

# 2023 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

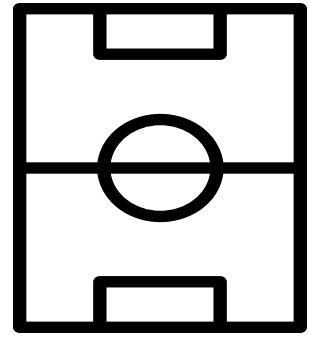
- The Board receives an annual update



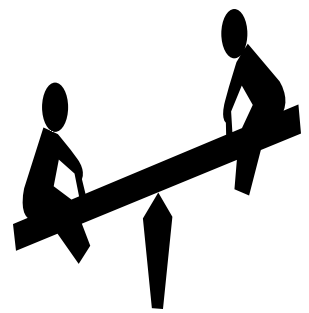
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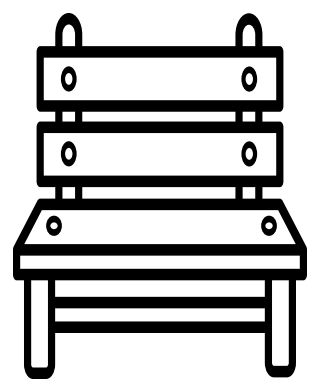
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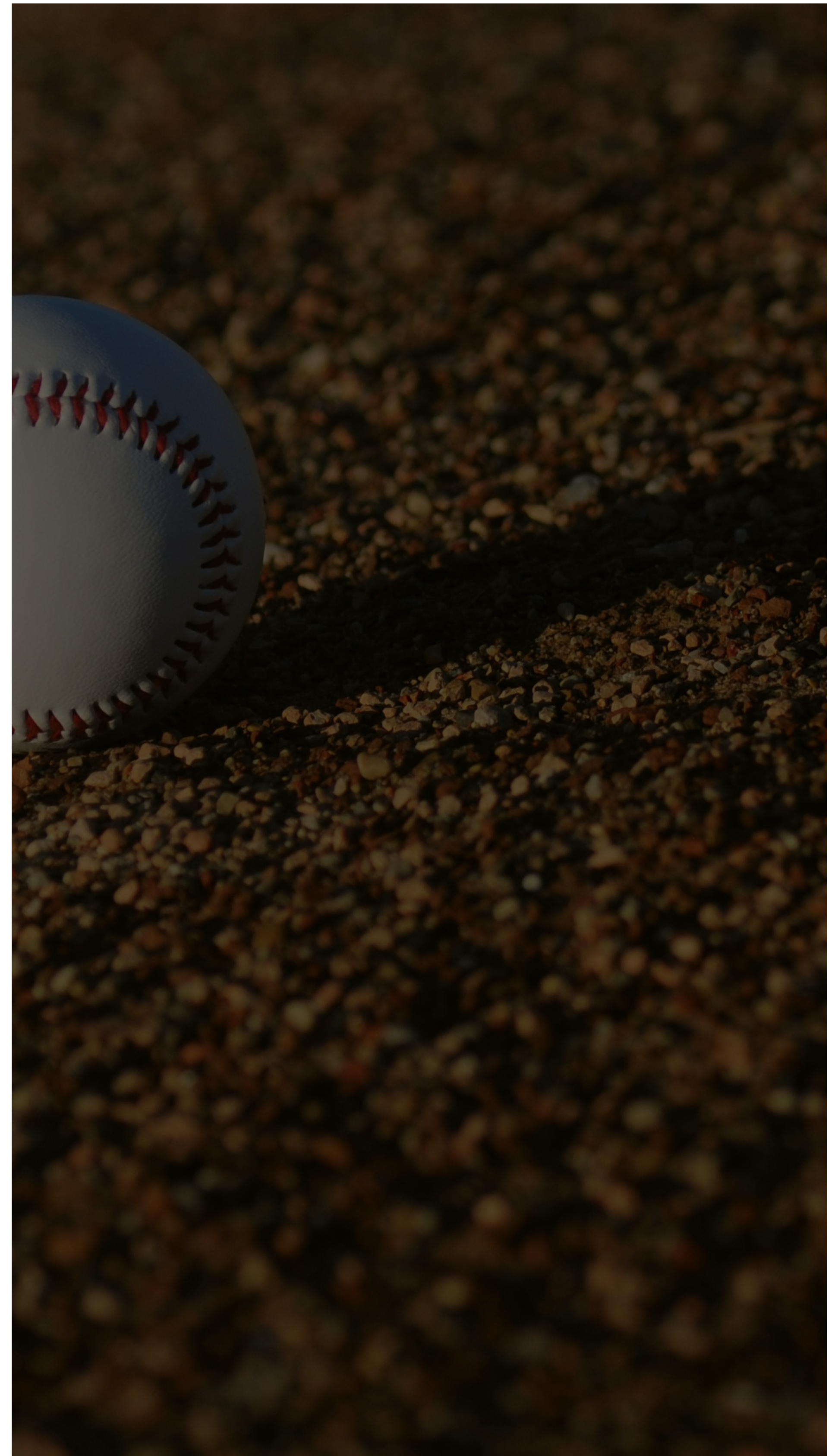
### Athletic Fields



### Playgrounds



### Seating Area





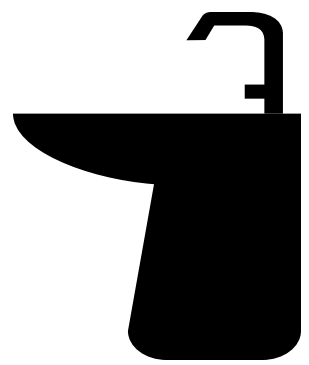
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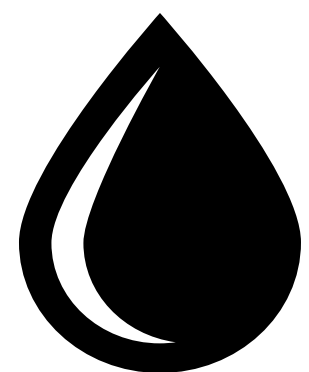
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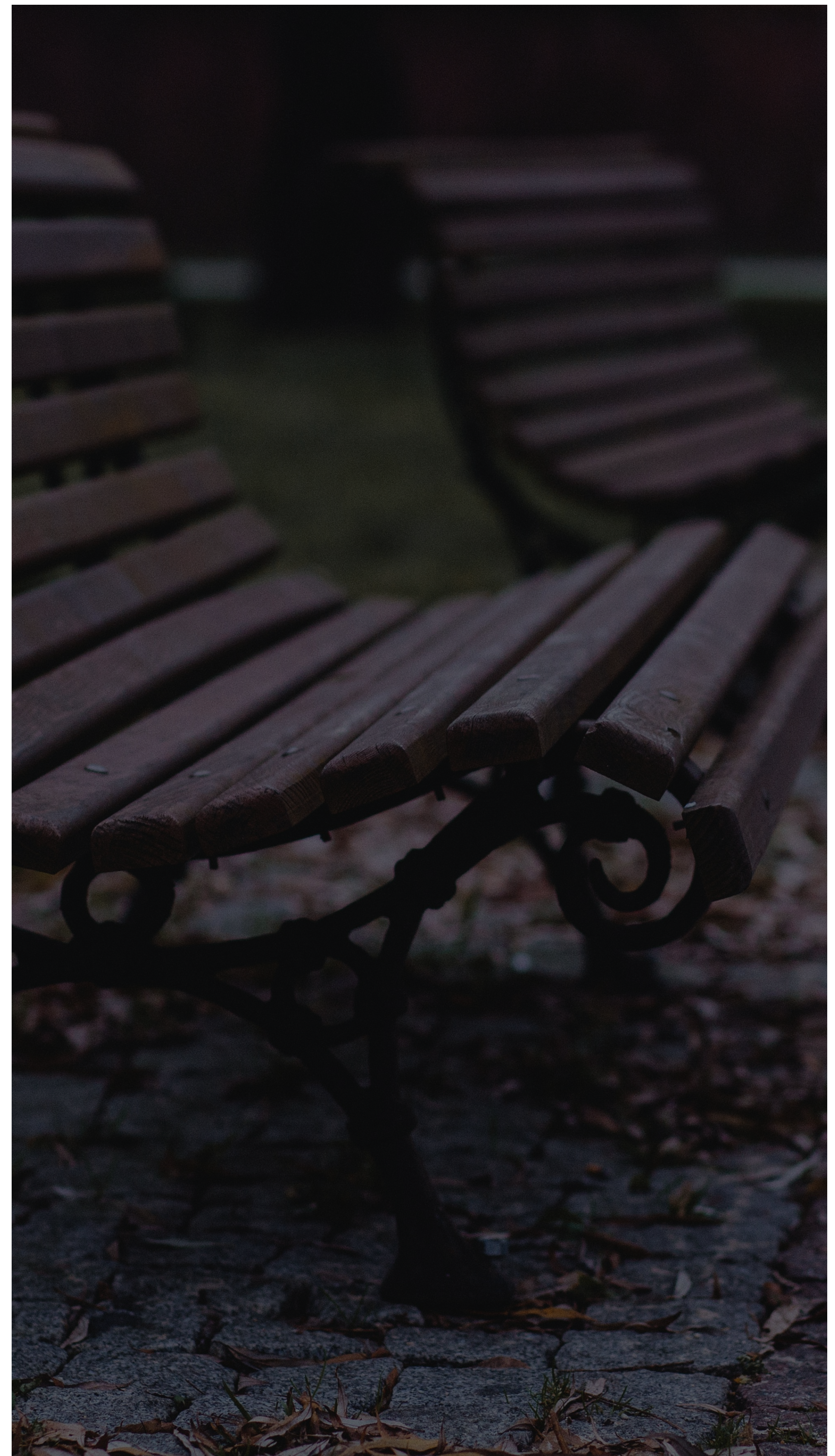
**Path and Sidewalks  
and Parking Lots**



