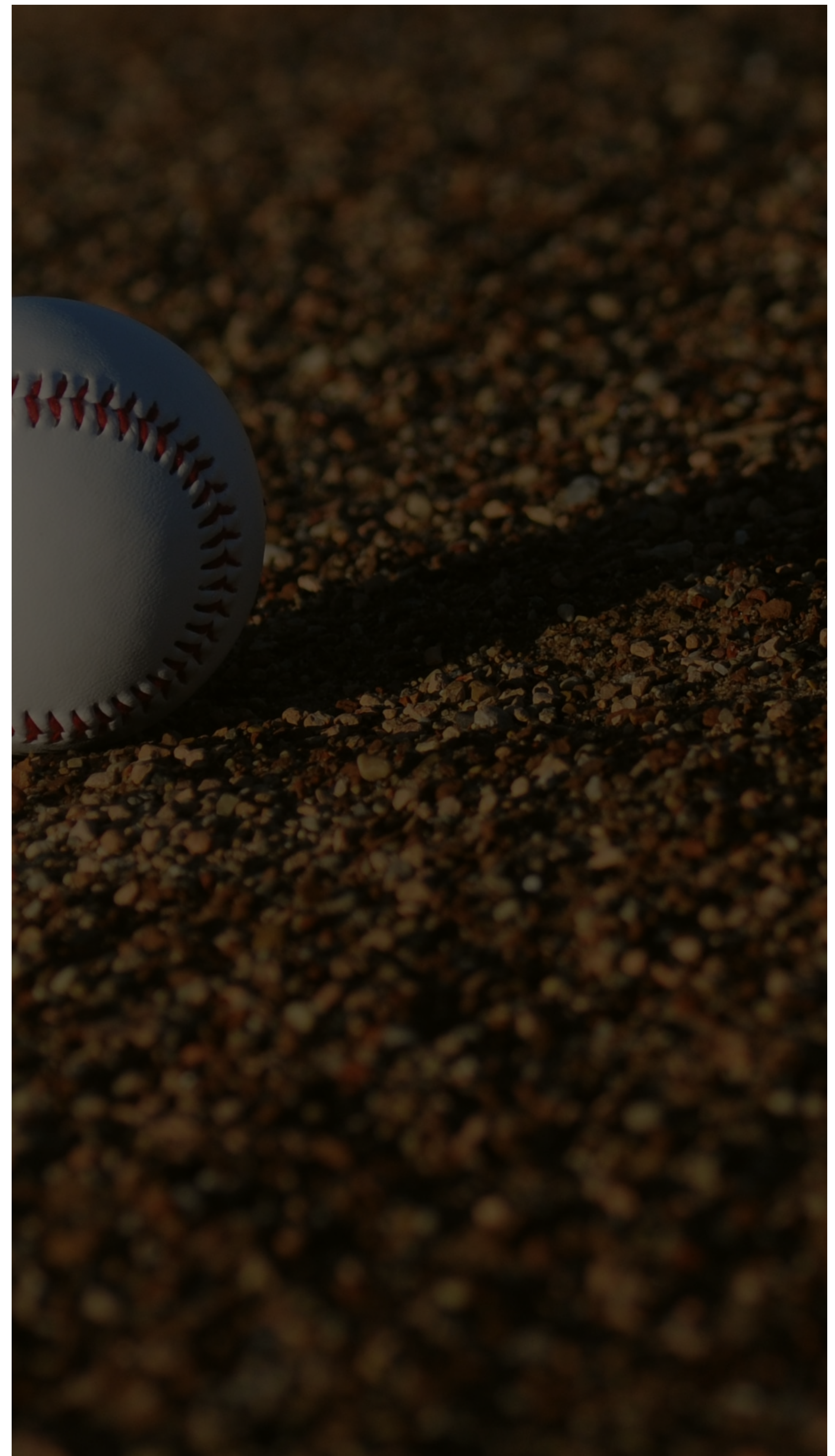
Athletic Fields



Playgrounds



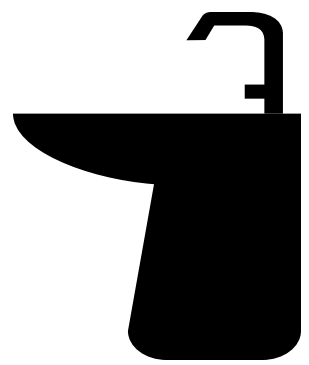
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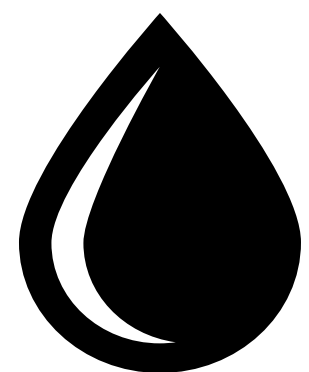
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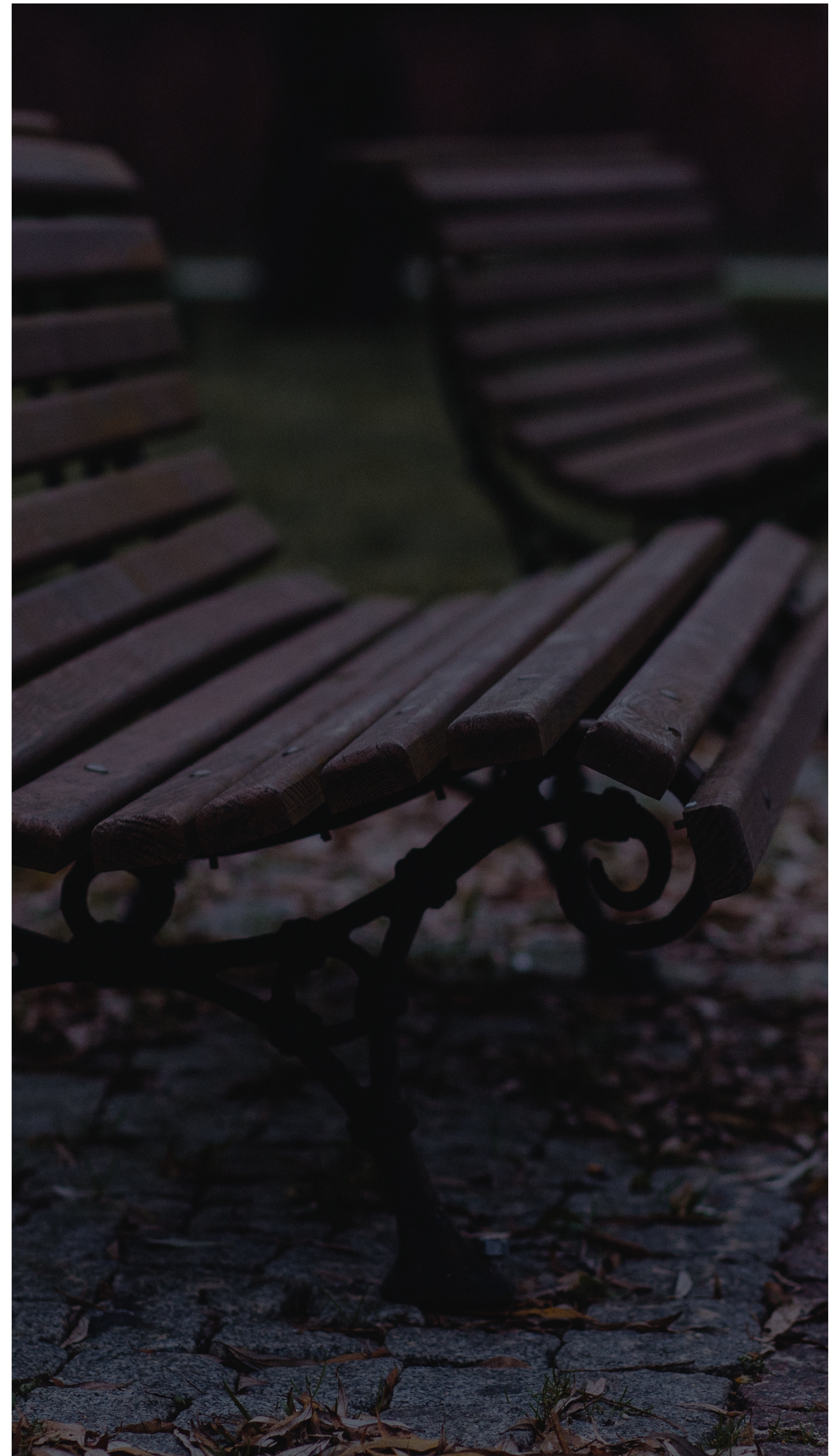
**Path and Sidewalks
and Parking Lots**



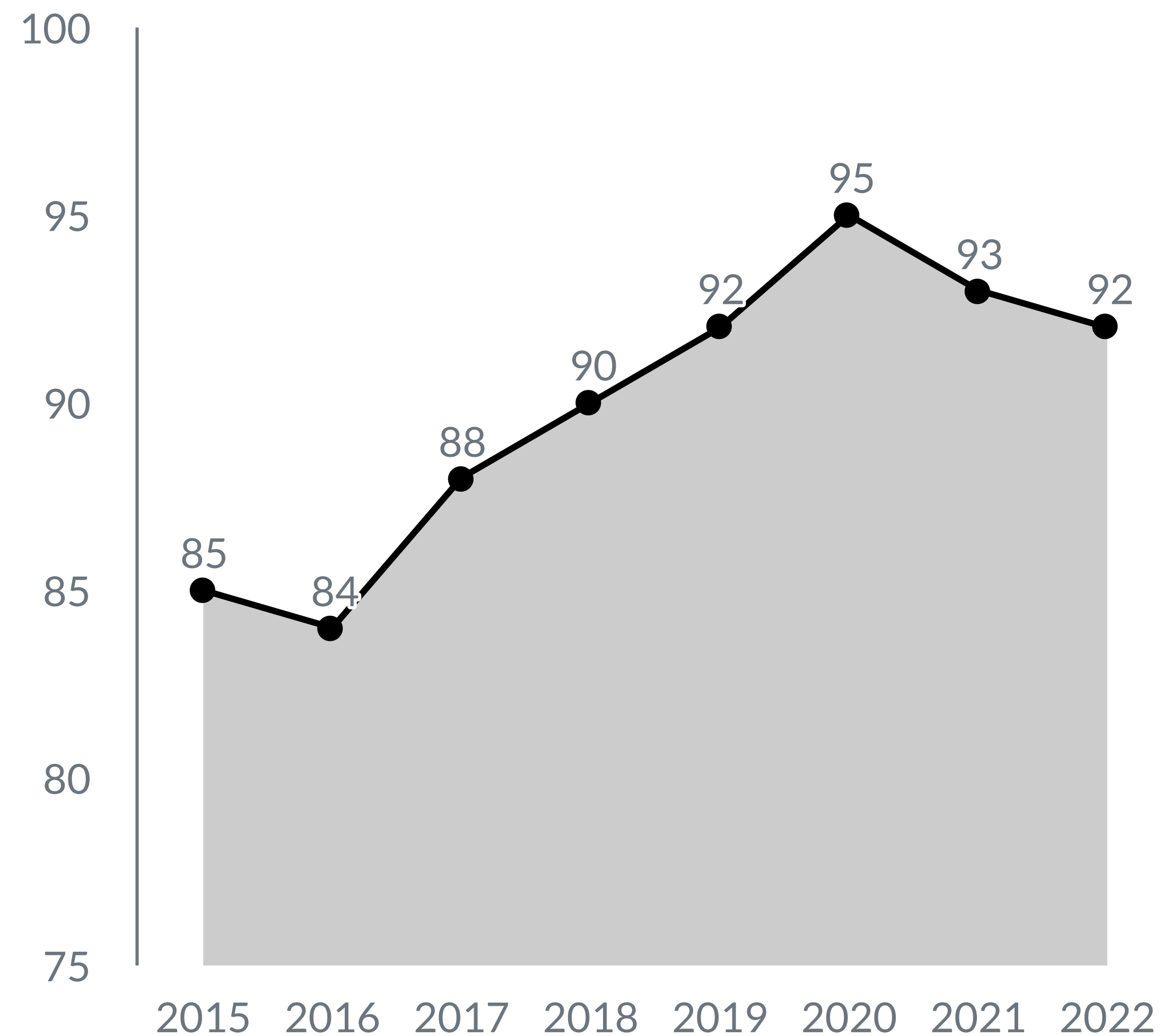
Bathrooms



Drinking Fountains



OVERALL SCORES



The Park District defines the measurement as the average score of all parks, on a scale of 0 to 100, from the Park District's Park Report Card from the current year, indicating quality and maintenance of the park system. This measure is only for Park District park spaces. There is a separate report card for facilities (see Appendix B for park scores).

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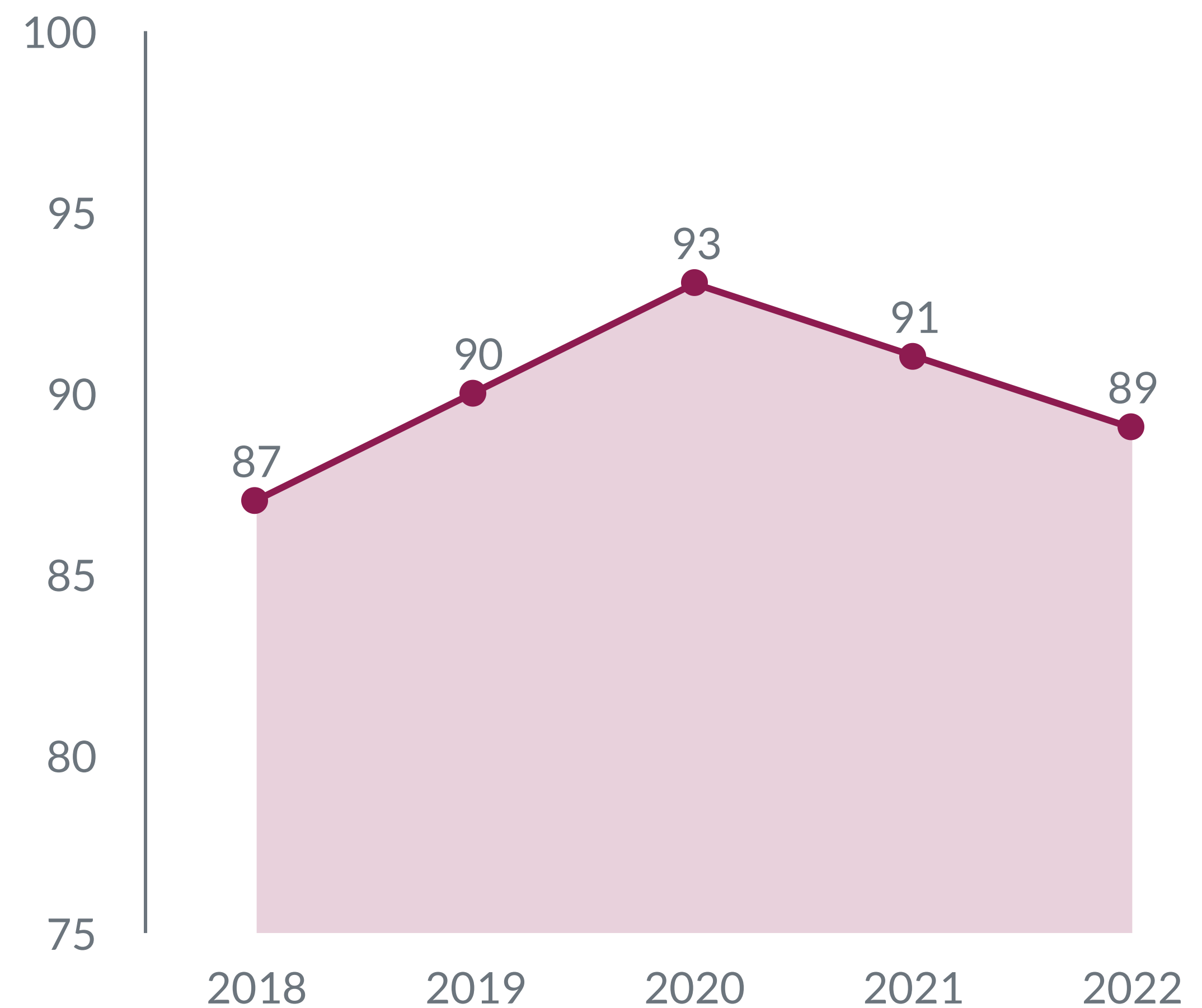
What does the data say?