**Bathrooms**

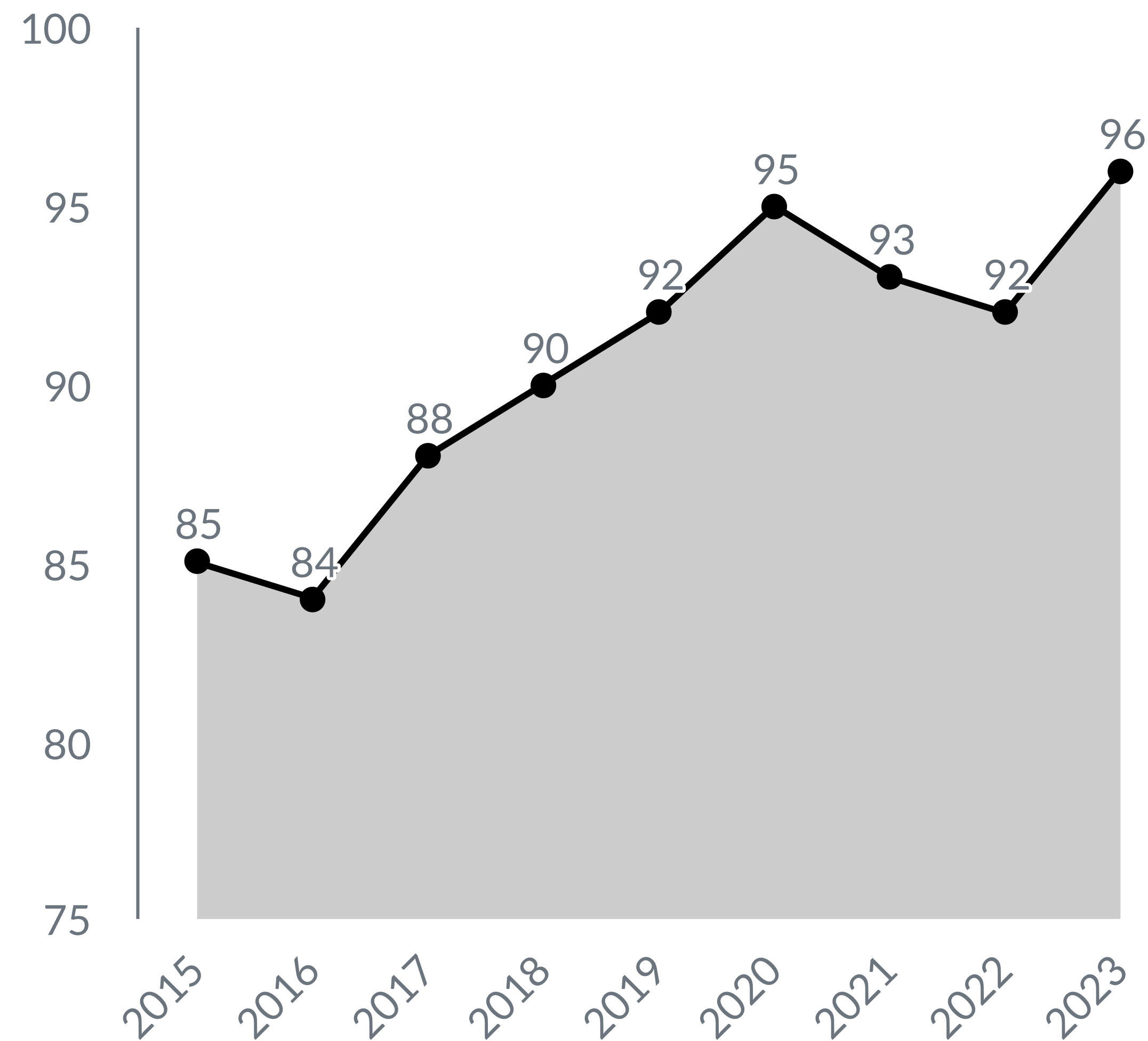


**Drinking Fountains**





## 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).



## FEATURE SCORES

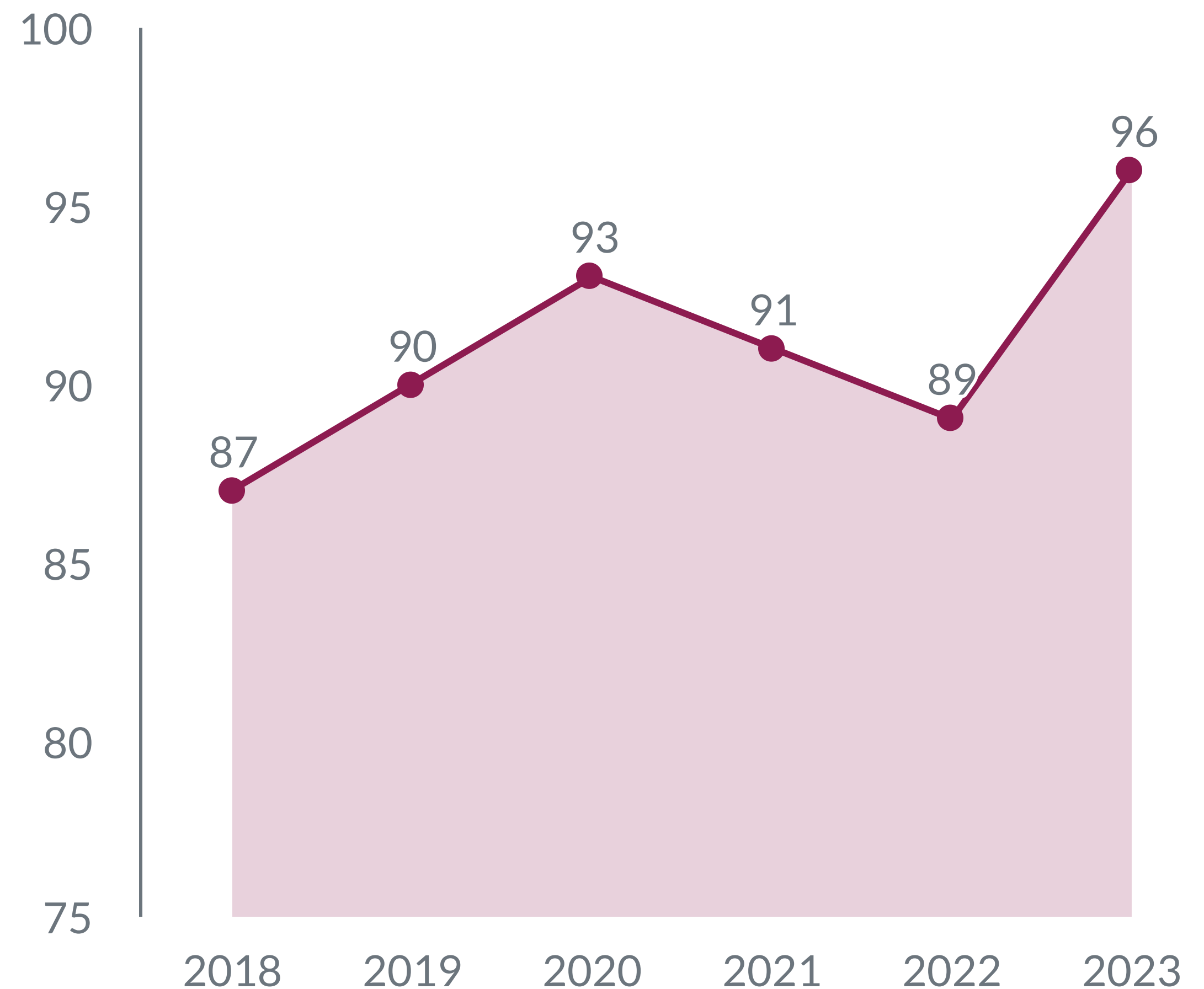
### What does the data say?

- Path and sidewalks were up significantly to 96%

### What is driving the score(s)?

- The decrease in 2022 was due to debris present on some paths. There were far less issues in 2023, with the main problems being leaves present on some of the paths at Maple, as well as cracks in sidewalks at Maple and Fox.

## Path and Sidewalks





## FEATURE SCORES

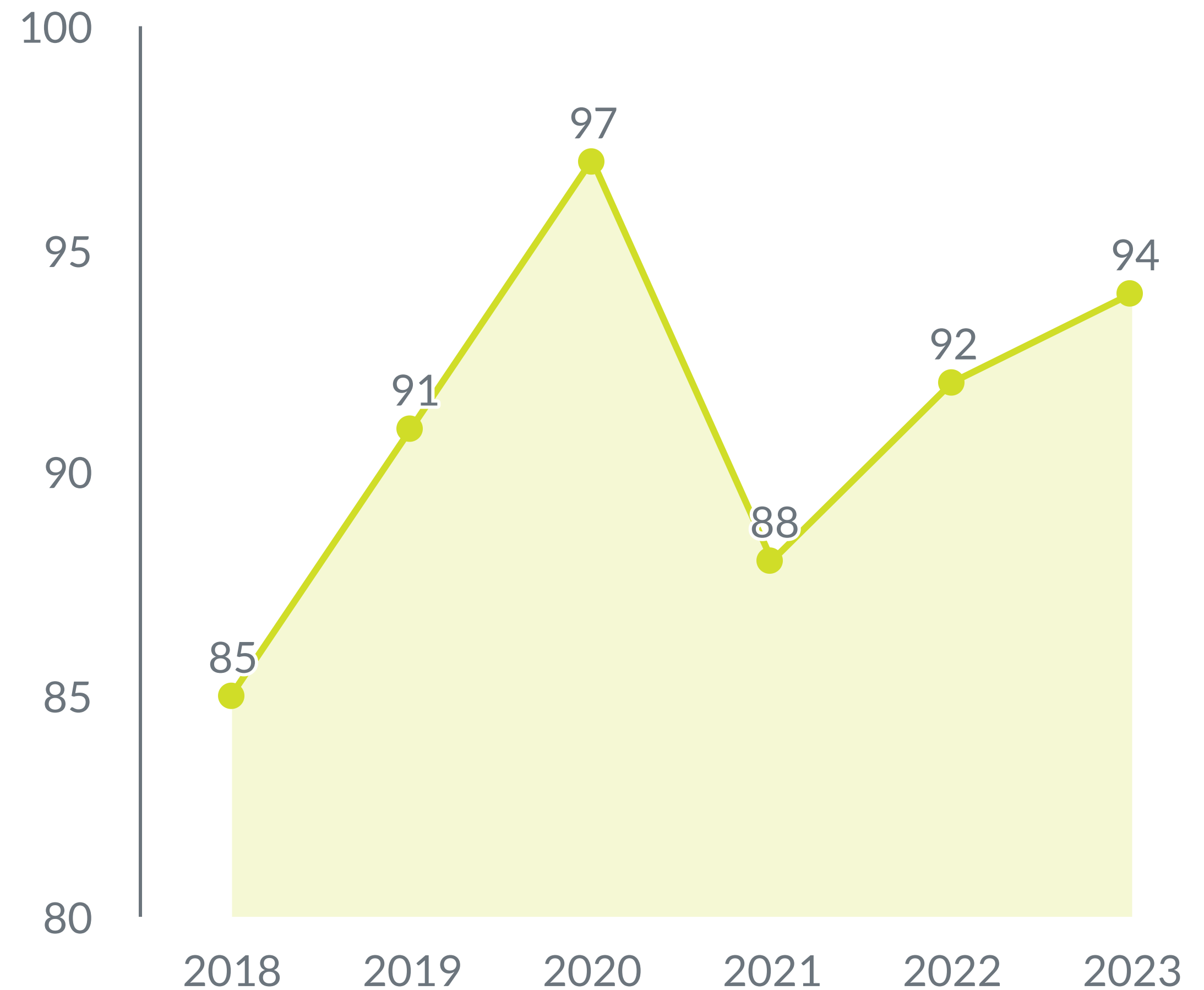
### What does the data say?