- Path and sidewalks were down 2% (91 to 89). The biggest drop was at Taylor (91 to 48).

What is driving the score(s)?

- The drop was due to cracks in sidewalks and debris

Path and Sidewalks



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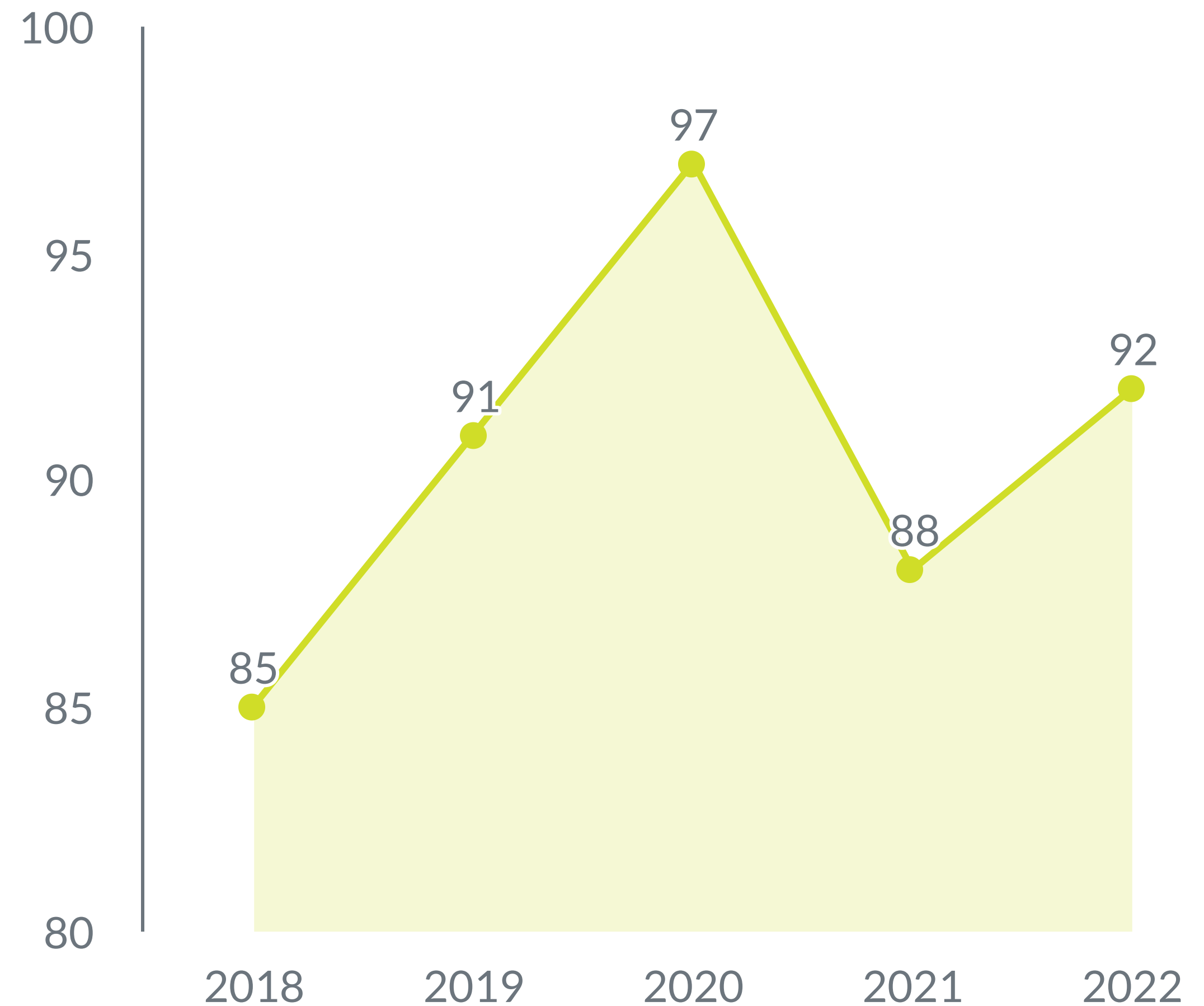
What does the data say?

- Greenspaces were up 4% (88 to 92). The biggest increase was at Maple (79 to 95).

What is driving the score(s)?

- Overall, bringing the landscaping work inhouse has come with an increase in quality. Specifically at Maple, addressing the homeless occupation in the trees improved the scores.

Greenspaces



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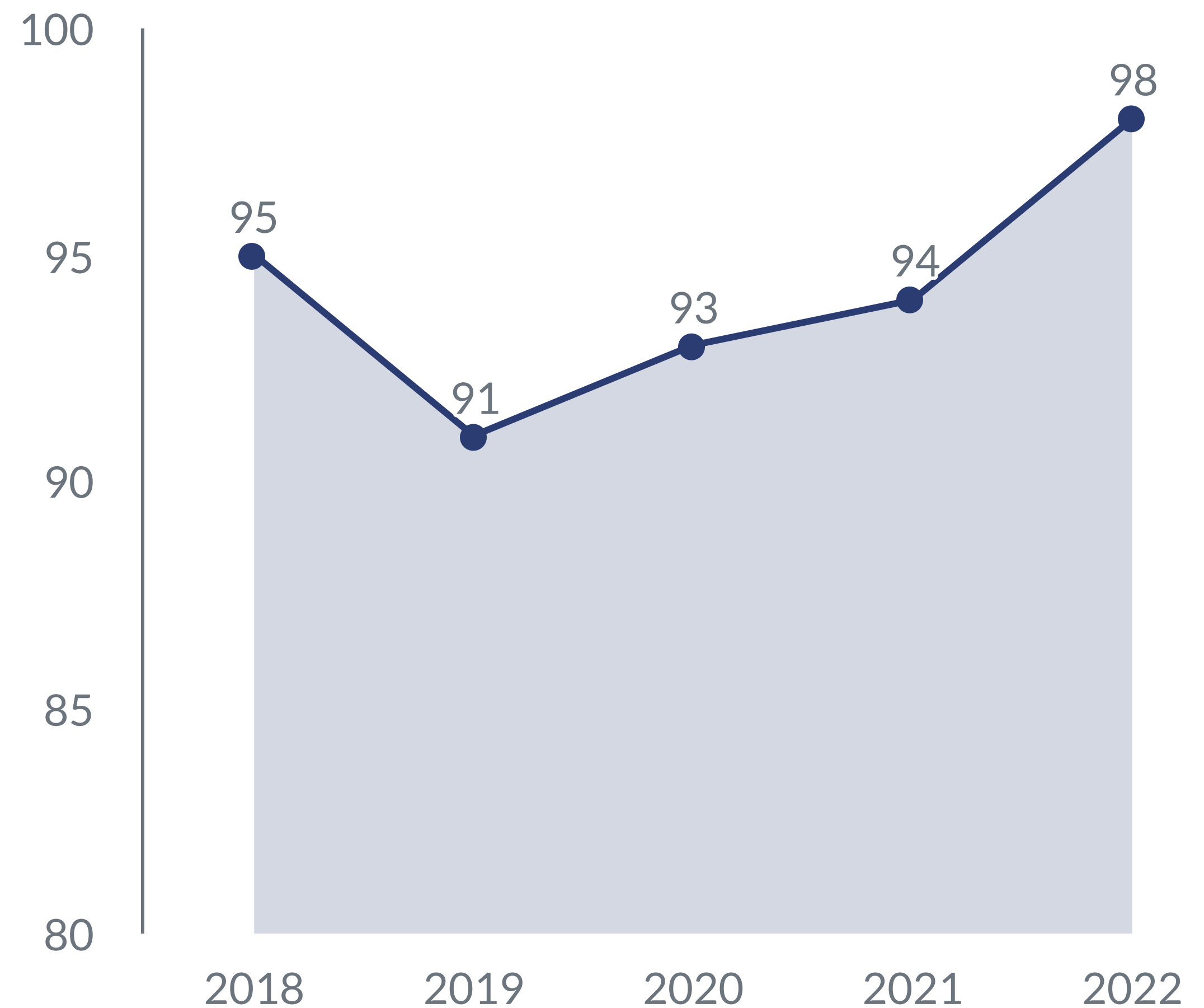
What does the data say?

- Bathrooms were up 4% (94 to 98). The biggest decrease was at Taylor.

What is driving the score(s)?

- Taylor: The increase was due to improvements in cleanliness and fixing broken equipment.
- Park visits were done later this year, so some bathroom facilities were closed for the season at the time of visit.

Bathrooms



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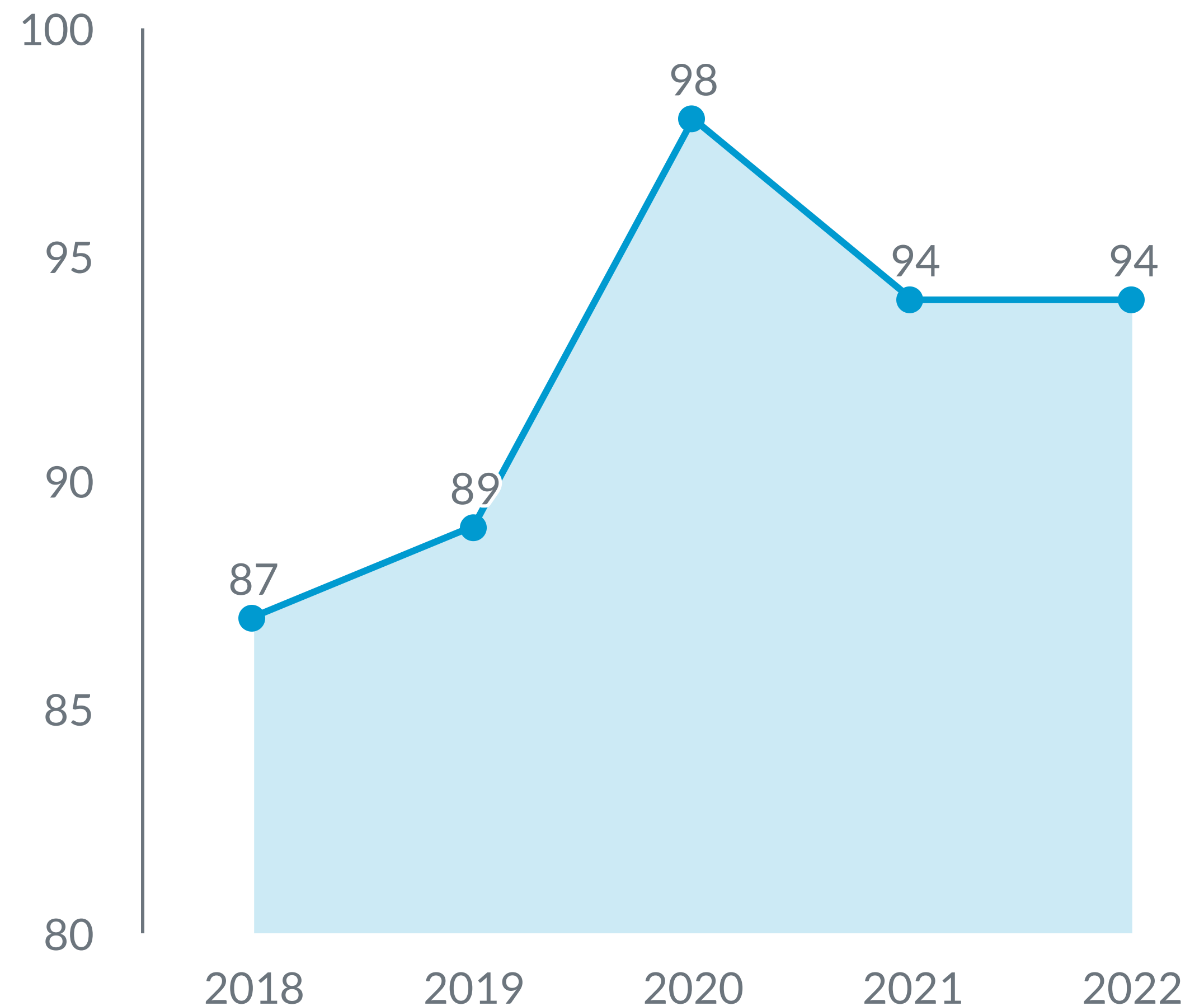
What does the data say?

- Playgrounds stayed at 94 - this is a high score and well within our target range.

What is driving the score(s)?

- Continued investment in the park system both in capital projects and maintenance keeps our inventory in good condition. Andersen was the lowest score (68) and is slated for improvements in 2023.

Playgrounds



FEATURE SCORES

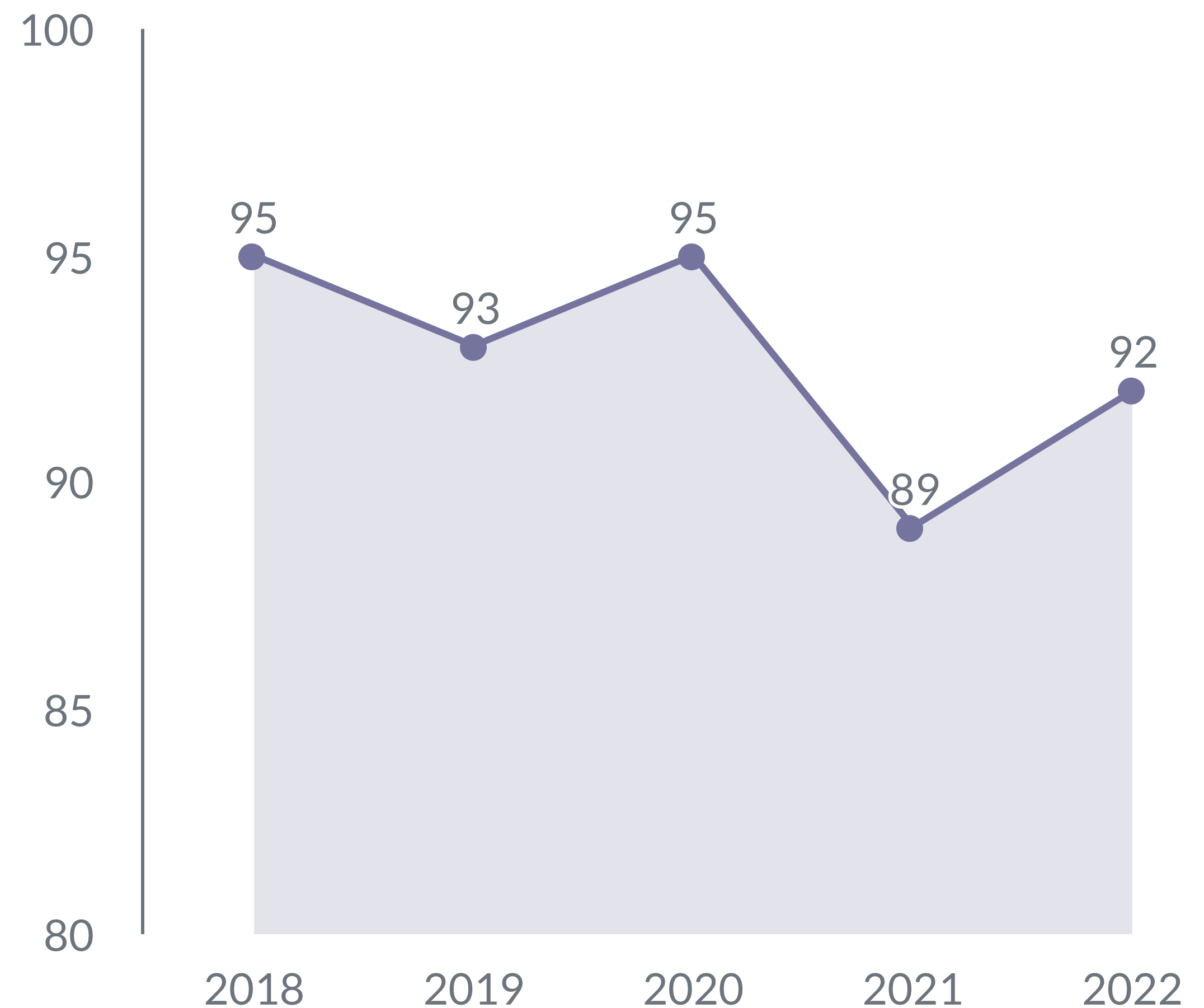
What does the data say?