- Greenspaces were up 2% (92 to 94). The biggest increase was at Field Park (66 to 100).

### What is driving the score(s)?

- Overall, bringing the landscaping work inhouse has come with an increase in quality. Specifically at Field in 2022 there was a section of fence missing that has since been repaired.

## Greenspaces





## FEATURE SCORES

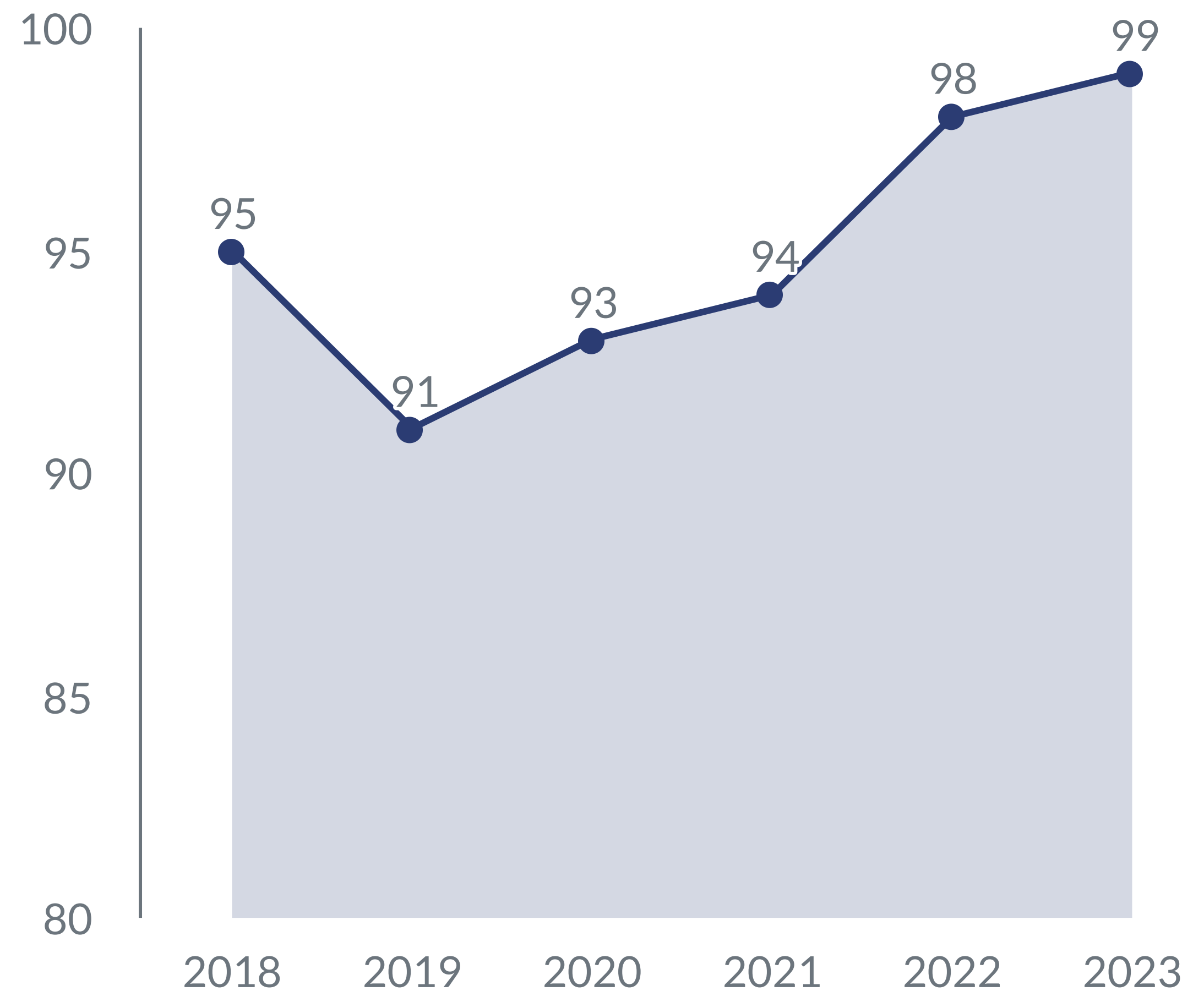
### What does the data say?

- Bathrooms were up 1% (98 to 99). The biggest decrease was at Taylor.

### What is driving the score(s)?

- Overall scores remain very high. The only minor issues were grime on one visit to Longfellow's bathroom and a missing sign on one visit to Lindberg's bathroom. Both issues have been addressed.

## Bathrooms





## FEATURE SCORES

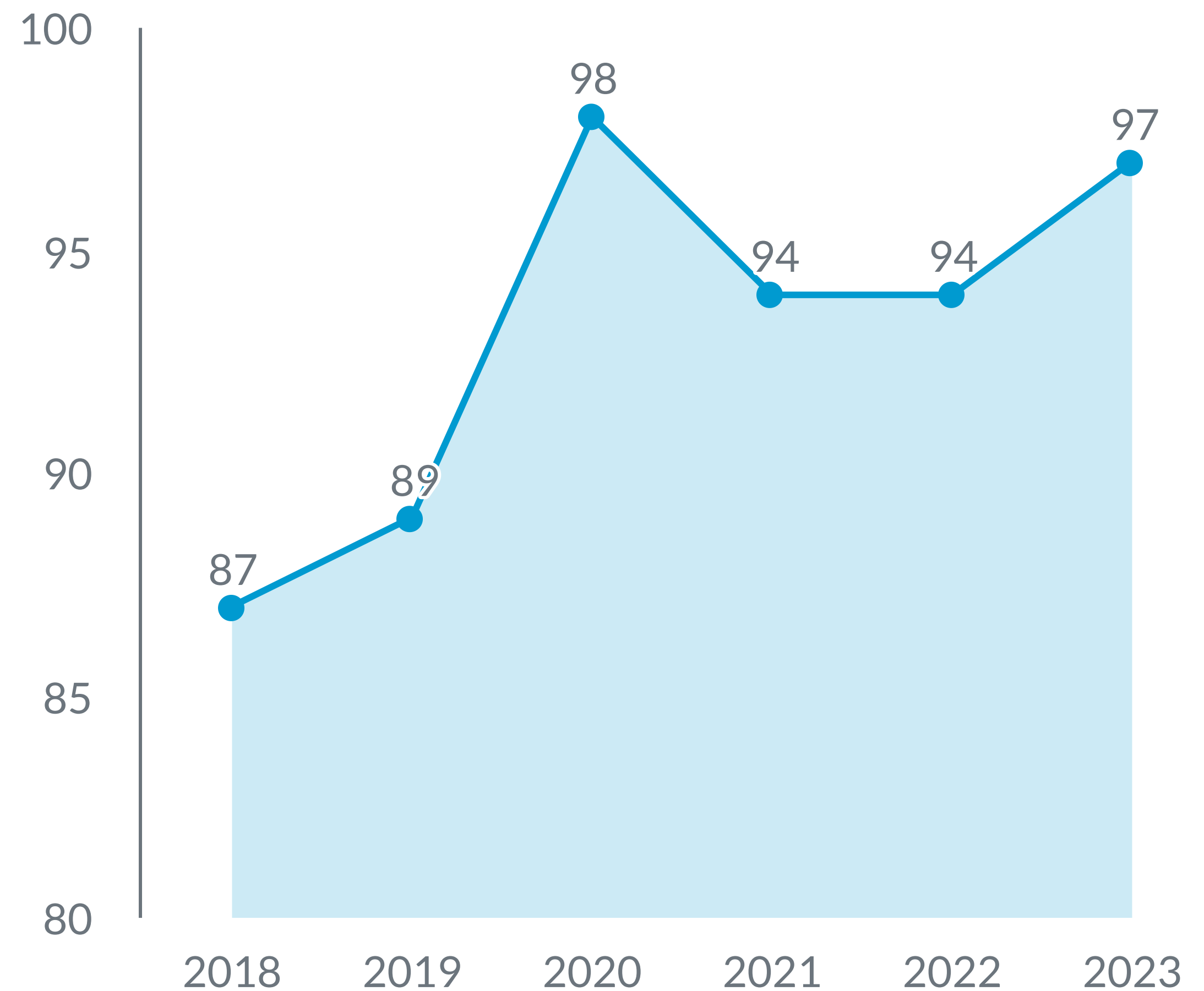
### What does the data say?

- Playgrounds increased from 94 to 97.

### What is driving the score(s)?

- All scores were at 90 or above with the exception of one visit to Maple. This was during a busier time of the year and there was litter and vandalism found at the park.