- Sitting areas were up 3% (89 to 92). The biggest increases were seen at Barrie (88 to 97) and Lindberg (76 to 100).

What is driving the score(s)?

- In 2021 there were issues with both weeds and vandalism that have been addressed and are no longer bringing scores down.

Sitting Areas



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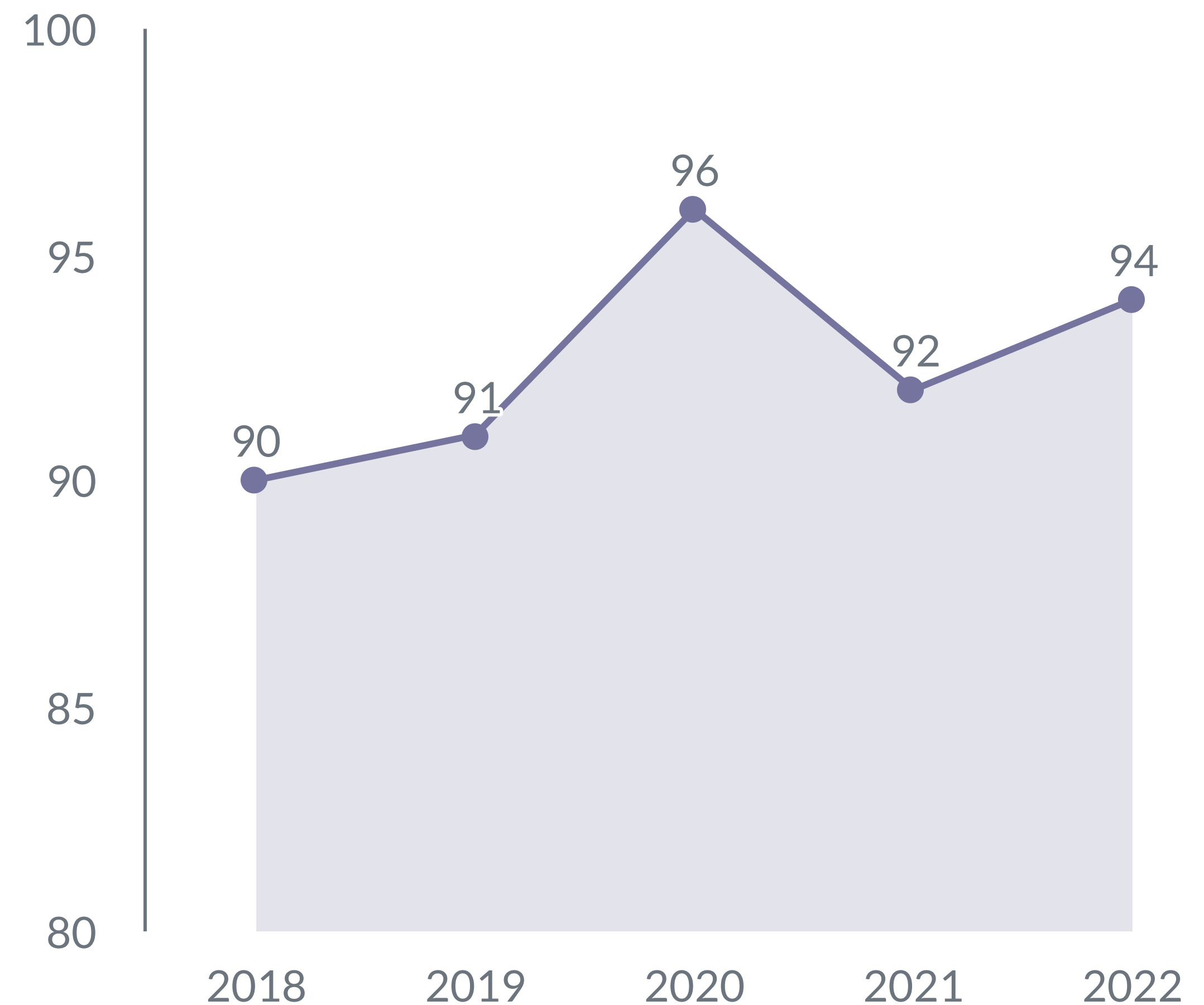
What does the data say?

- Athletic spaces were up 2% (92 to 94). The major increases were at Stevenson, Scoville, and Field Park.

What is driving the score(s)?

- Improved turf conditions, weeding, and addressing vandalism issues found in 2021.

Athletic Spaces



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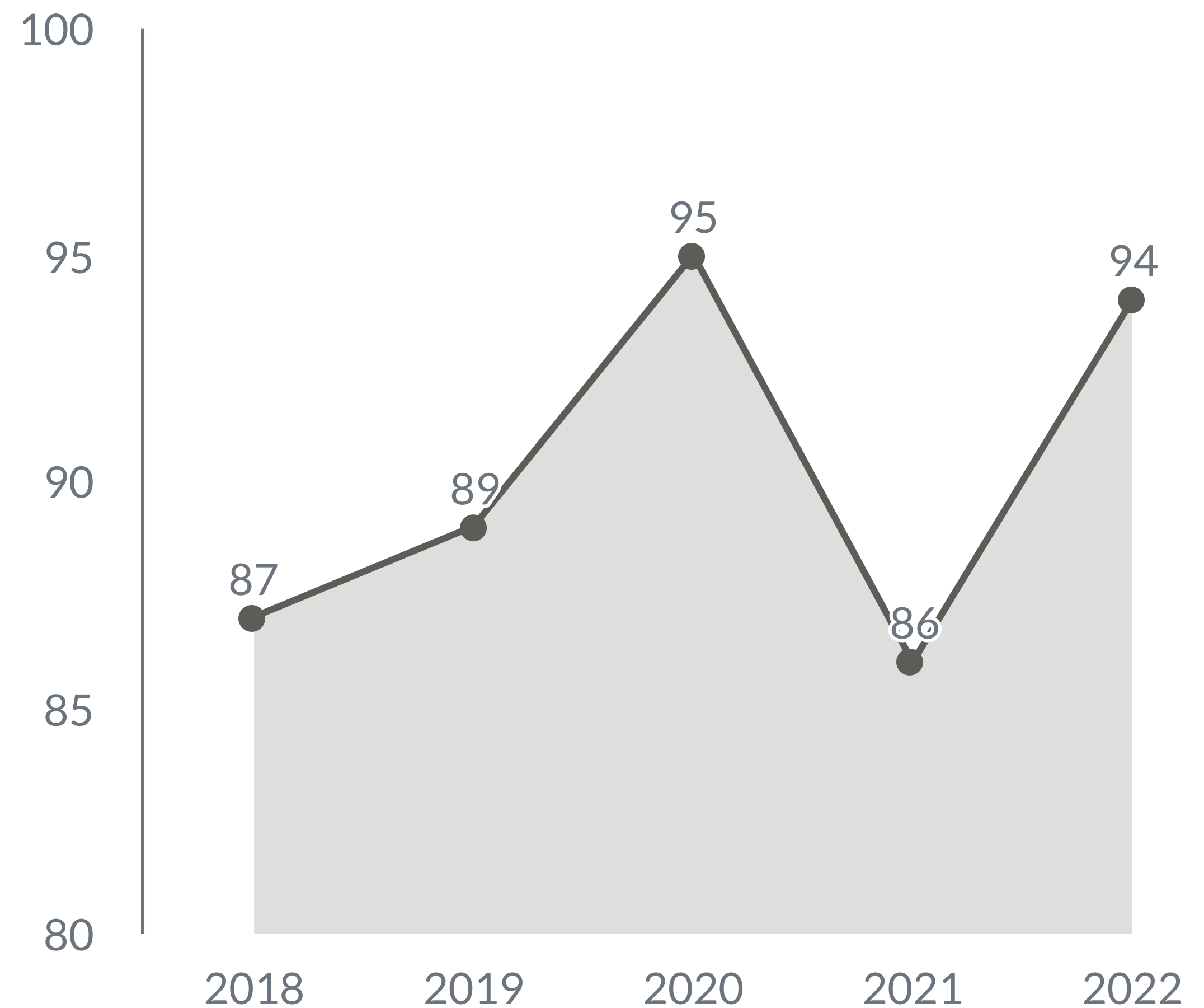
What does the data say?

- Parking lots were up 8% (86 to 94). The biggest improvement was seen at Rehm (83 to 100).

What is driving the score(s)?

- Rehm: The drop in 2021 was due to faded lines and cracks. Neither issue was reported in 2022.

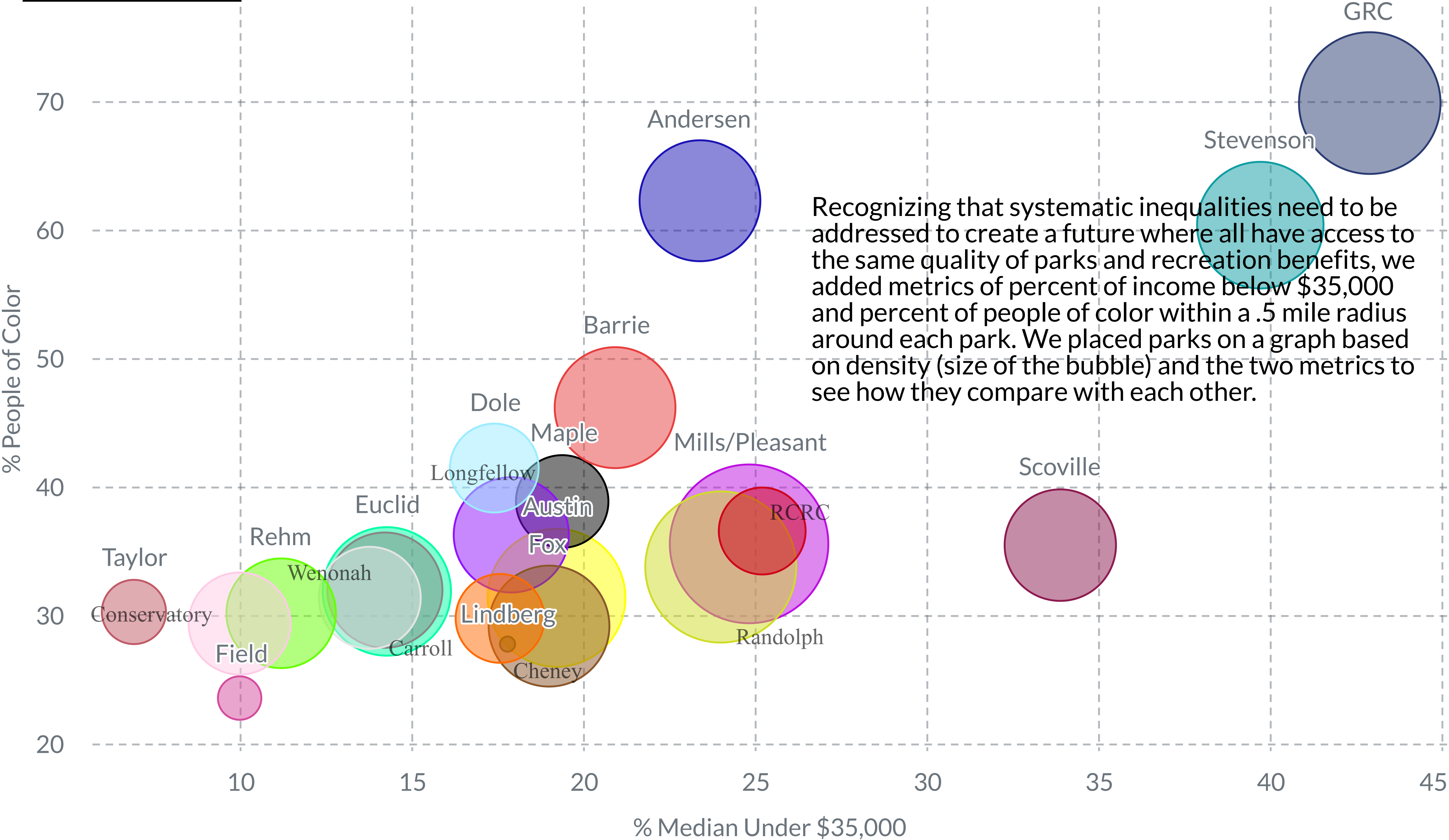
Parking Lots



APPENDIX A: EQUITY MAPS

ECONOMIC AND RACIAL EQUITY

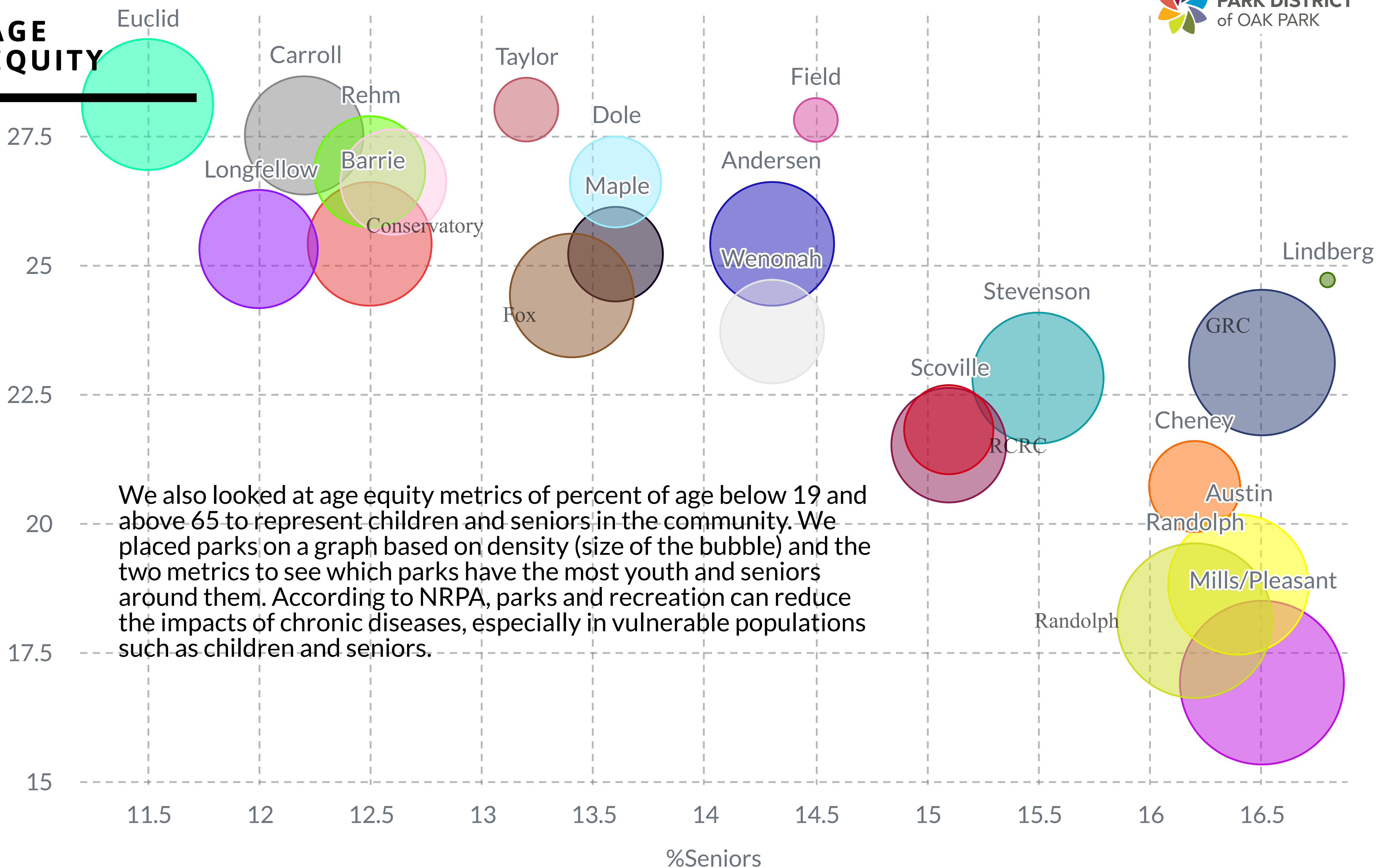
Fox



- Stevenson Andersen Mills/Pleasant Euclid Austin Randolph Scoville Maple Barrie
- Carroll RCRC Longfellow Lindberg Fox Cheney Field Wenonah Rehm Taylor Dole
- Conservatory GRC

AGE EQUITY

%Youth



- Stevenson Andersen Mills/Pleasant Euclid Austin Randolph Scoville Maple Barrie
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APPENDIX B: PARKS SCORES

PARKS SCORES

Andersen Park

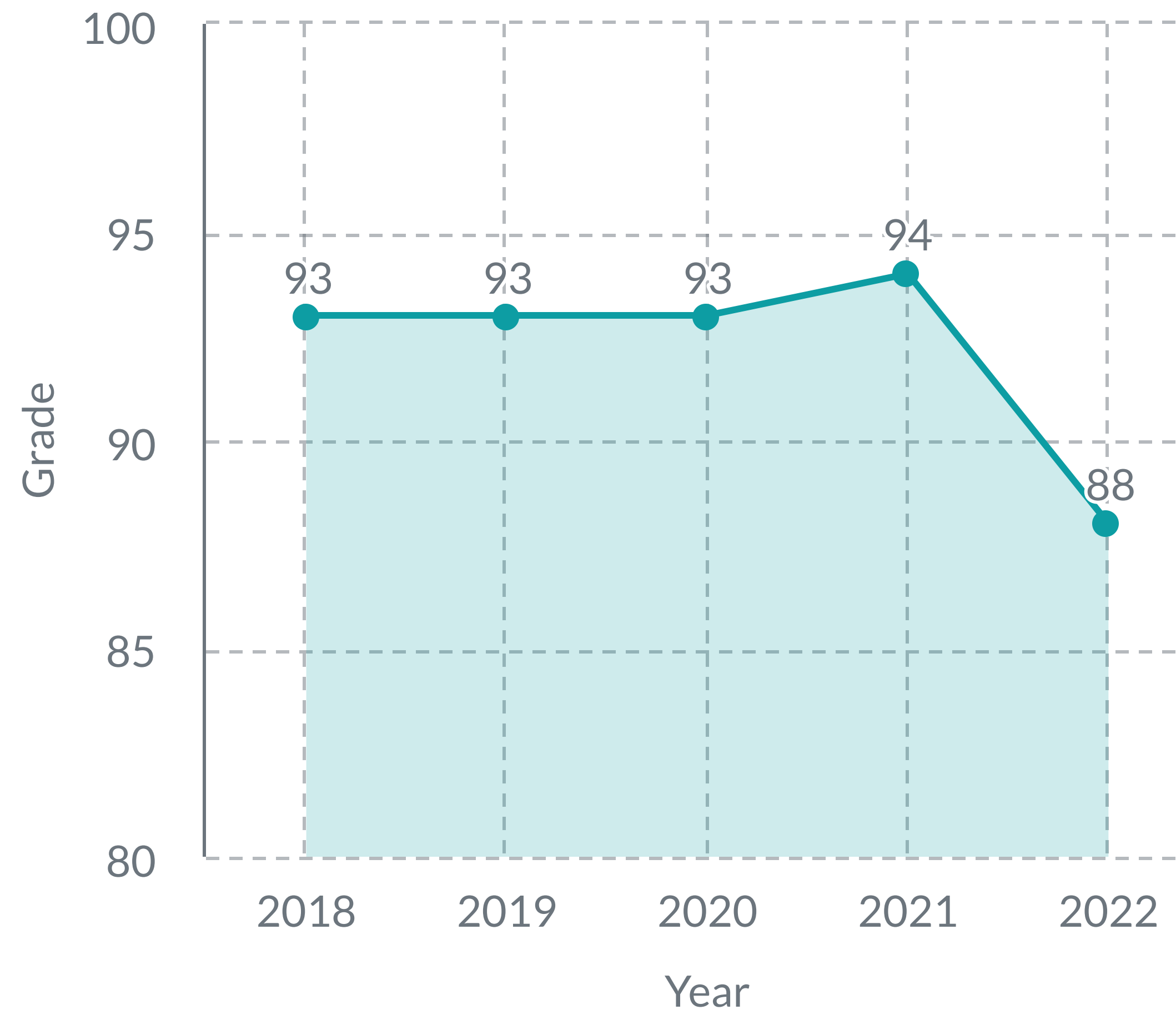
Major Issues

Athletic Spaces:

- Bare spots and holes on turf, weeds, edging and debris

Playgrounds:

- Cracks in seating area, loose fence posts



Minor Issues

Athletic Spaces:

- *Soccer Field*: Empty tree pit, and bare spots

Path and Sidewalks:

- *Exterior*: Missing dome cap on fence, minor cracks in sidewalks
- *Interior*: Uneven cracks

Sitting Areas:

- Minor cracks on pathways

What does the data say?

- Andersen Park saw a 6% decrease (94 to 88) driven primarily by cracks on the walking paths and conditions of the athletic field.

PARKS SCORES

Major Issues

Path and Sidewalks:

- Heavy rust on the fence
- Missing light behind building
- Cracks in pathways

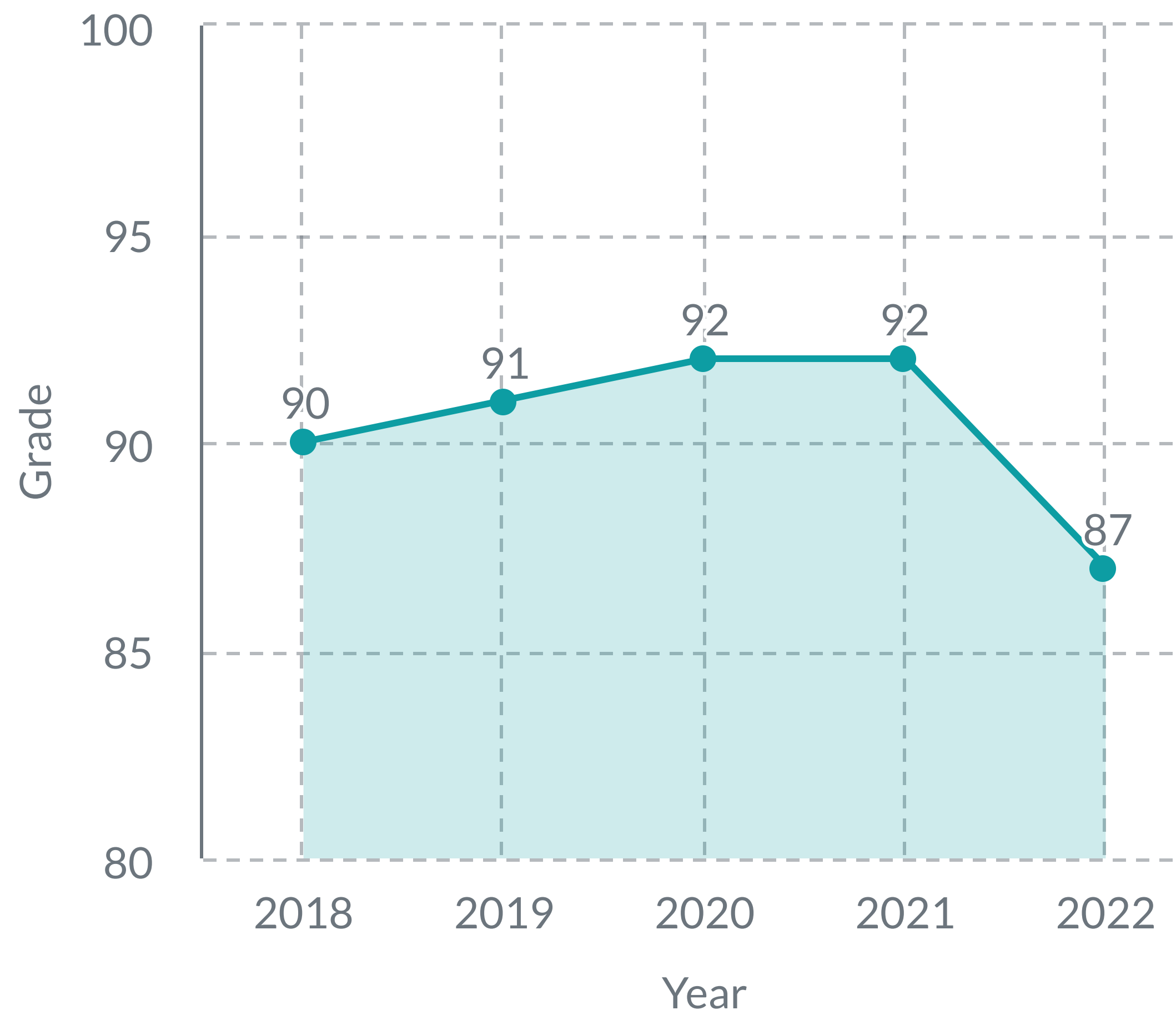
Greenspaces:

- Dog poop

Bathrooms:

- Graffiti

Austin Gardens



Minor Issues

Bathrooms:

- Cigar and ashes found in sink
- Some grout missing

Greenspaces:

- Lots of leaves in park
- Weeds

Path and Sidewalks:

- Empty plant bed
- Spray paint on sidewalk

What does the data say?

- Austin Gardens dropped from 92 to 87 in 2022 primarily due to conditions in the bathroom (especially graffiti), and animal waste in the park.

PARKS SCORES

Major Issues

Athletic Spaces:

- Litter
- Bare spots in turf
- Graffiti

Path and Sidewalks:

- Missing tiles

Sitting Areas: Tall weeds

Playgrounds:

- Loose poured in place surfaces
- Graffiti

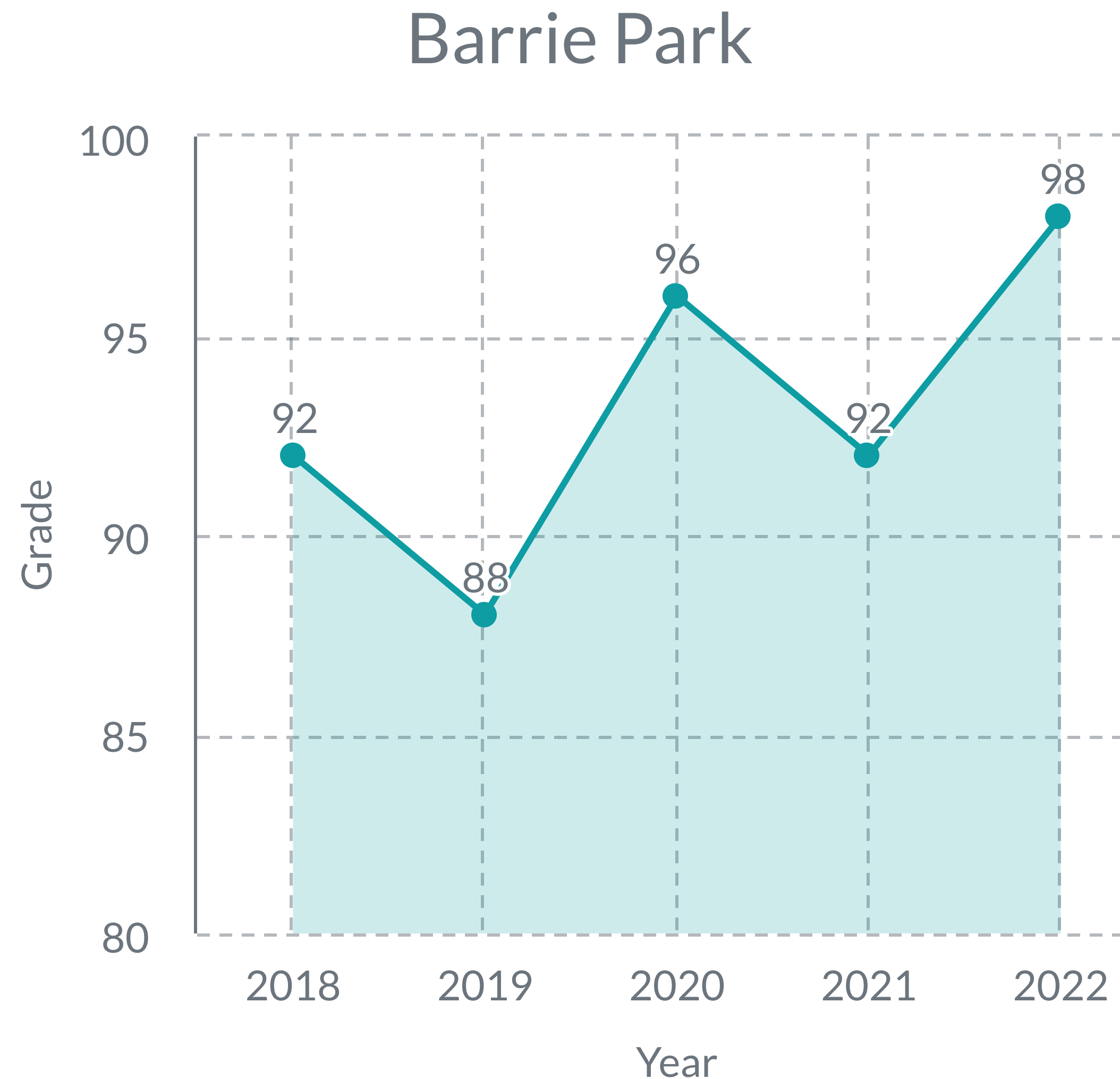
Minor Issues

Bathrooms:

- Mold around sink and grime on floor

Playgrounds:

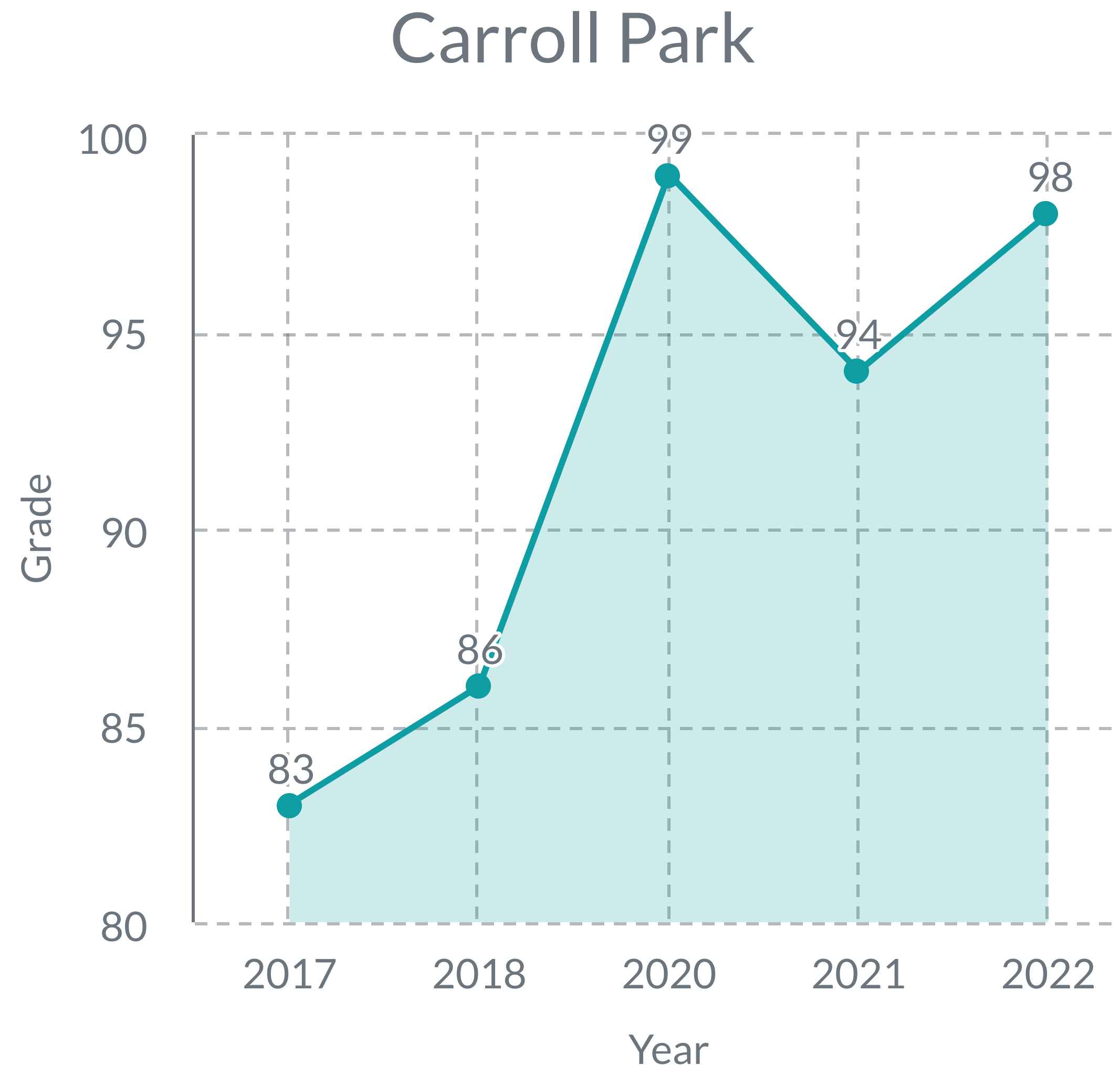
- Worn paint on playground equipment



What does the data say?