## Playgrounds





## FEATURE SCORES

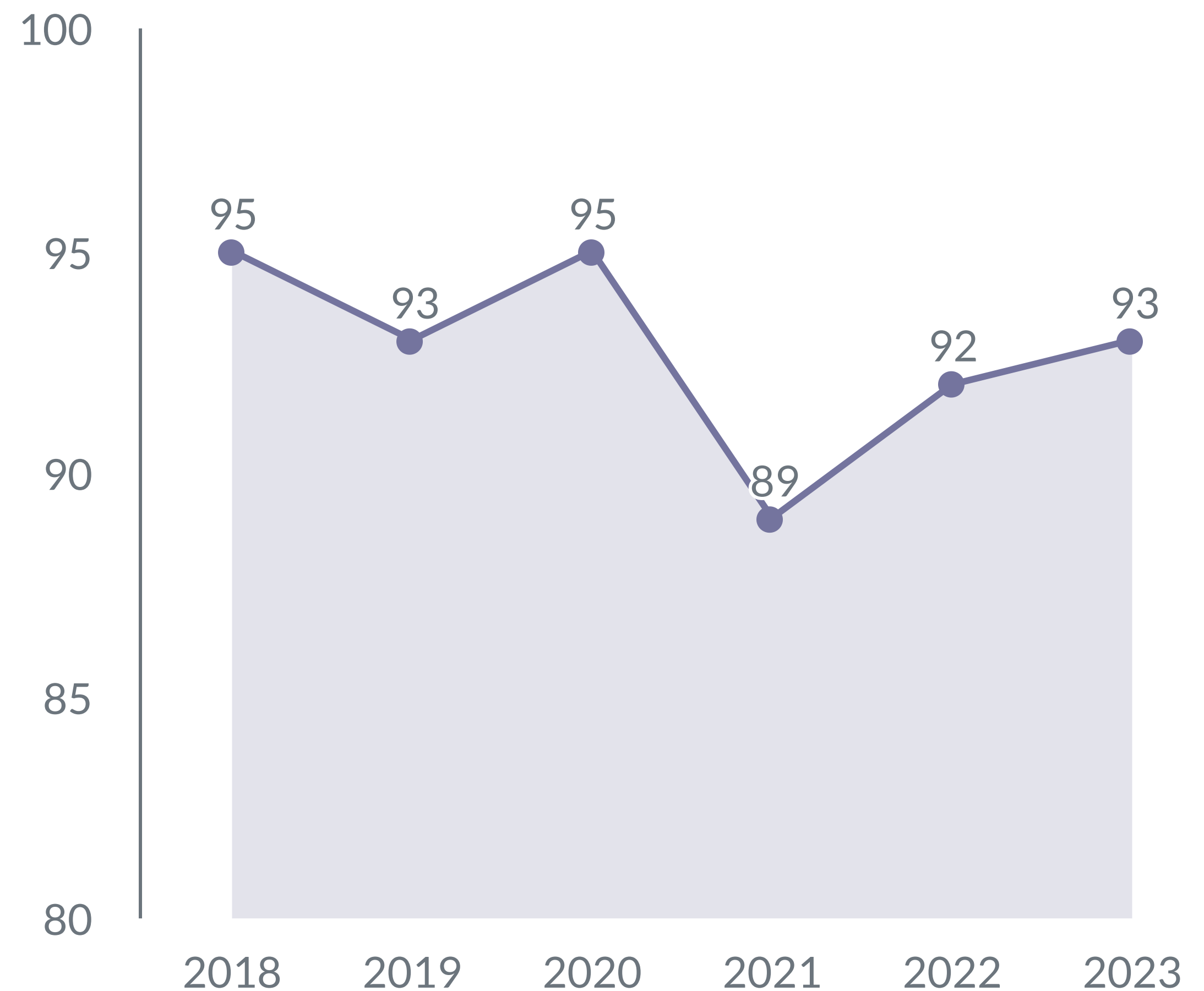
### What does the data say?

- Sitting areas were up 1% (92 to 93).

### 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. The District's parks team does an excellent job maintaining the spaces.

## Sitting Areas





## FEATURE SCORES

### What does the data say?

- Athletic spaces were up 4% (94 to 98). The major increase was at Andersen Park (79 to 100).

### What is driving the score(s)?

- In 2022 there was damage to the fence at Andersen Park that has since been addressed and repaired.

## Athletic Spaces





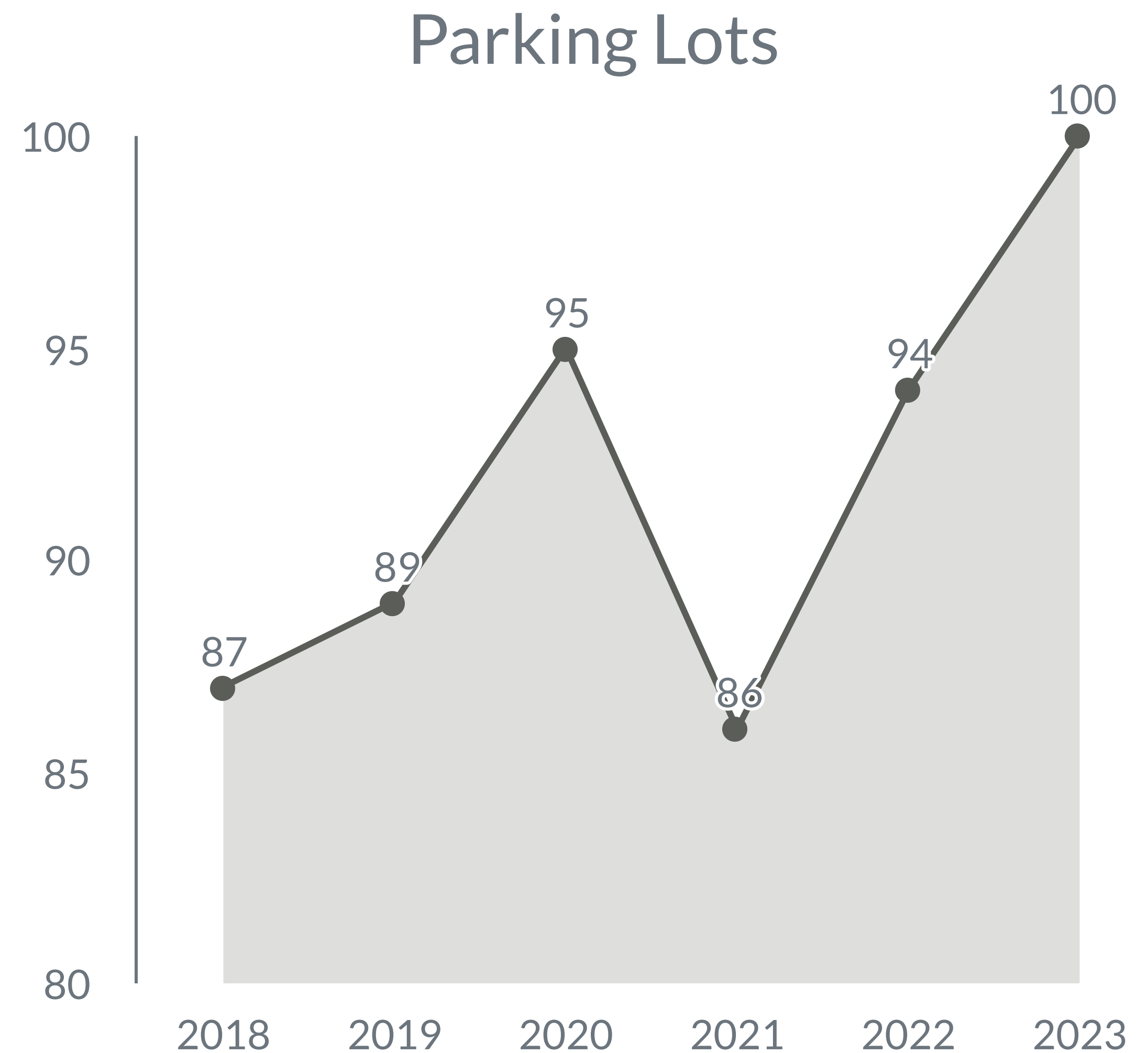
## FEATURE SCORES

### What does the data say?

- Parking lots were up 6% (94 to 100).

### What is driving the score(s)?

- There were cracks in the surface at Ridgeland that have since been repaired.