- Barrie is up 6% (92 to 98) driven primarily by improvements in the bathroom (removed graffiti and repairs to broken items in 2021).

Major Issues
None



Carroll was under construction in 2019

Minor Issues

Playground:

- Vandalism on equipment

Bathrooms:

- Vandalism on walls

What does the data say?

- Carroll is up 4% (94 to 98) driven by a increase in Athletic Spaces (92 to 98), Greenspaces (87 to 100), and Path and Sidewalks (94 to 100).

Cheney Mansion

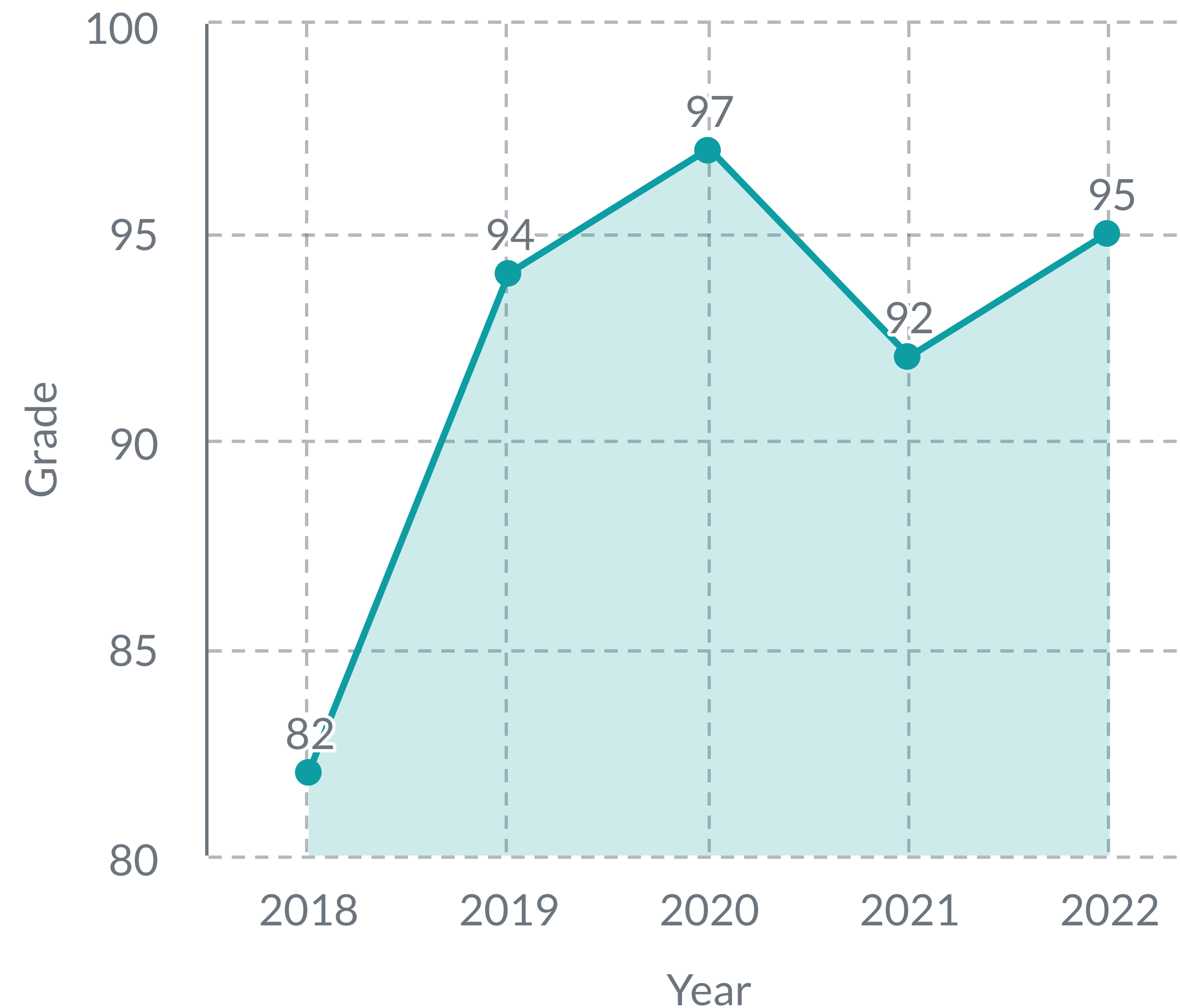
Major Issues

Path and Sidewalks:

- Sidewalk and bricks chipping
- Back stairs concrete separating

Minor Issues

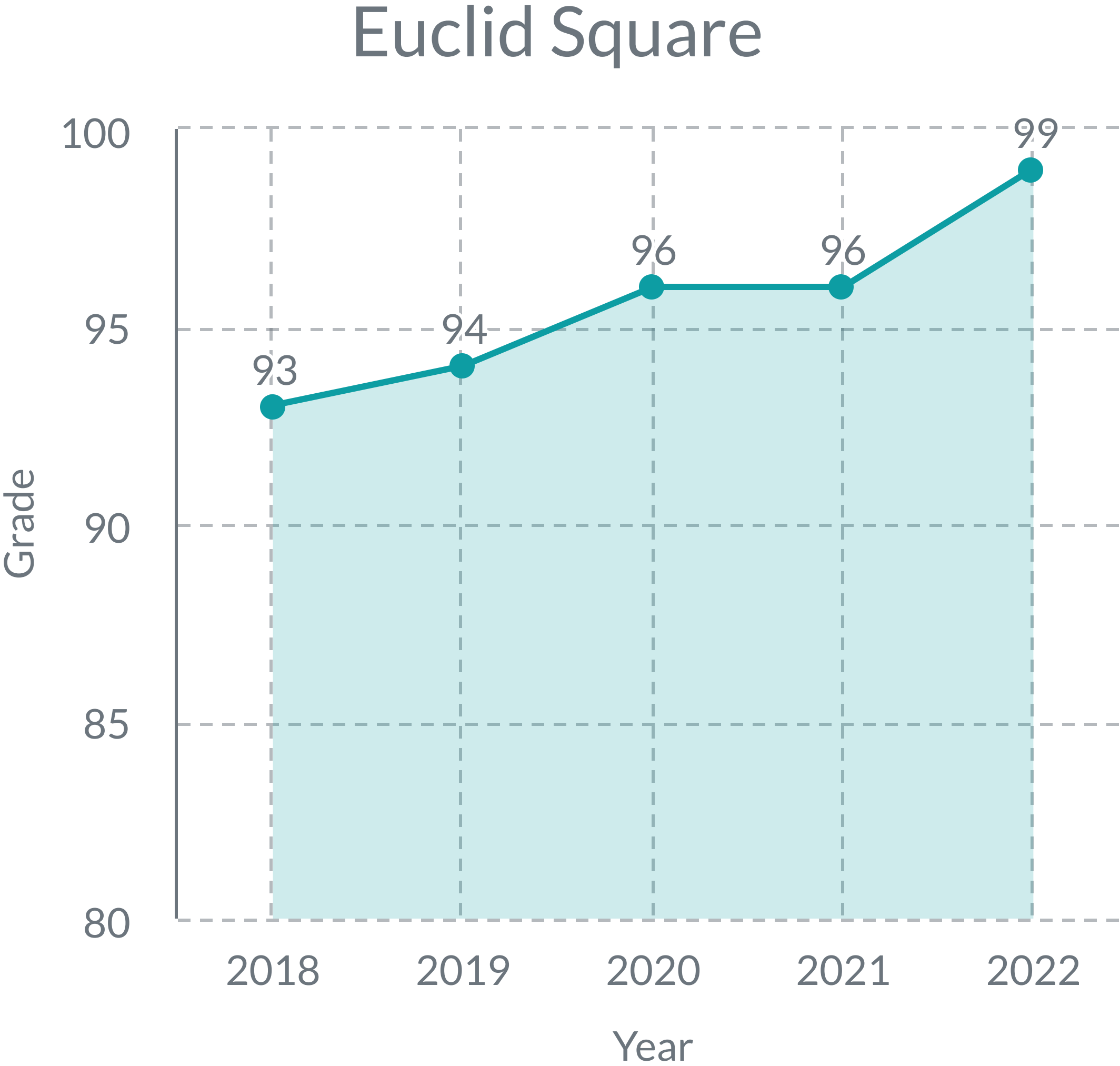
Greenspaces: Lots of leaves in need of clean up



What does the data say?

- Cheney is up 3% (92 to 95) driven by an increase in Path and Sidewalks (88 to 94).

Major Issues
None



Minor Issues
Athletic Spaces:

- Minor tears in windscreen, banner partially falling

Path and Sidewalks:

- Litter, leaves and debris

What does the data say?

- Euclid Square increased from 96 to 99 in 2022.

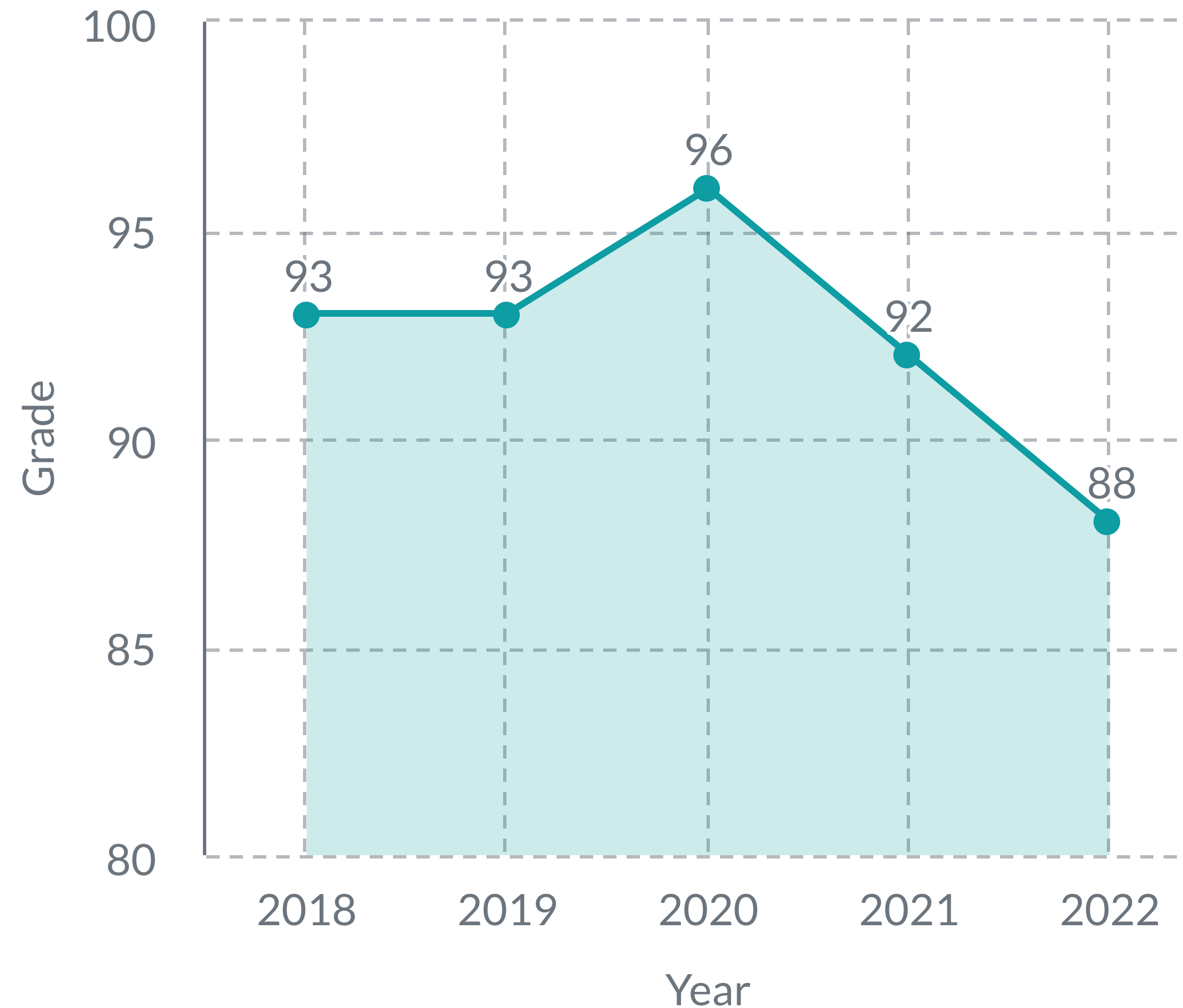
PARKS SCORES

Field Park

Major Issues

Green Spaces:

- Missing piece of fencing
- Exposed wires on building
- Graffiti



Minor Issues

Athletic Spaces:

- Empty plant bed
- Weeds

Bathrooms:

- Caulking is separating
- Grime on vents

Path and Sidewalks:

- Cracks in walking paths

Greenspaces:

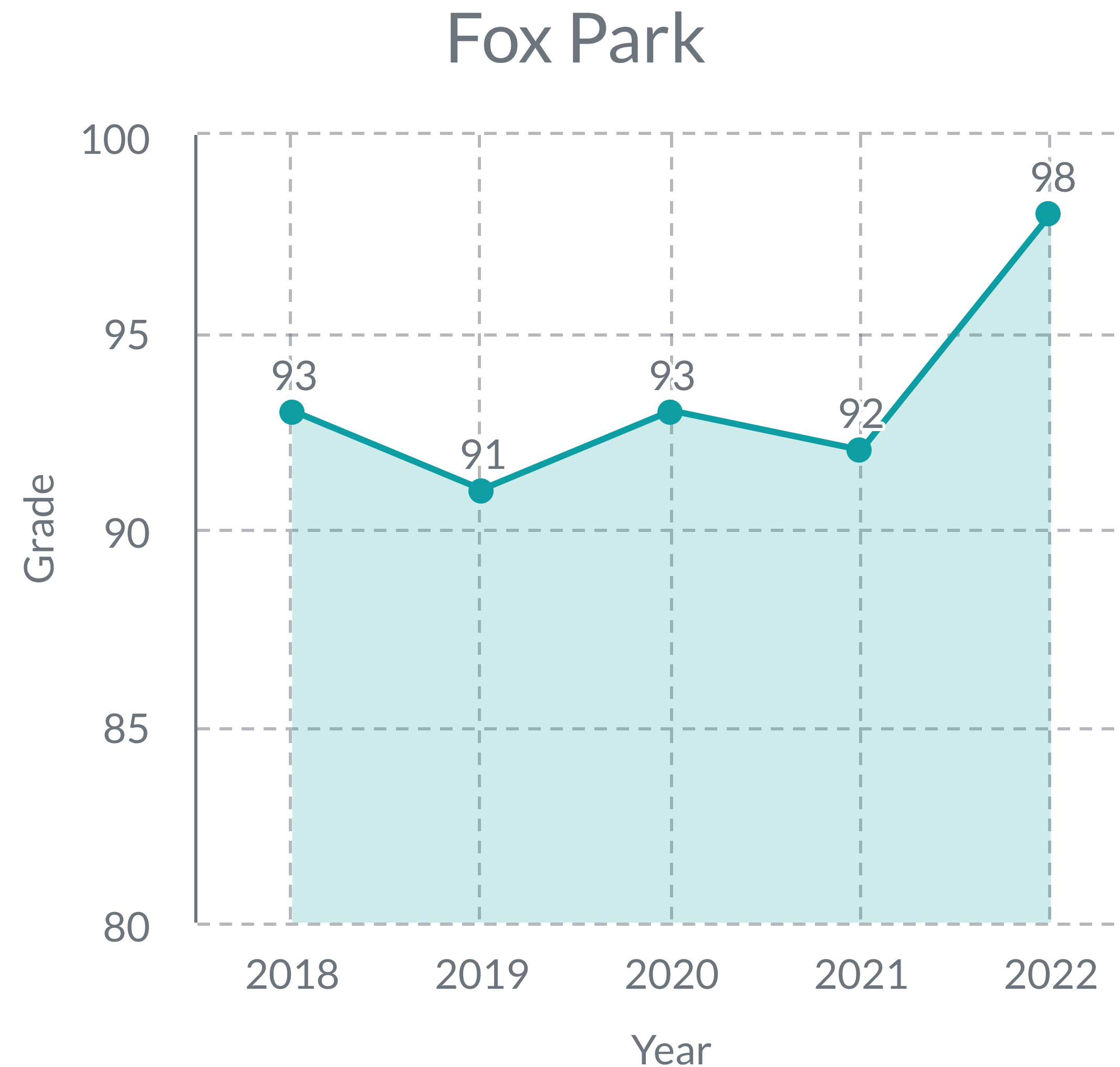
- Worn/bare spots
- Weeds

What does the data say?