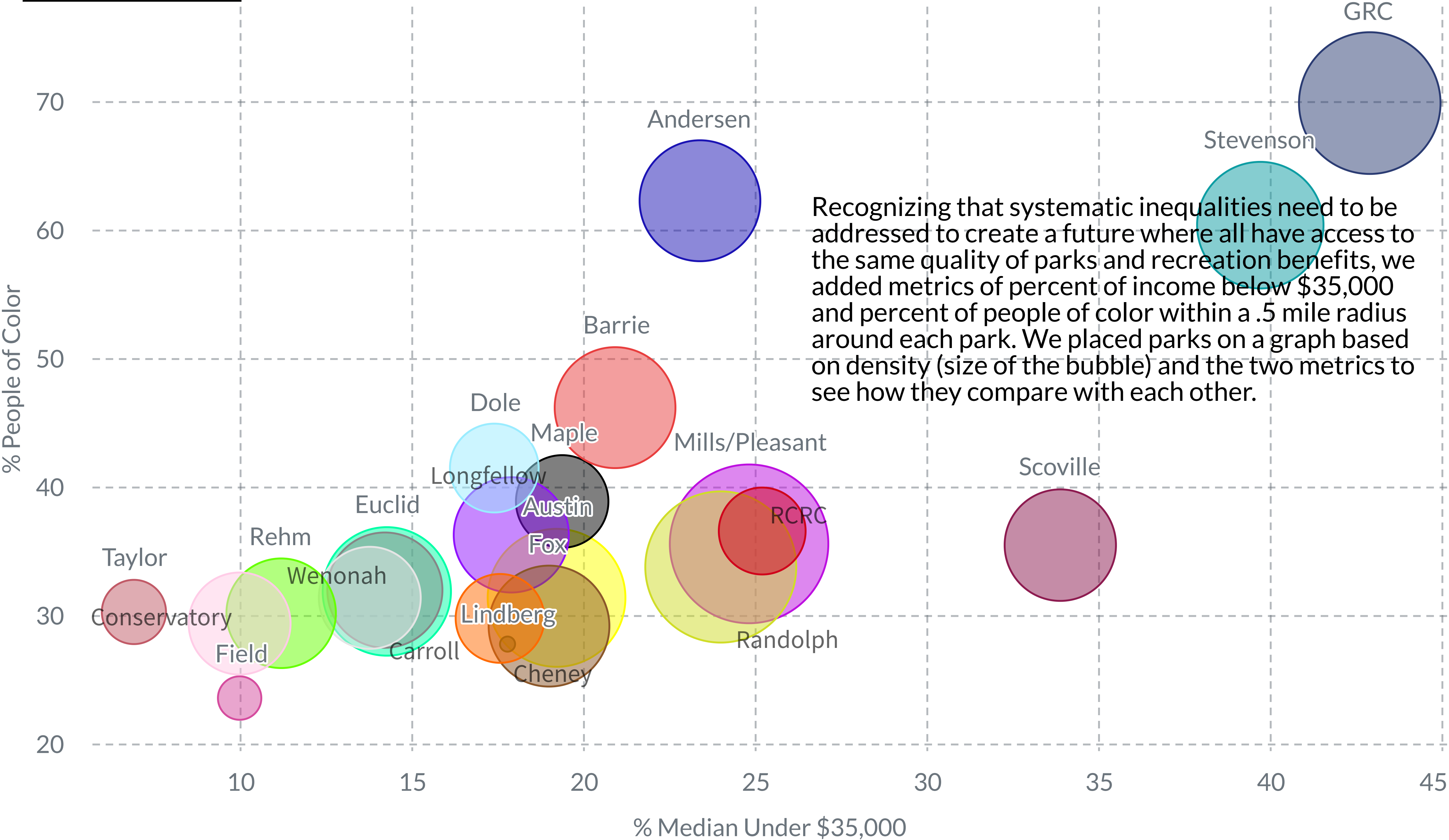


# APPENDIX A: EQUITY MAPS



ECONOMIC AND RACIAL EQUITY

Fox

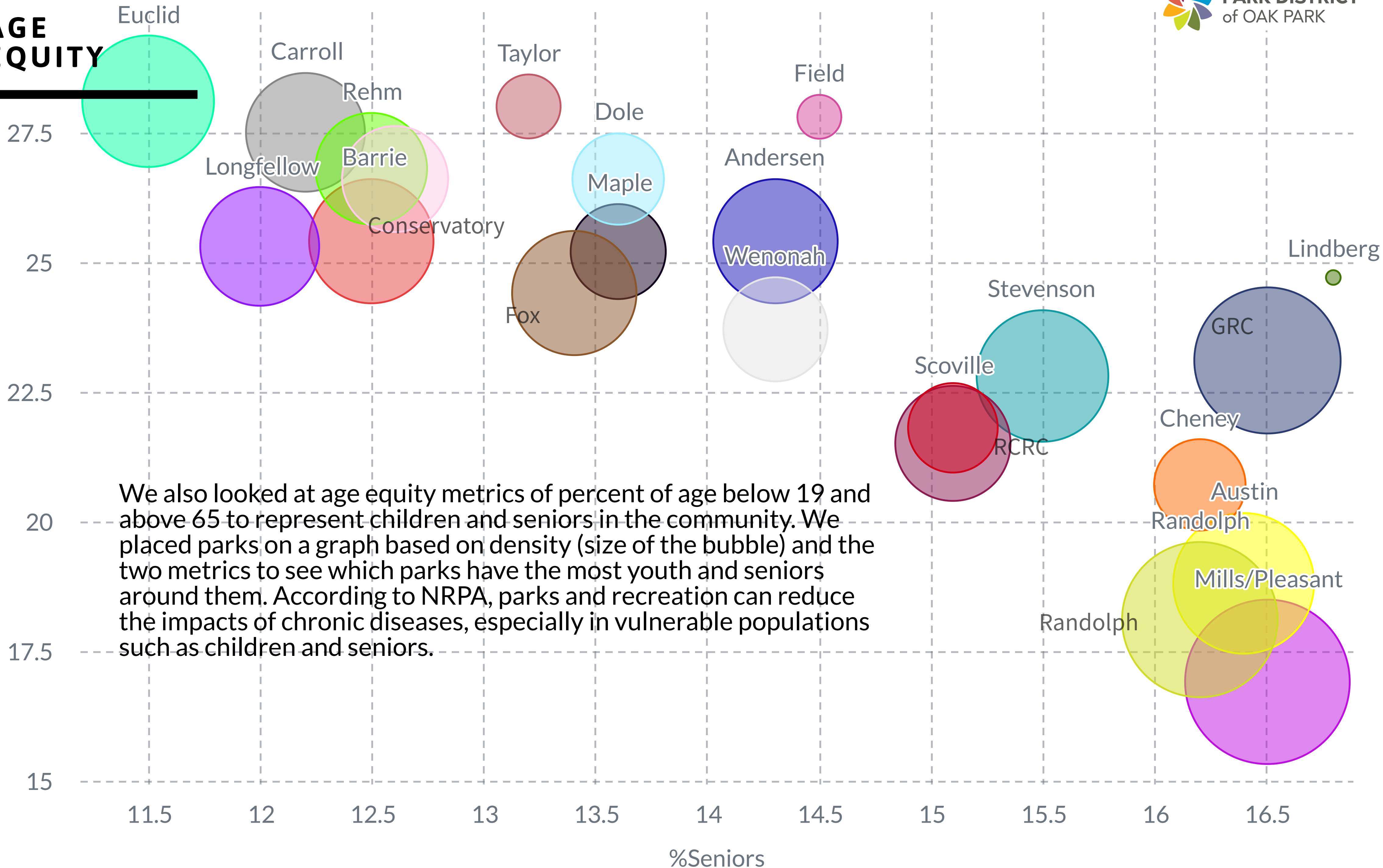


- Stevenson Andersen Mills/Pleasant Euclid Austin Randolph Scoville Maple Barrie
- Carroll RCRC Longfellow Lindberg Fox Cheney Field Wenonah Rehm Taylor Dole
- Conservatory GRC



# AGE EQUITY

%Youth



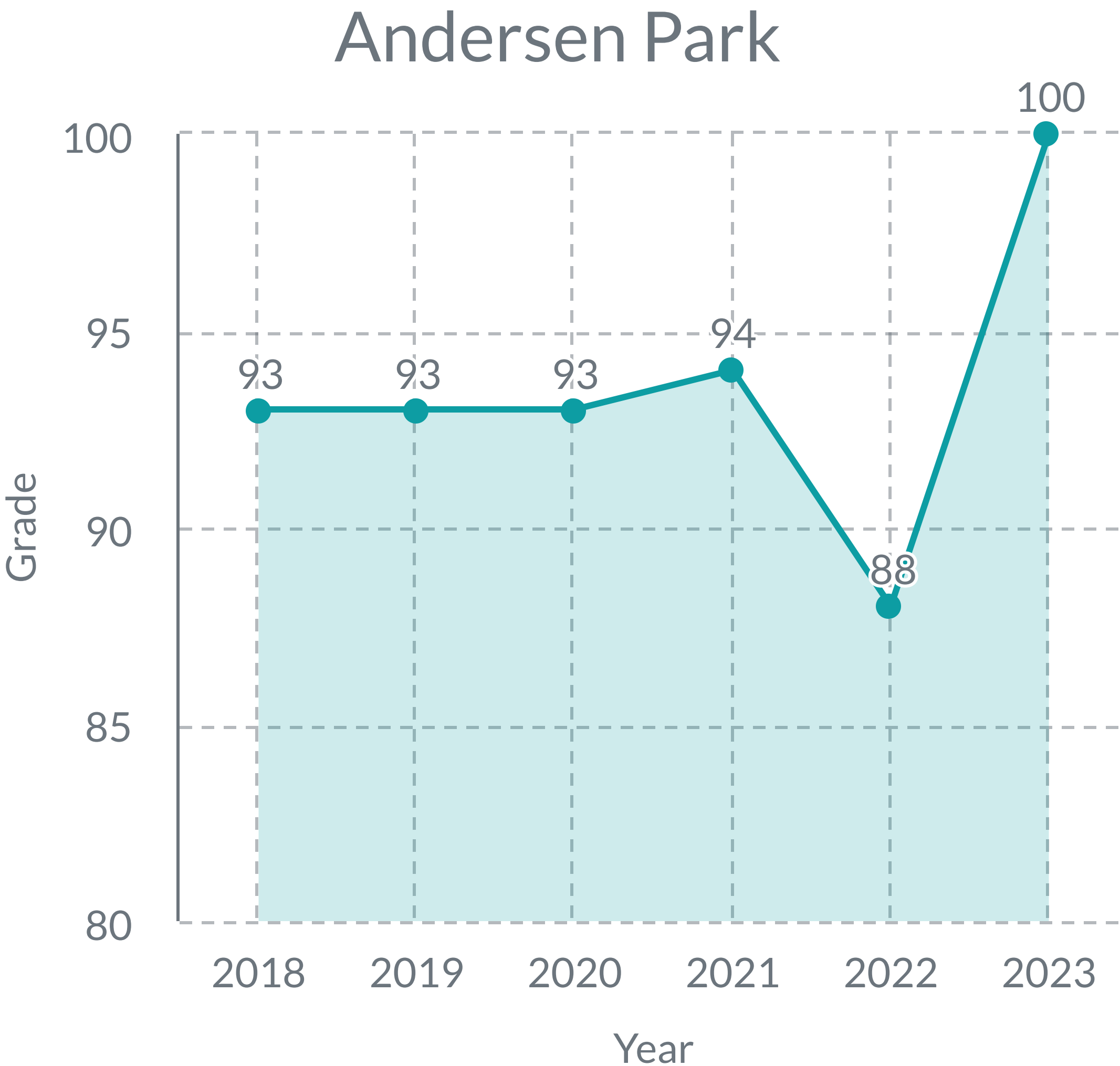
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# APPENDIX B: PARKS SCORES



Major Issues  
**None**



Minor Issues  
**Sitting Areas:**

- Small amounts of litter

- What does the data say?**
- Andersen Park saw a 12% increase (88 to 100) driven primarily by cracks on the walking paths and conditions of the athletic field.



# PARKS SCORES

## Major Issues

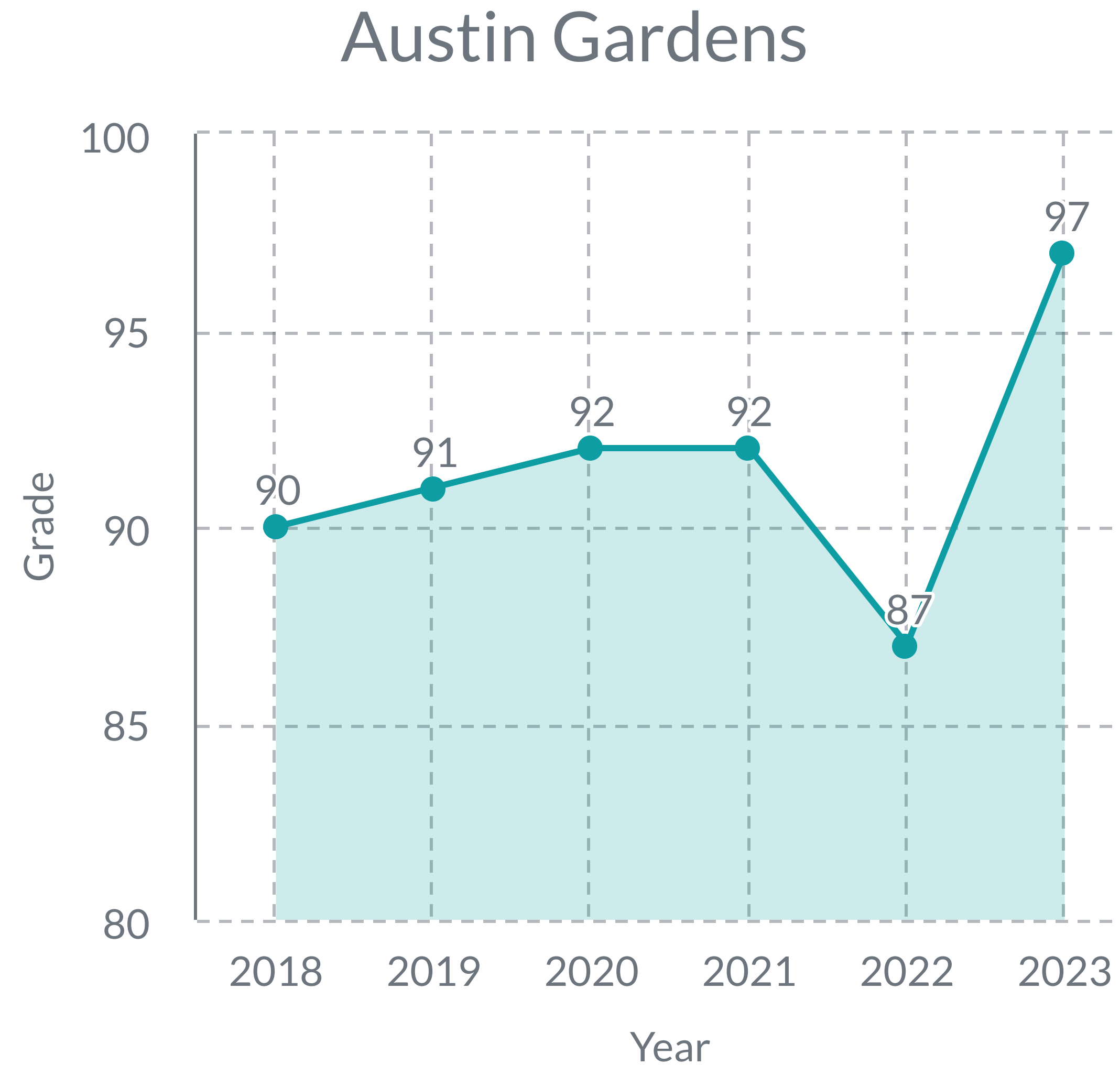
### **Greenspaces:**

- Empty tree pit

## Minor Issues

### **Sitting Areas:**

- Vandalism - permanent marker drawings



### **What does the data say?**

- Austin Gardens increased from 87 to 97 in 2023 primarily due to addressing problems from 2022 (fencing damage and graffiti in the bathroom).



# PARKS SCORES

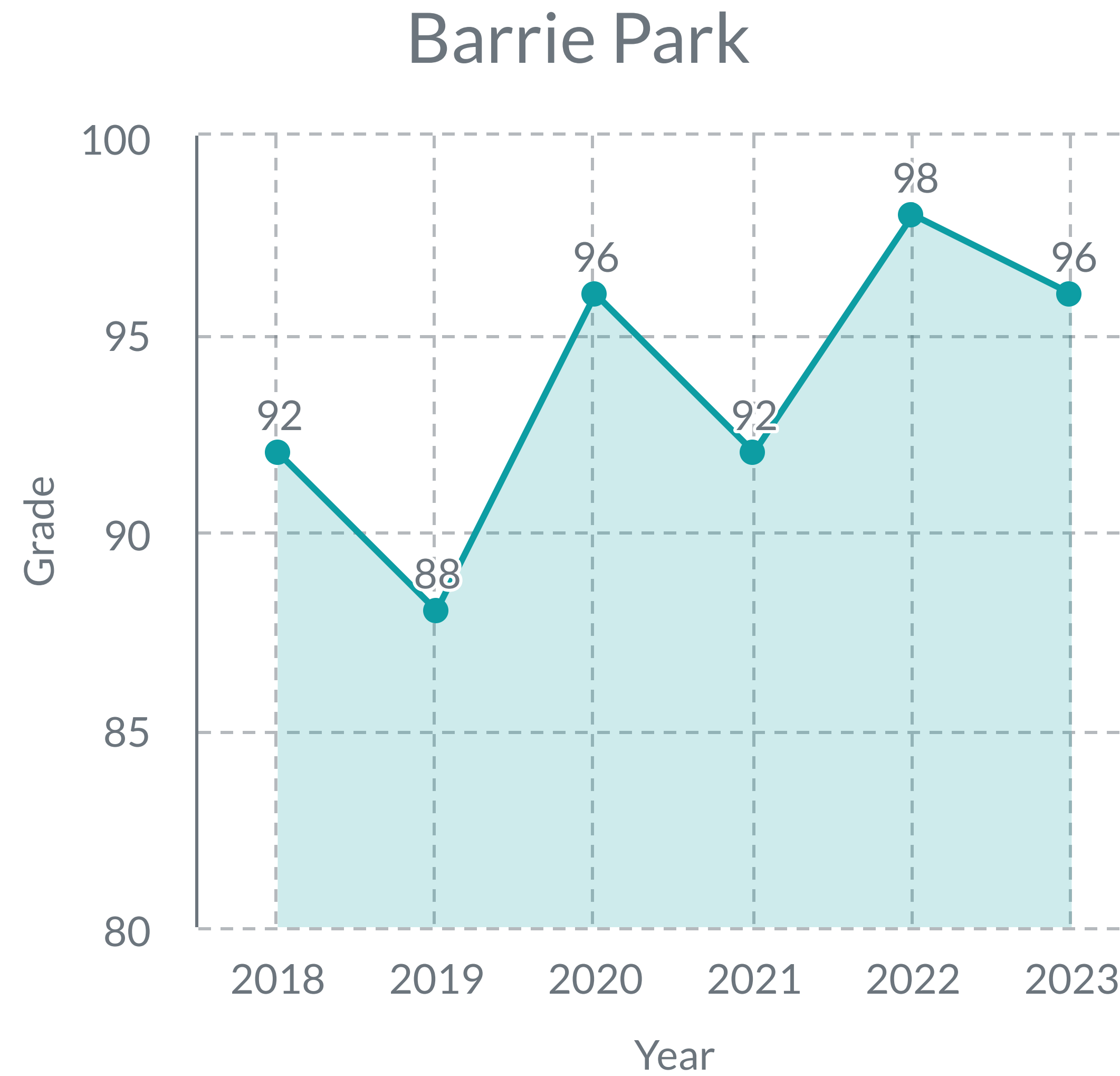
## Major Issues

### **Athletic Spaces:**

- Weeds
- Worn/bare spots in surface

## Minor Issues

**None**

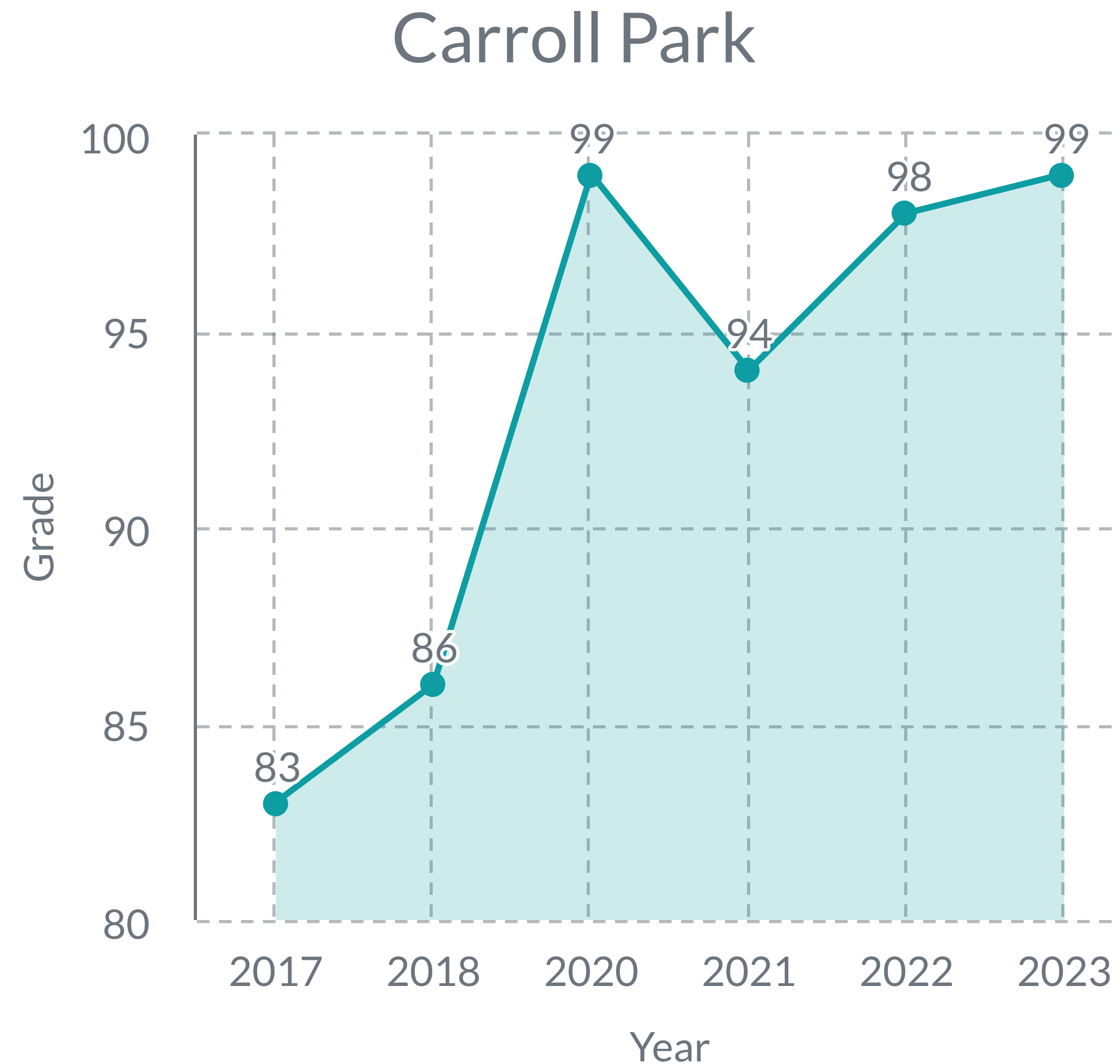


### **What does the data say?**

- Barrie is down 2% (98 to 96) mainly due to wear and tear on the athletic spaces.