- Field Park is down 4% (92 to 88) driven by a drop in green spaces due to exposed wiring, graffiti, and damaged fencing.

PARKS SCORES

Major Issues
None



Minor Issues

Athletic Spaces:

- Worn/bare spots in turf

Bathrooms:

- Mold and grime around changing pad and soap dispenser

Path and Sidewalks:

- Litter

Sitting Areas:

- Weeds

What does the data say?

- Fox Park is up 6% (92 to 98) driven by a increase in Sitting Areas (90 to 98), Playgrounds (92 to 100), and Path and Sidewalks (84 to 98).

PARKS SCORES

Major Issues

Path and Sidewalks:

- Weeds
- Edges eroding
- Cracks in sidewalks
- Leaves
- Overgrown limbs
- Bird feces

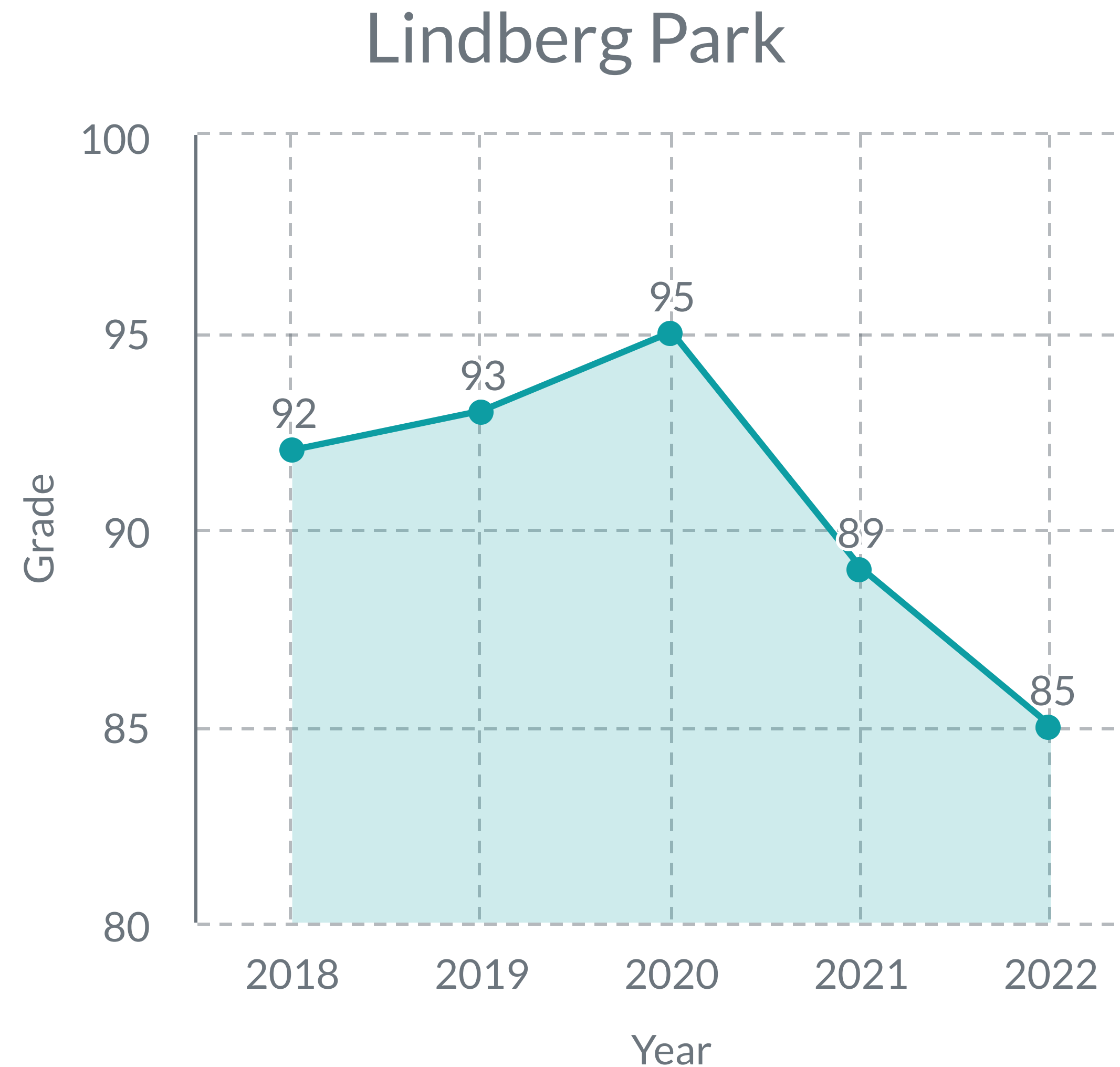
Athletic Spaces:

- Dead rabbit in field

Minor Issues

Athletic Spaces:

- Worn/bare spots in turf
- Weeds

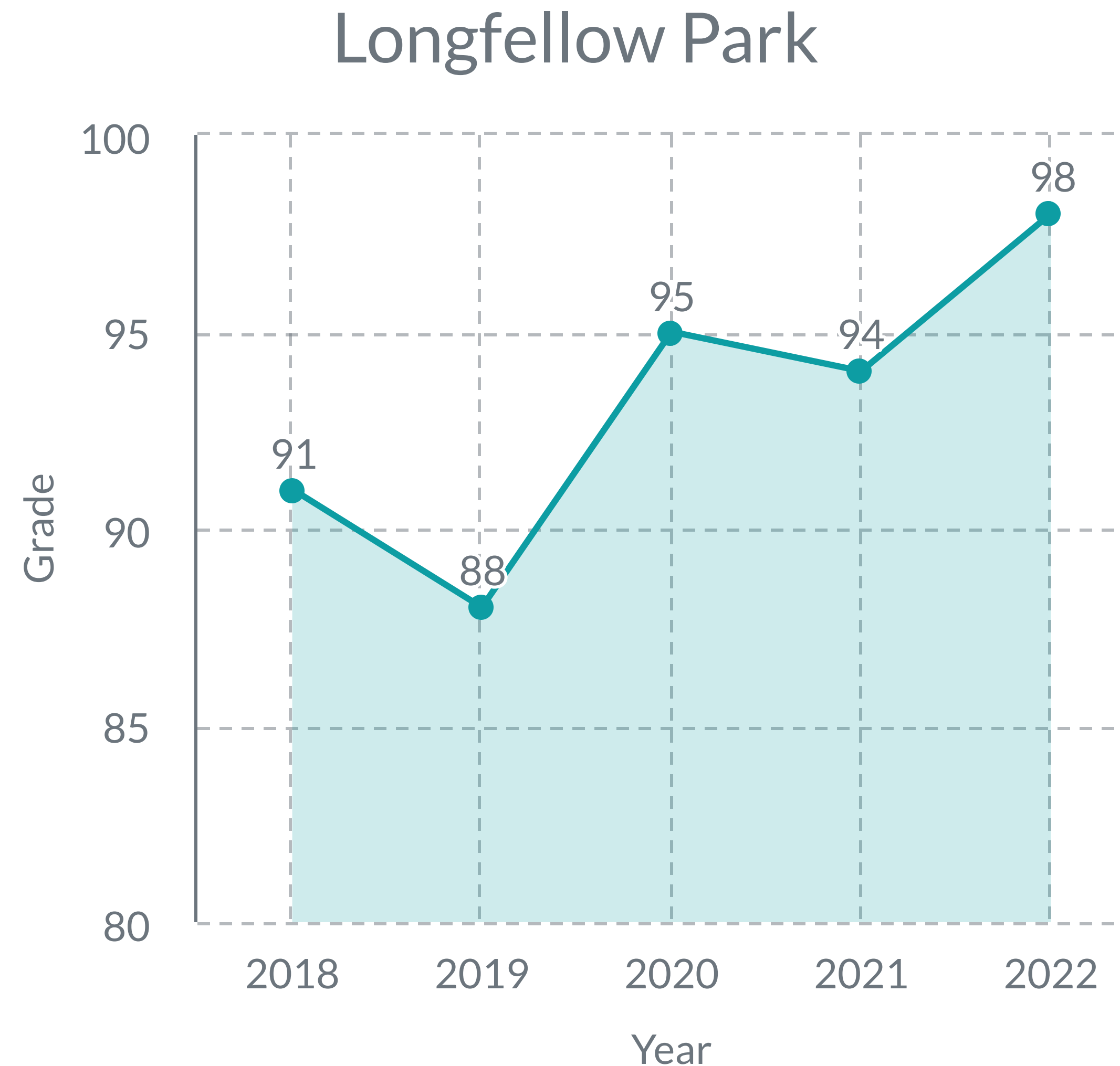


What does the data say?

- Lindberg Park is down 4% (89 to 85) driven by a drop in Path and Sidewalks (88 to 60).

PARKS SCORES

Major Issues
None



Minor Issues

Athletic Spaces:

- Weeds
- Cracks in surfaces
- Bare spot in turf
- Leaves

Bathrooms:

- Grime on tile

Playgrounds:

- Scratching/etching on playground

What does the data say?

- Longfellow Park is up 4% (94 to 98) driven by a drop in Sitting Areas (94 to 100), Playgrounds (89 to 98), and Athletic Spaces (94 to 99).

PARKS SCORES

Major Issues

Path and Sidewalks:

- Litter

Sitting Areas:

- Marker on benches

Minor Issues

Athletic Spaces:

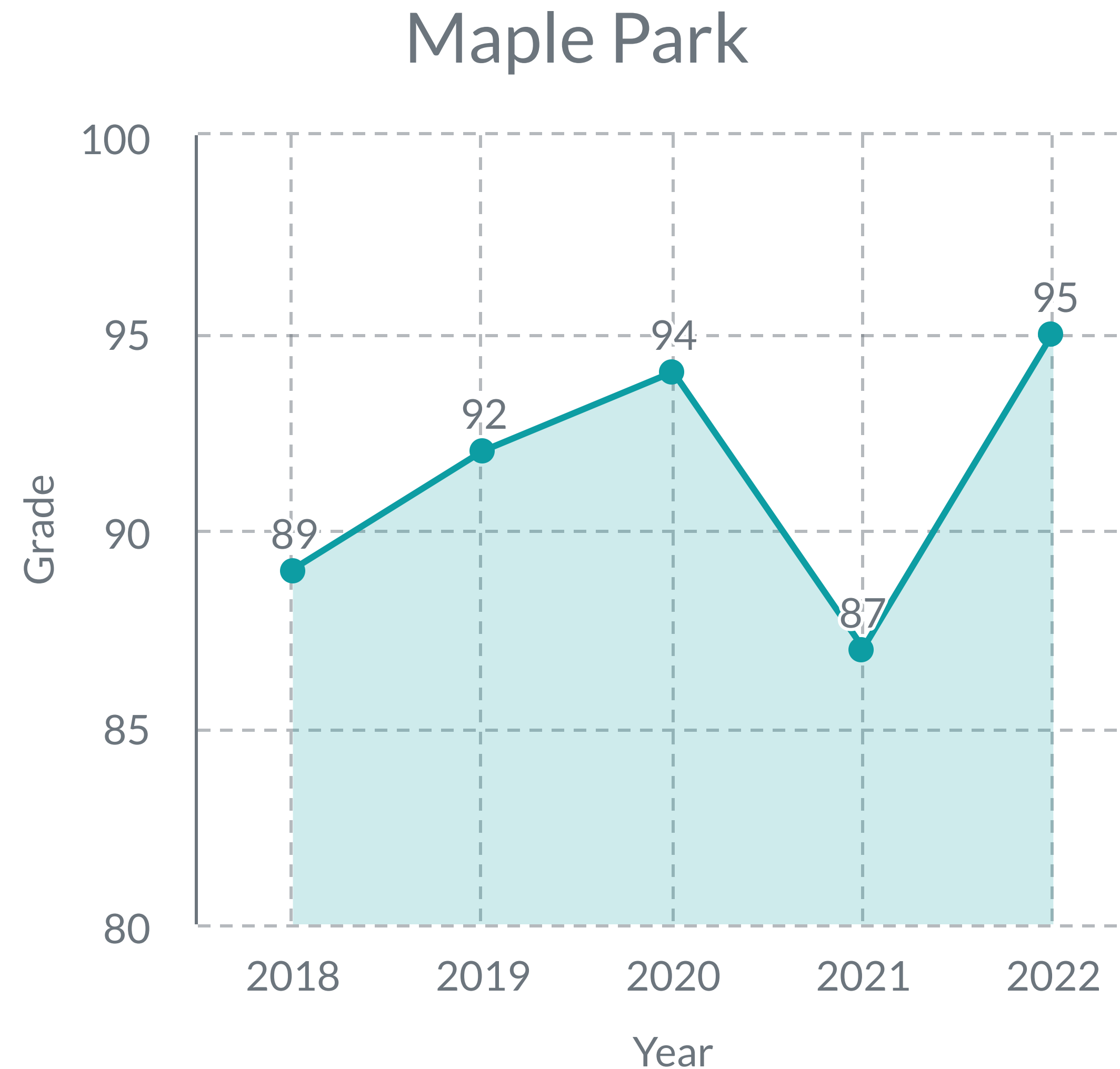
- Leaves

Playgrounds:

- Stickers on fence

Greenspace:

- Fallen tree branches



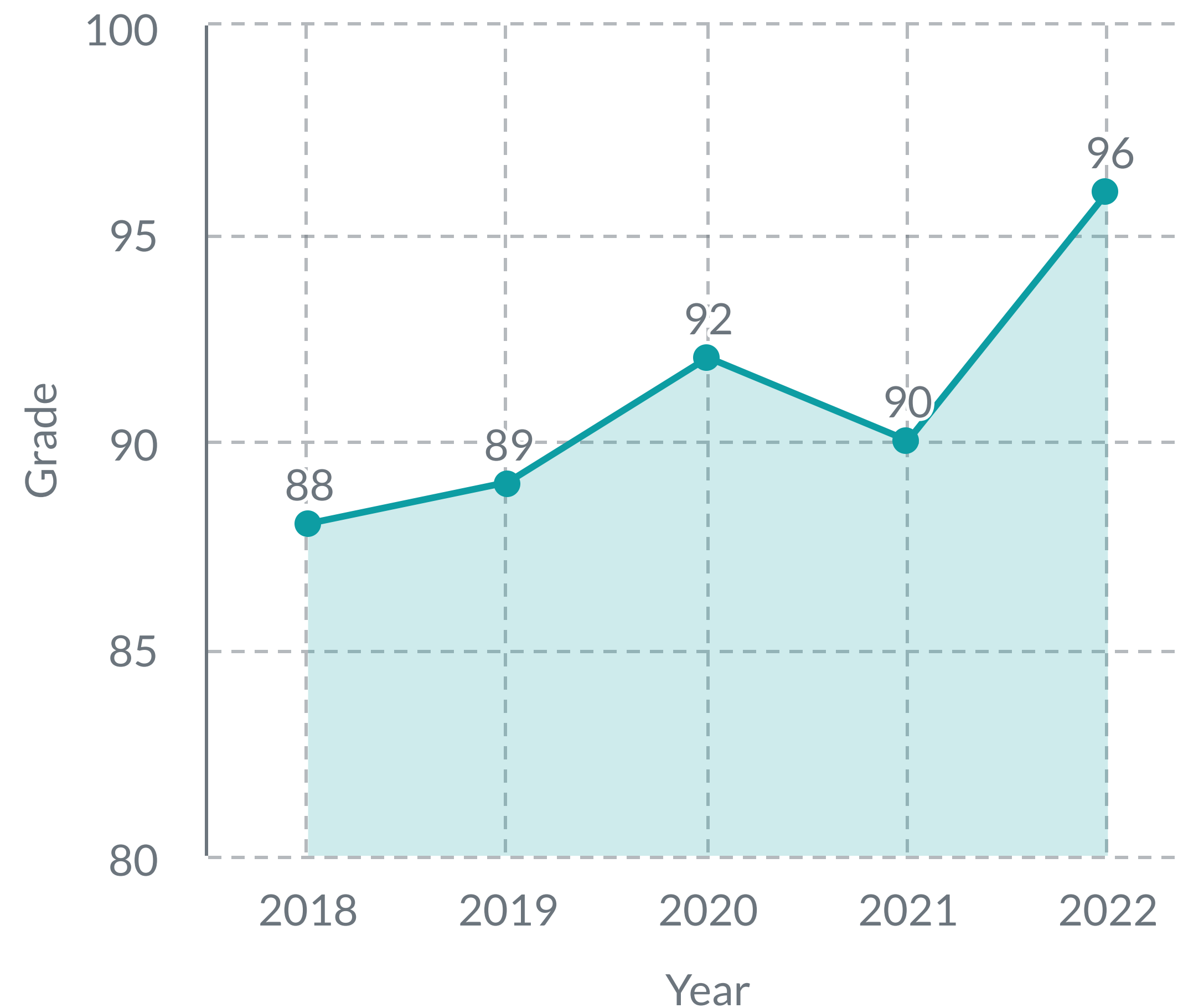
What does the data say?

- Maple Park is up 8% (87 to 95) driven by an increase in Path and Sidewalks (78 to 91) and Greenspaces (79 to 96).

PARKS SCORES

Major Issues
None

Mills Park



Minor Issues

Path and Sidewalks:

- Cracks in sidewalks
- Exposed fabric barrier

Greenspaces:

- Empty tree pit

The greenspace behind Pleasant Home at Mills Park was under construction in 2021

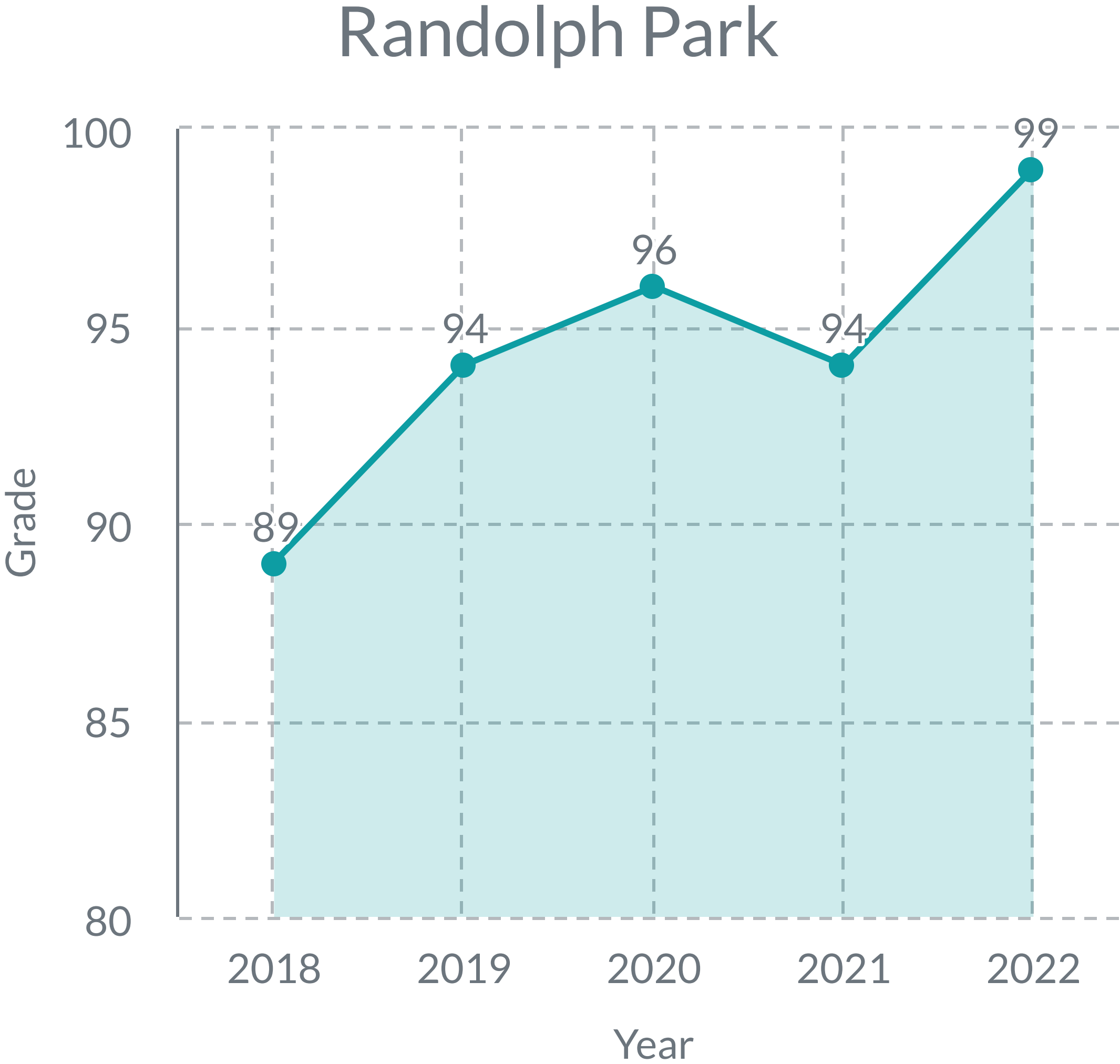
What does the data say?

- Mills Park is up 6% (90 to 96) driven by a drop in Greenspaces (88 to 92).

**PARKS
SCORES**

Major Issues
None

Minor Issues
Playgrounds:
• Litter



- What does the data say?**
- Randolph Park is up 5% (94 to 99) driven by an increase in Path and Sidewalks (89 to 100).

PARKS SCORES

Major Issues

Sitting Areas:

- Rust on benches
- Open light post panel

Athletic Spaces:

- Vandalism

Minor Issues

Athletic Spaces:

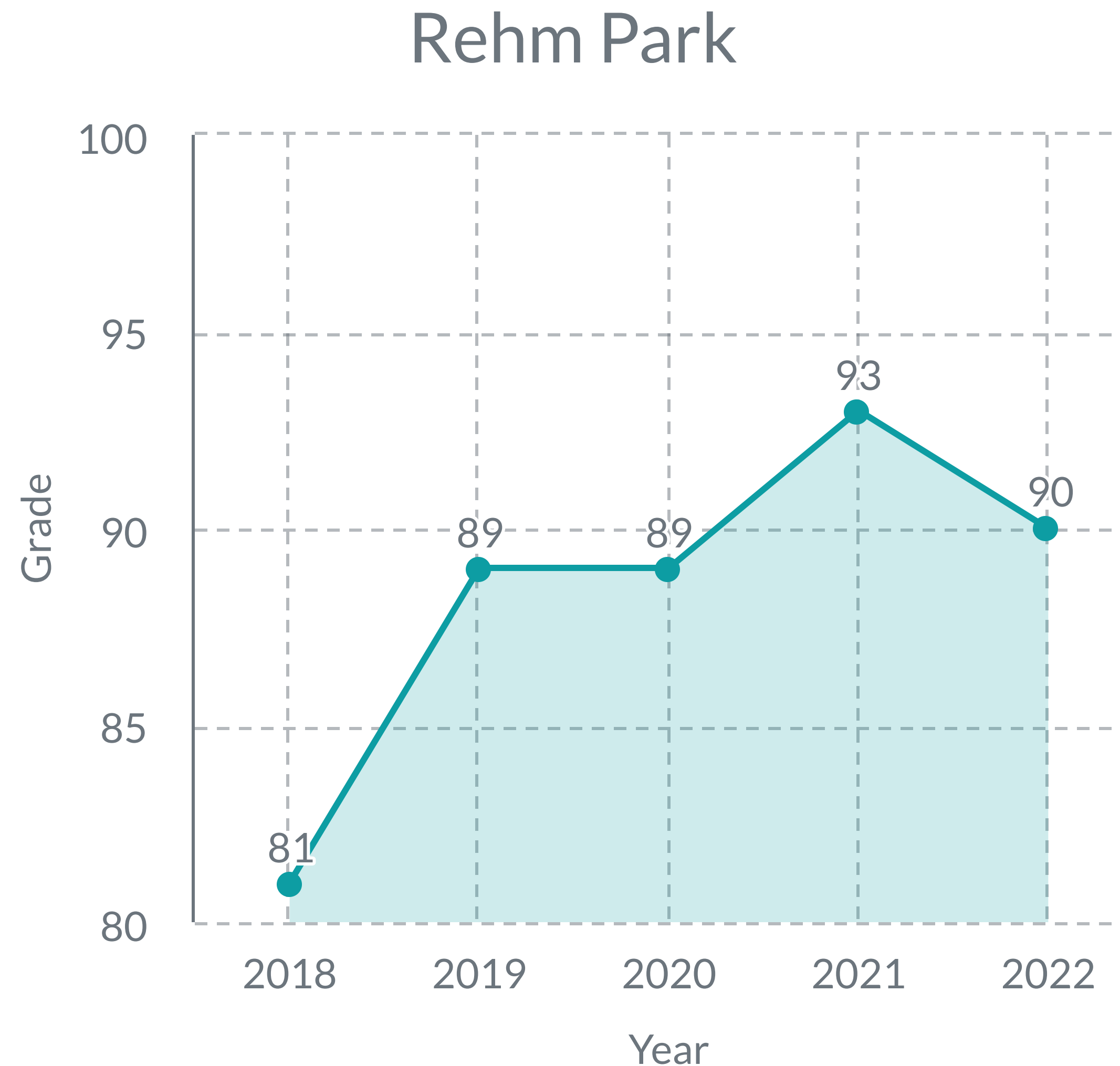
- Bare spot in turf
- Burn patches from paint lines
- Leaves

Path and Sidewalks:

- Dead tree

Playgrounds:

- Torn stickers



What does the data say?

- Rehm Park is down 3% (93 to 90) driven by an decrease in Sitting areas (79 to 62).

PARKS SCORES

Major Issues

Paths and Sidewalks:

- Edges eroding
- Overgrown limbs

Minor Issues

Athletic Spaces:

- Torn pads

Path and Sidewalks:

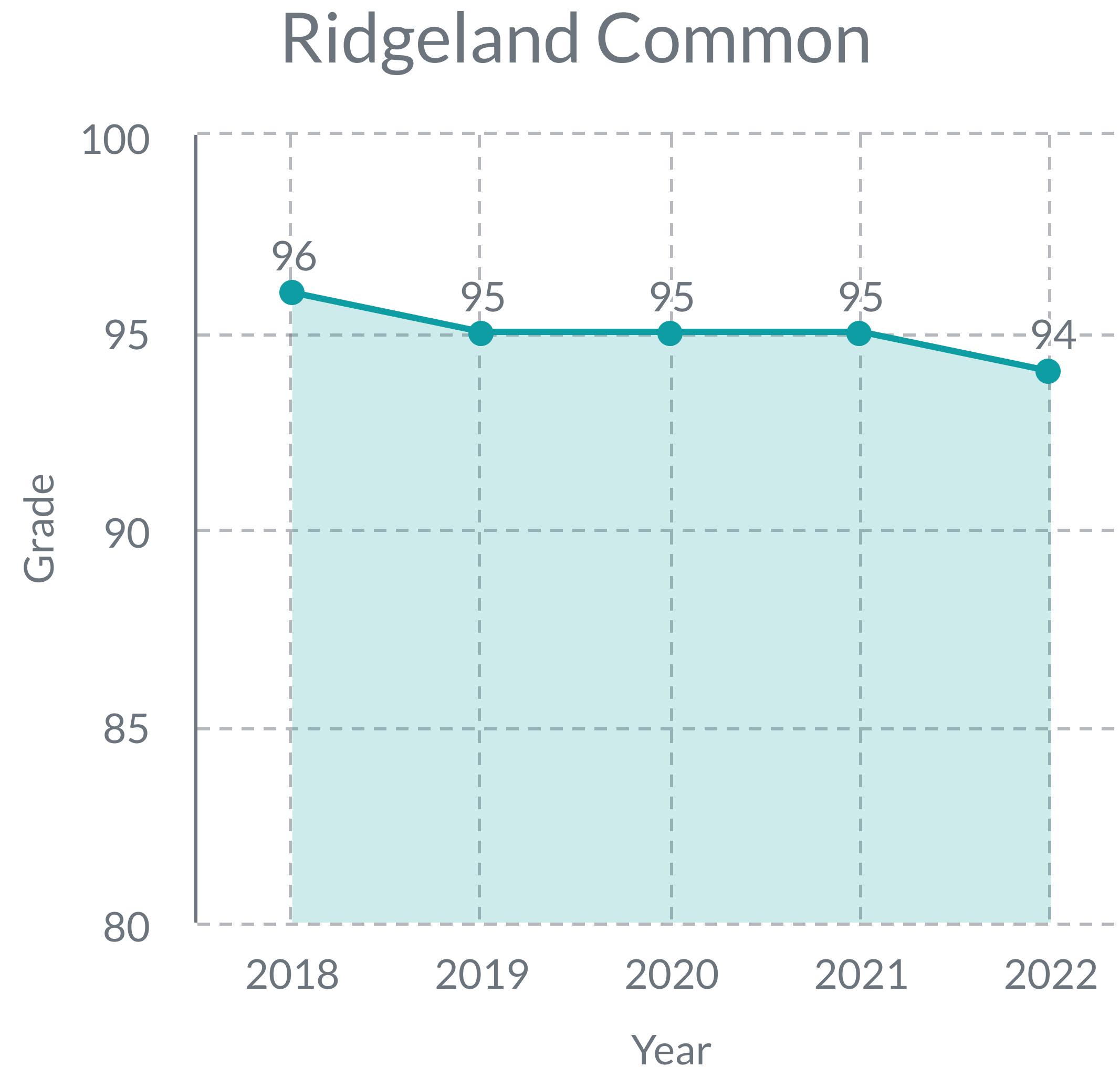
- Empty plant bed
- Cracks

Parking Lots:

- Cracks

Bathroom:

- Damage to soap dispenser
- Needs cleaning
- Litter



What does the data say?

- Ridgeland Common is down 1% (95 to 94).