# PARKS SCORES

Major Issues  
None



*\*Carroll was under construction in 2019\**

Minor Issues  
**Greenspaces:**  
• Weeds

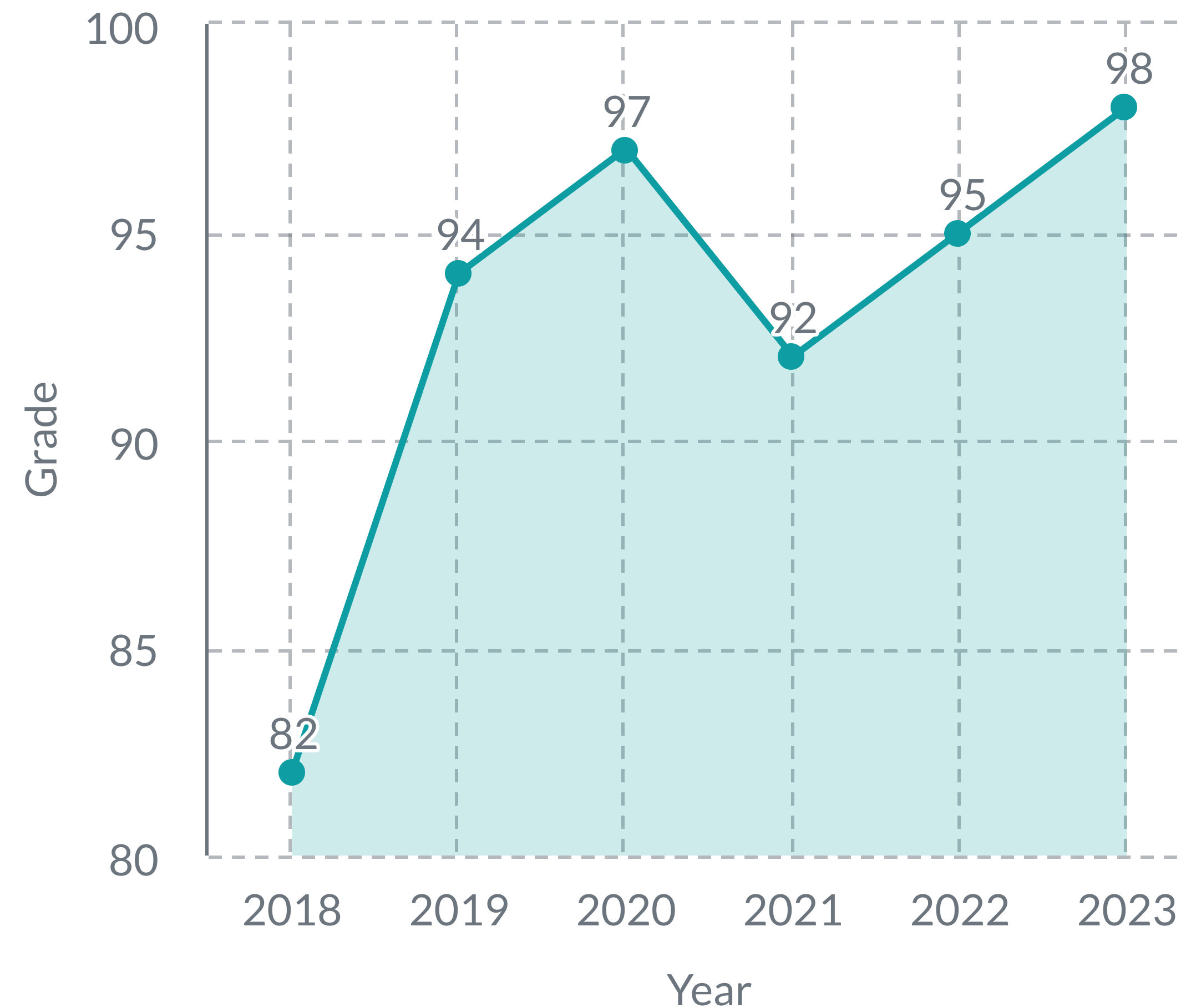
## What does the data say?

- Carroll is up 1% (98 to 99). The only minor issues found were weeds in the greenspace.



Major Issues  
None

## Cheney Mansion



Minor Issues

### **Greenspaces:**

- ground cover growth by bench
- Worn bare spots in grass

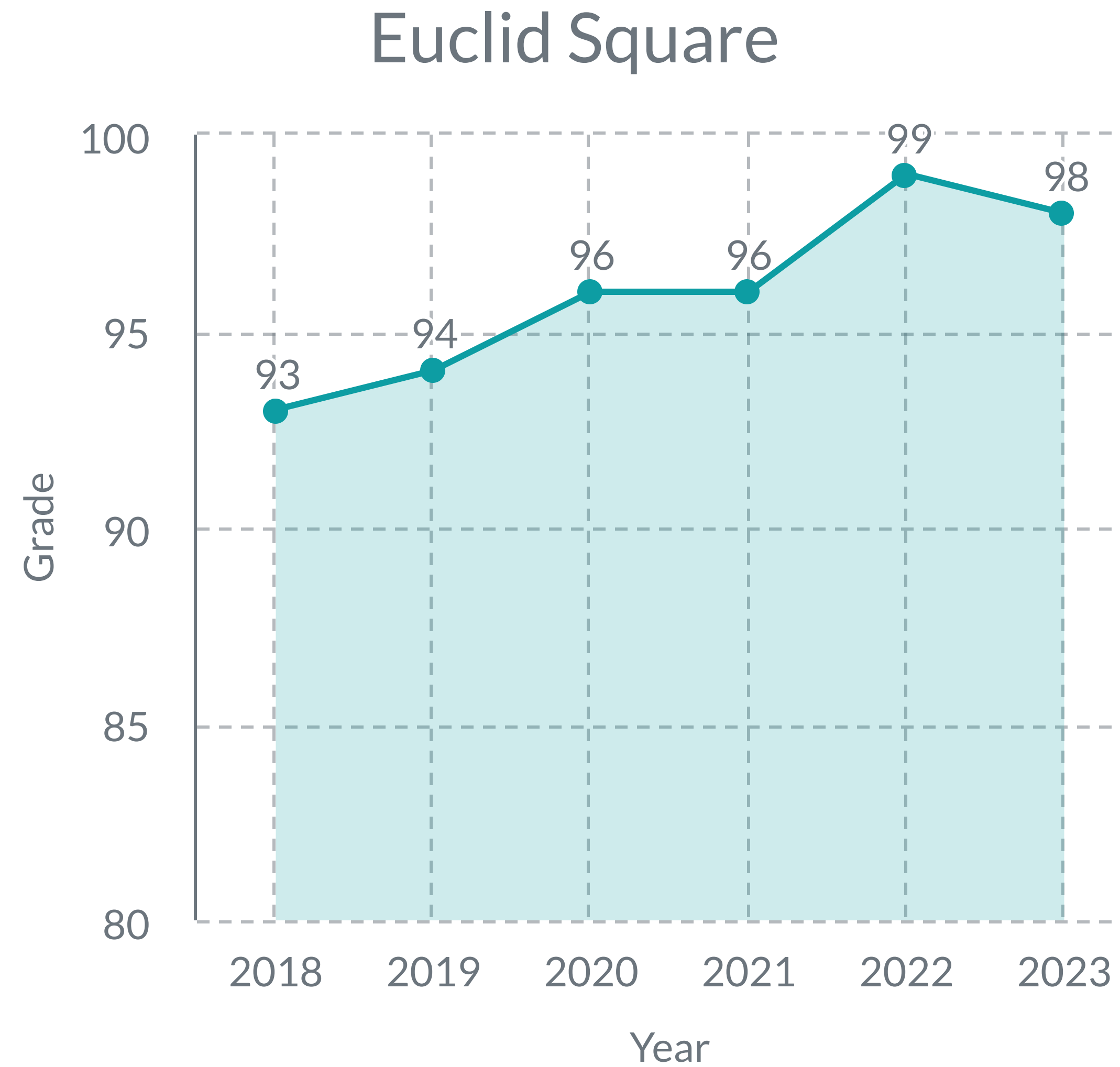
### **Path and Sidewalks:**

- Scratched and dirty light post

### **What does the data say?**

- Cheney is up 3% (95 to 98) driven mainly by an increase in paths and sidewalks (94 to 98).