PARKS SCORES

Major Issues

Path and Sidewalks:

- Cracks and holes in surface
- Edges eroding
- Weeds
- Overgrown limbs

Minor Issues

Path and Sidewalks:

- Litter

Bathrooms:

- Vandalism

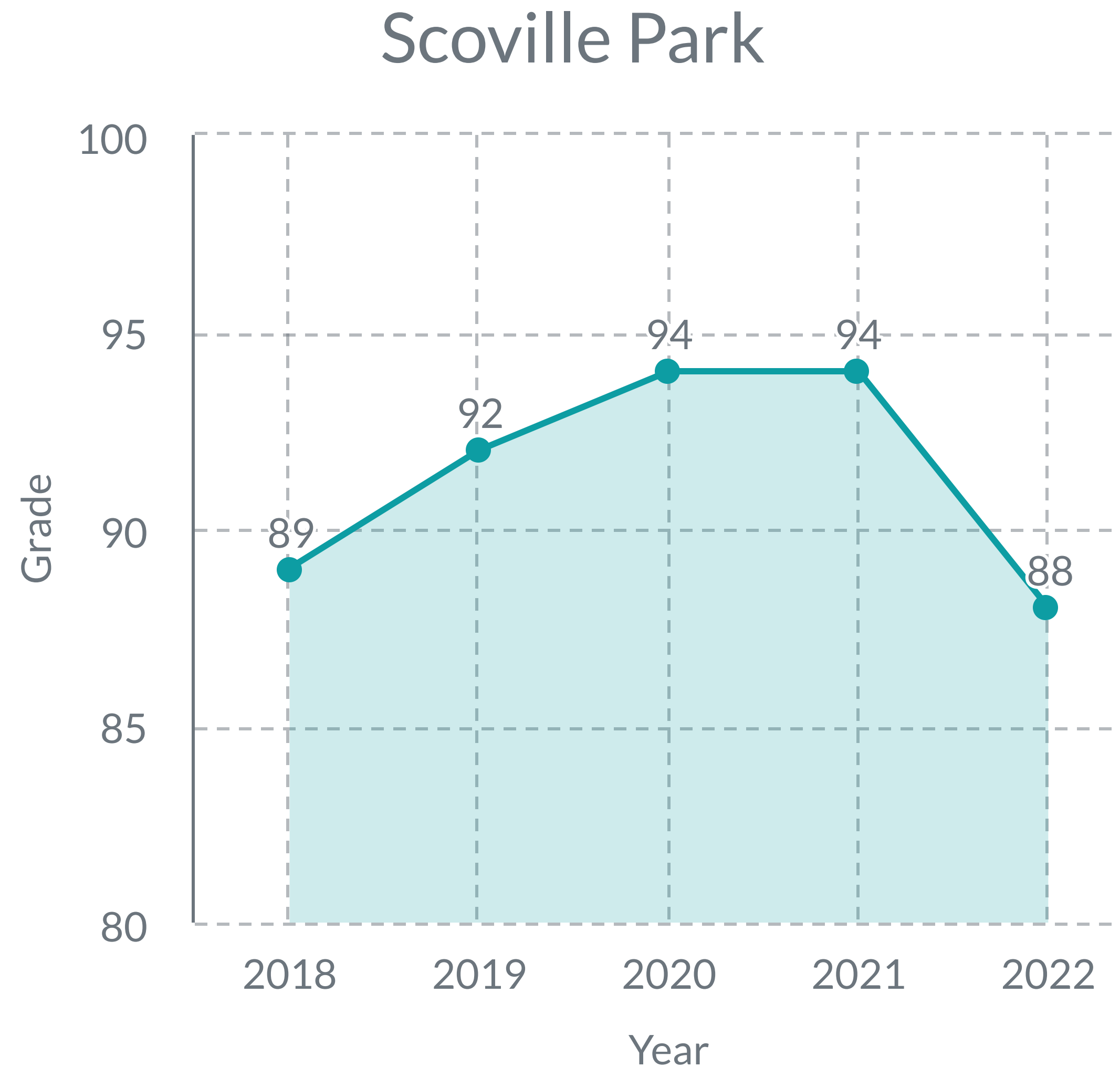
Drinking Fountains: Dirty surface

Greenspaces:

- Worn and Bare spots in turf
- Litter

Playgrounds:

- Litter

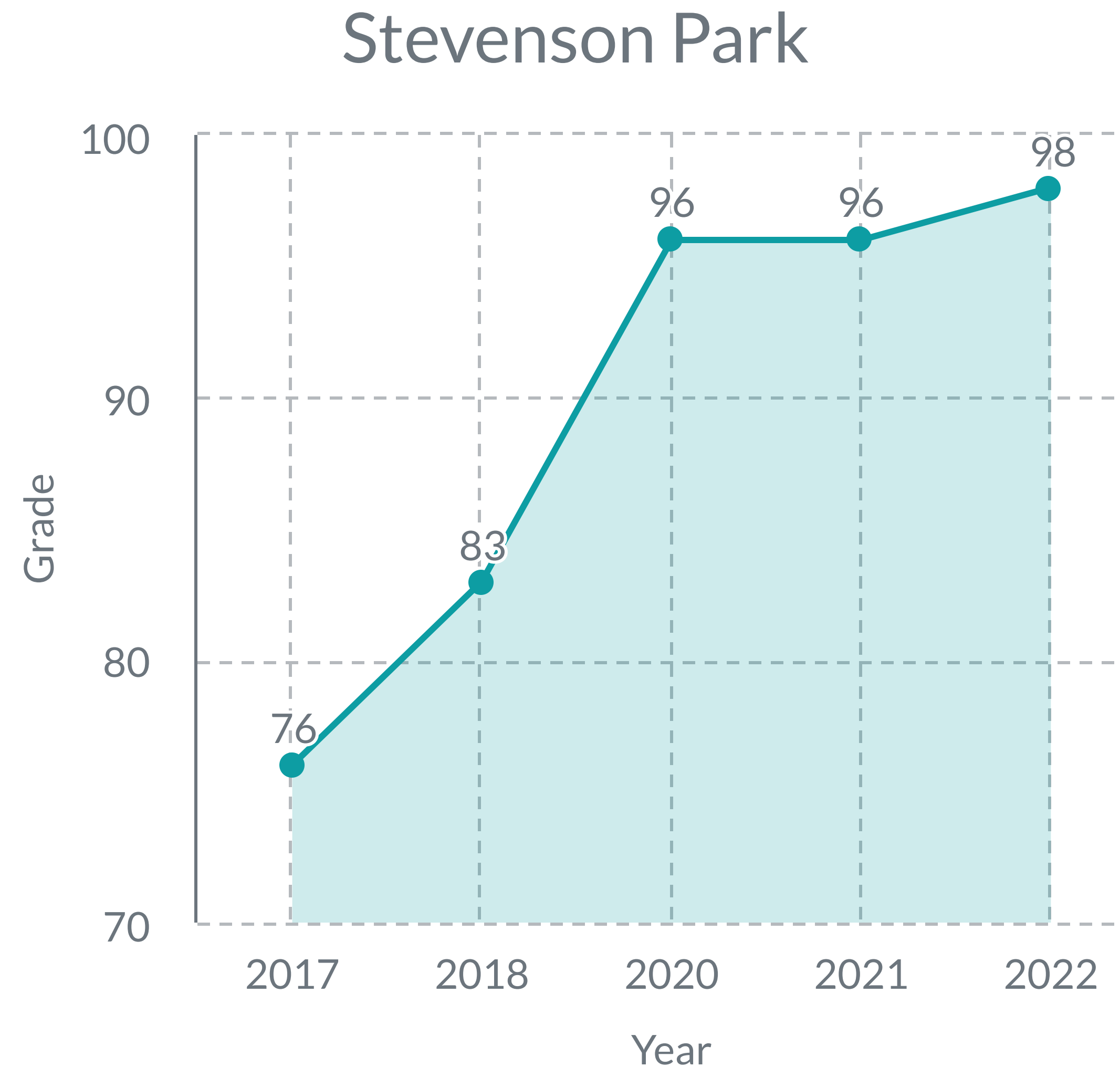


What does the data say?

- Scoville Park is down 6% (94 to 88), driven primarily by a drop in Paths and Sidewalks (95 to 65).

PARKS SCORES

Major Issues
None



Minor Issues

Athletic Spaces:

- Torn west net

Playground:

- Empty plant bed
- Weeds

Path and Sidewalks:

- Cracks

Stevenson Park was under construction in 2019

What does the data say?

- Stevenson Park is up 2% (96 to 98).

PARKS SCORES

Major Issues

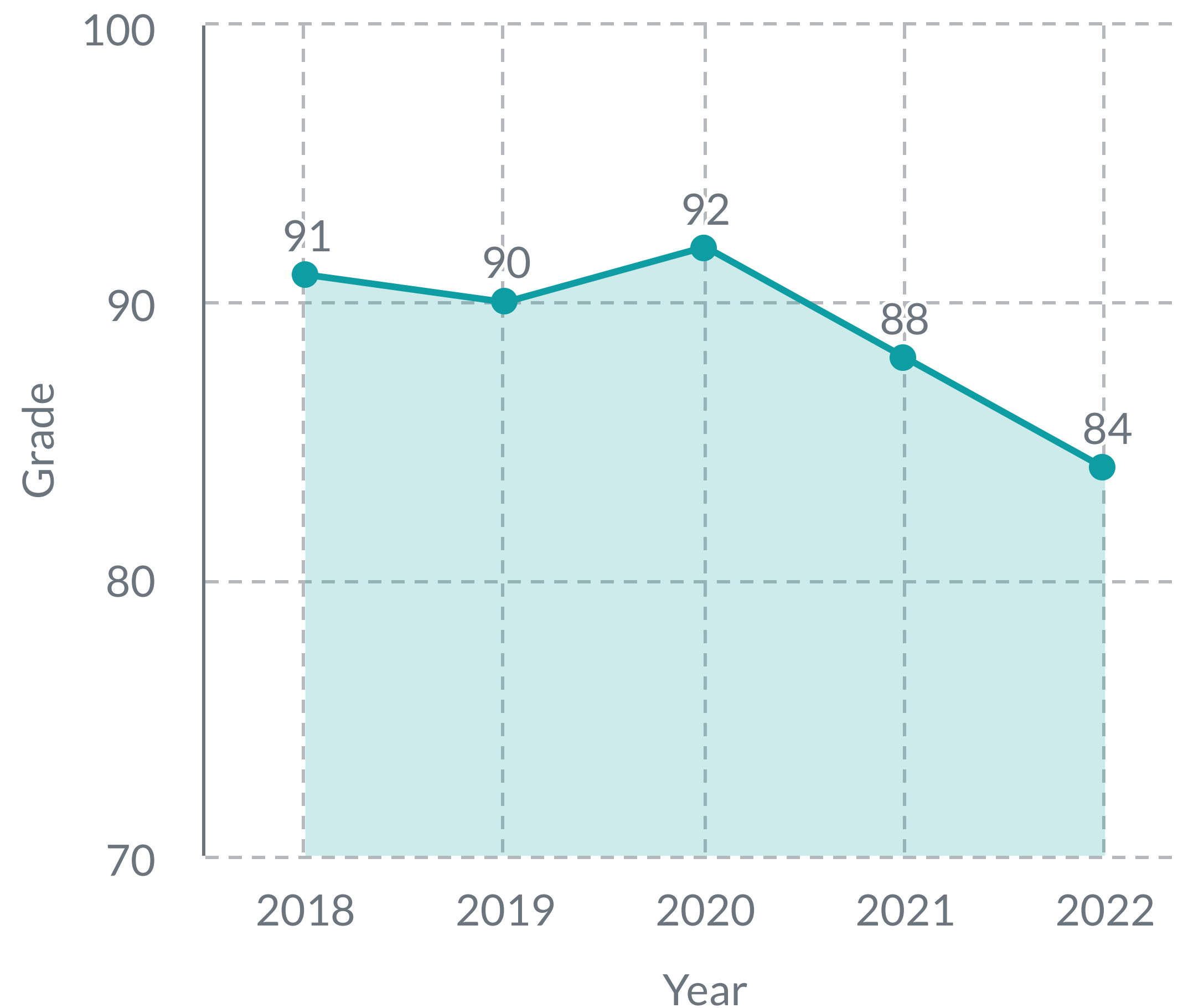
Playgrounds:

- Missing bike rack
- Weeds
- Low sand/woodchips

Path and Sidewalks:

- Cracks

Taylor Park



Minor Issues

Athletic Spaces:

- Bare spots on turf
- Leaves
- Overgrown limbs

Greenspaces:

- Leaves
- Overgrown limbs
- Animal feces

Playgrounds:

- Empty plant bed

Sitting Areas:

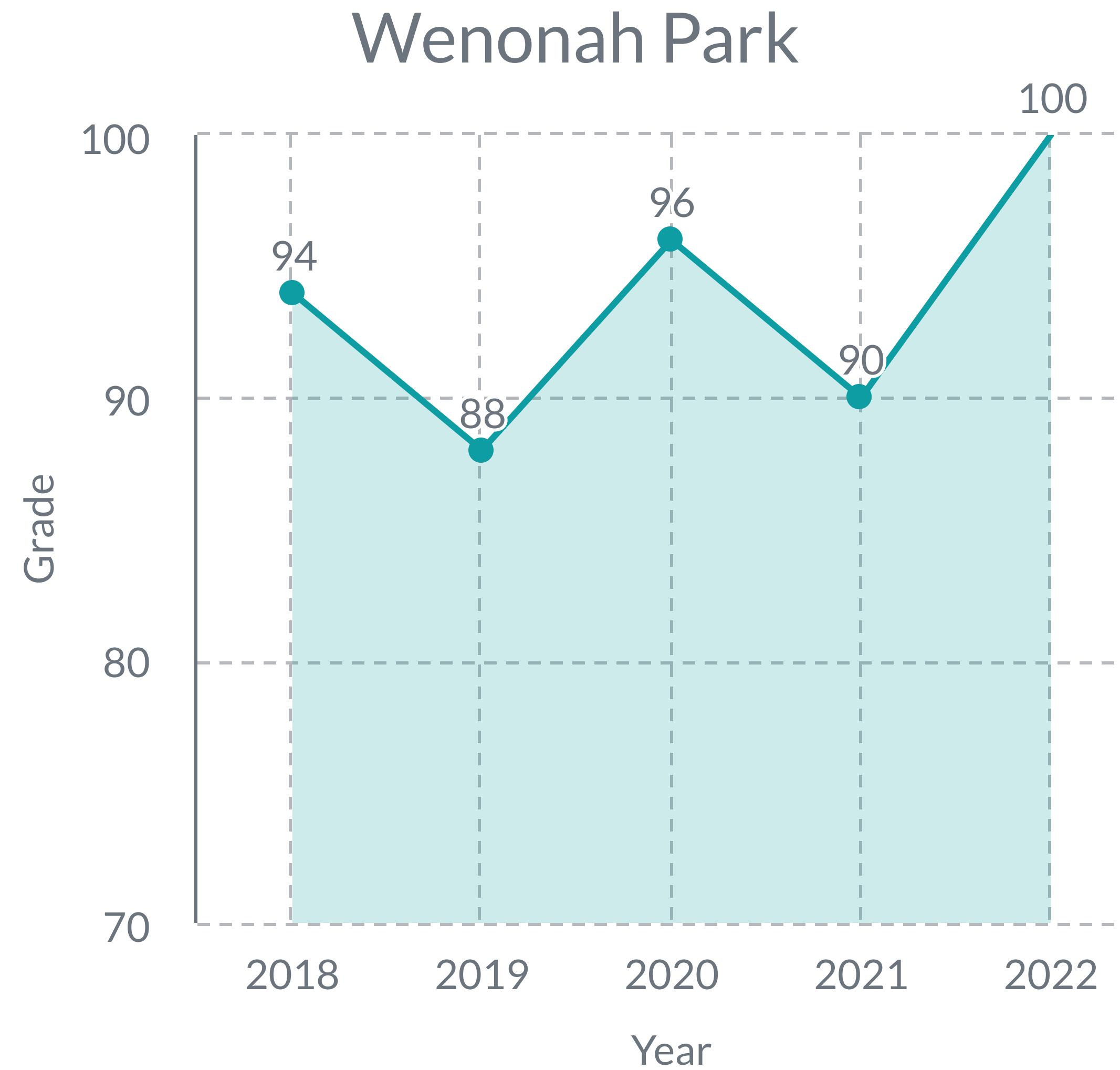
- Grill is bent and rusted
- Torn edging

What does the data say?

- Taylor Park is down 4% (88 to 84), driven by an drop in Paths and Sidewalks (89 to 49) and Playgrounds (89 to 79).

PARKS SCORES

Major Issues
None



Minor Issues
Playgrounds:

- Tree trunk step damaged

Wenonah Park was under construction in 2019

What does the data say?

- Wenonah Park is up 10% (90 to 100), driven by an drop in Path and Sidewalks (86 to 100).