Major Issues  
None



Minor Issues  
**Playground:**

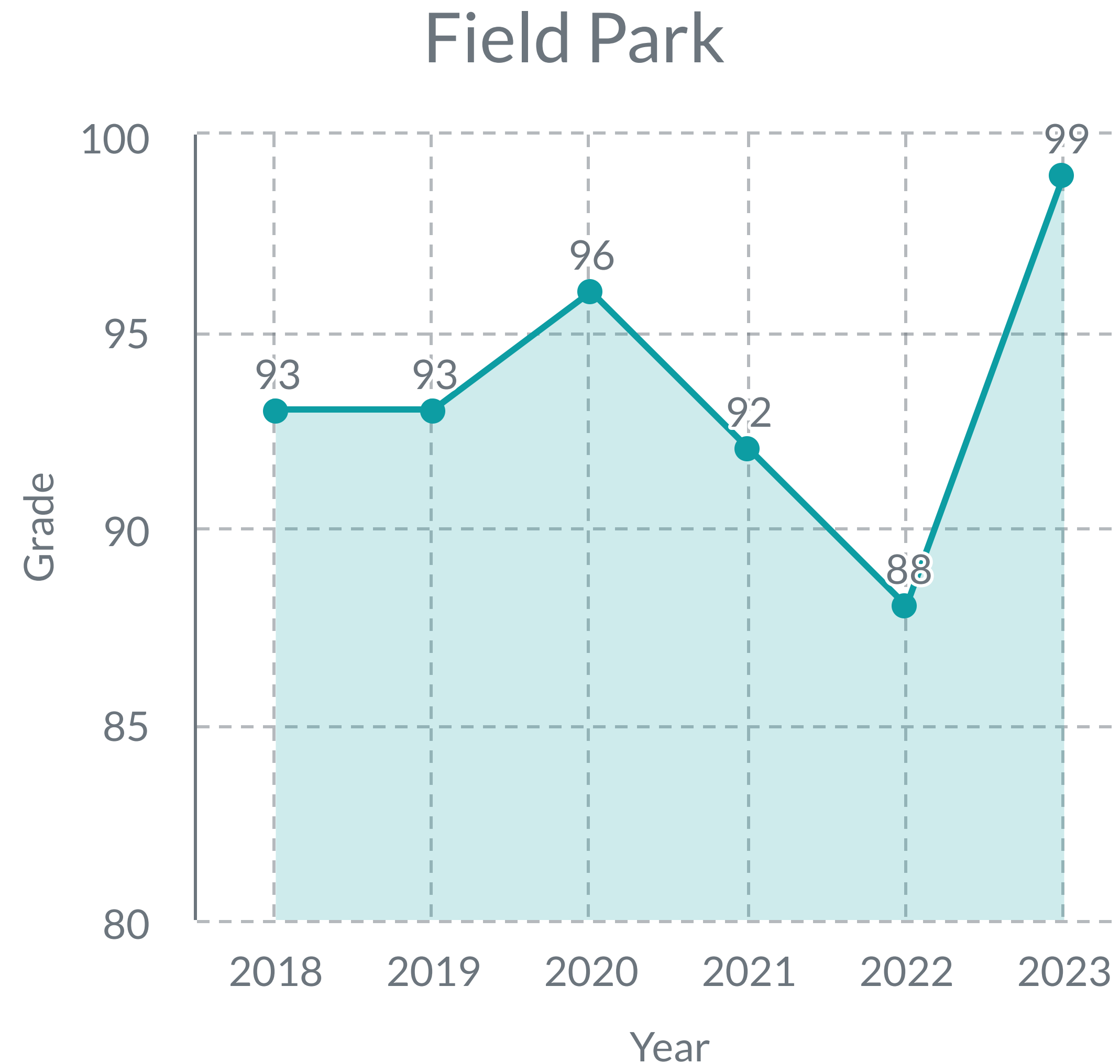
- Weeds
- Edges eroding

#### What does the data say?

- Euclid Square decreased slightly from 99 to 98 due to minor landscaping issues around the playground.



Major Issues  
**None**



Minor Issues

**Athletic Spaces:**

- Turf spots worn bare

**Path and Sidewalks:**

- Fencing damage

**Sitting areas:**

- Litter

**What does the data say?**

- Field Park is up 11% (88 to 99) driven by increases in greenspace (66 to 100) and sitting areas (77 to 97).

# PARKS SCORES

## Major Issues

### **Paths and Sidewalks**

- Cracks and weeds

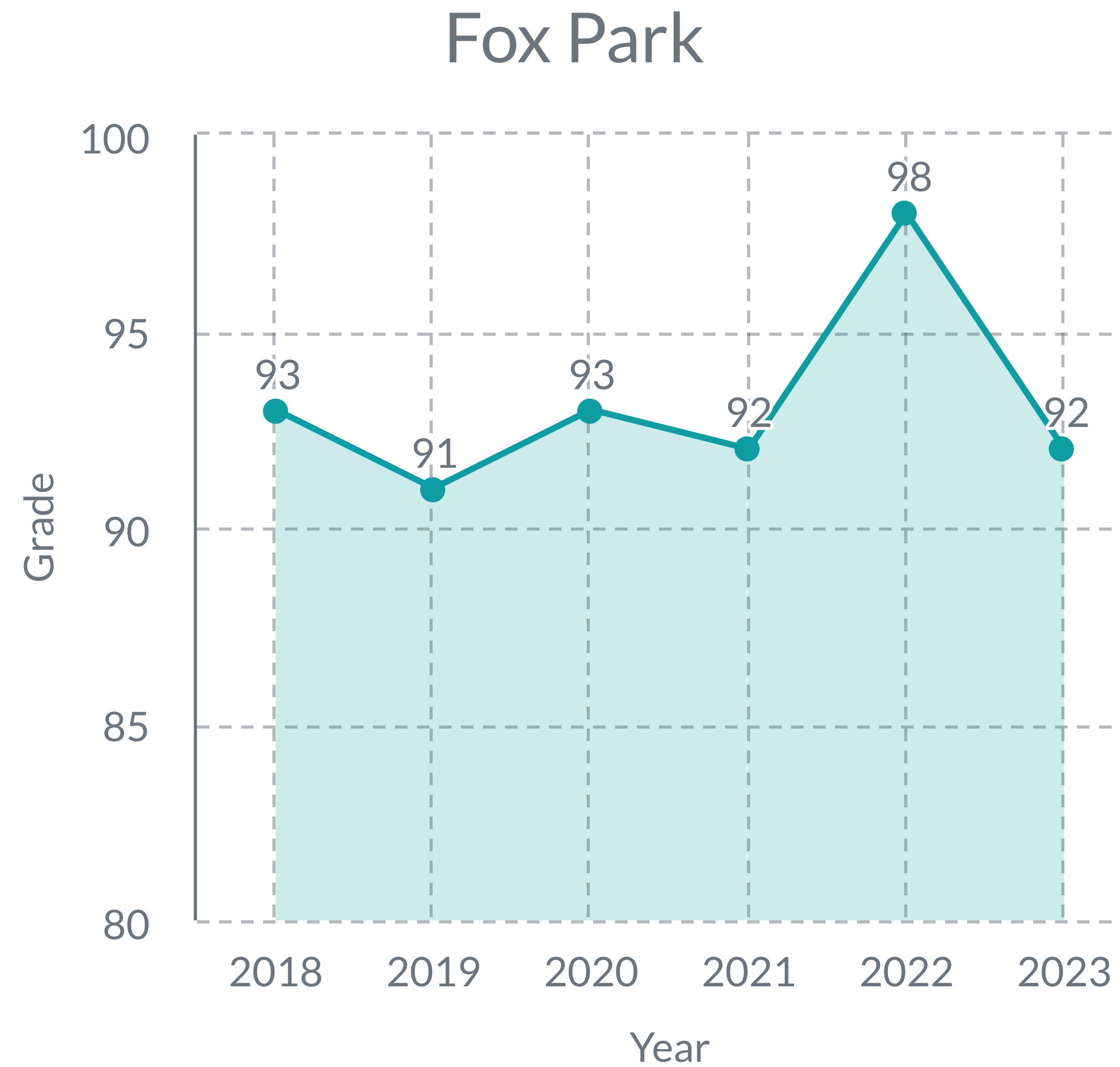
## Minor Issues

### **Athletic Spaces:**

- Worn patches on turf

### **Playground:**

- Bird droppings



### **What does the data say?**

- Fox Park is down 6% mainly due to a prevalent amount of cracks and weeds found in the paths and sidewalks.



# PARKS SCORES

## Major Issues

### **Sitting Area**

- Litter from previous event at time of park visit

## Minor Issues

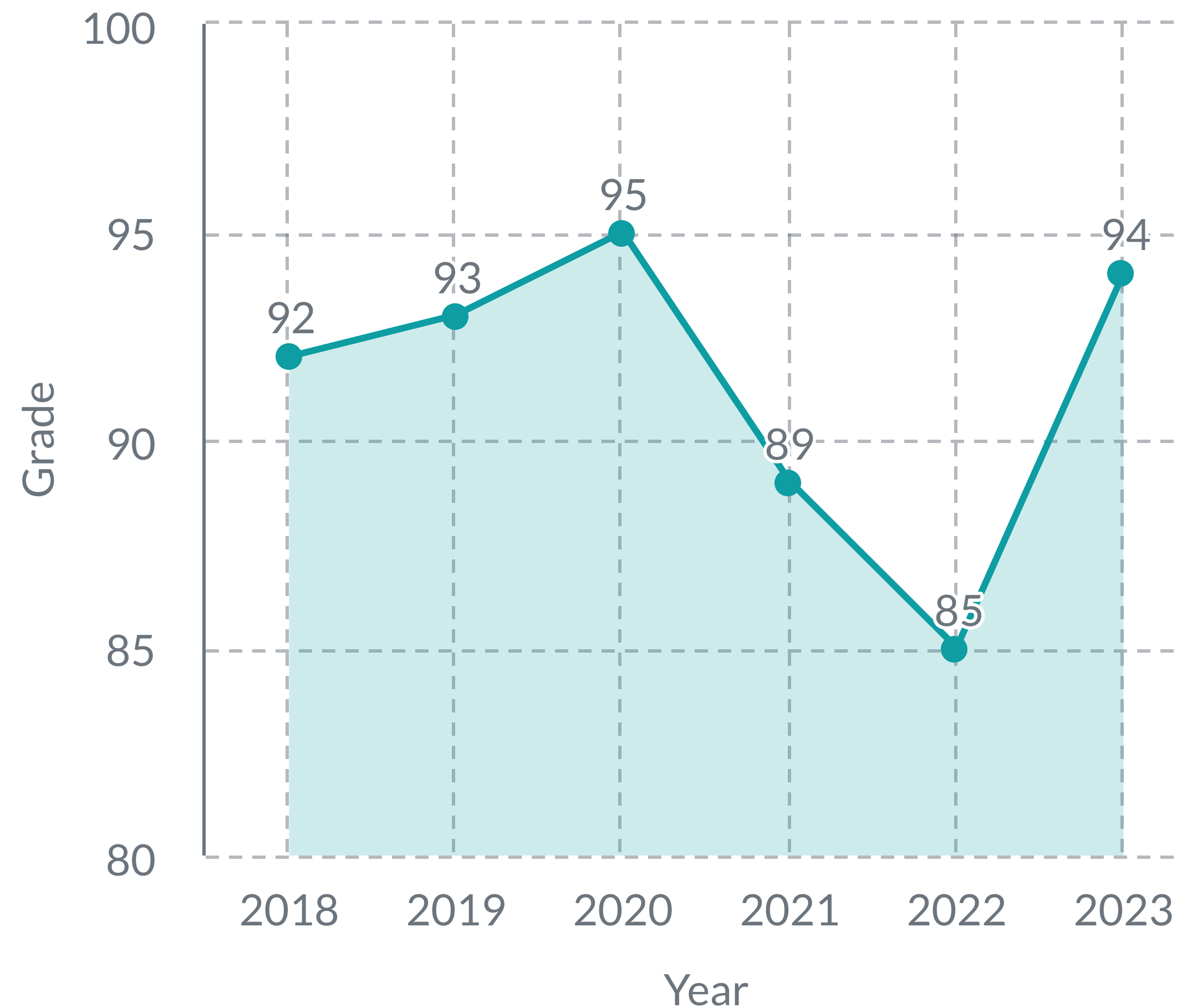
### **Paths and Sidewalks:**

- Weeds

### **Bathroom:**

- Missing restroom sign

## Lindberg Park



### **What does the data say?**

- Lindberg Park is up 9% (85 to 94) driven by an increase in Path and Sidewalks (60 to 91).

# PARKS SCORES

## Major Issues

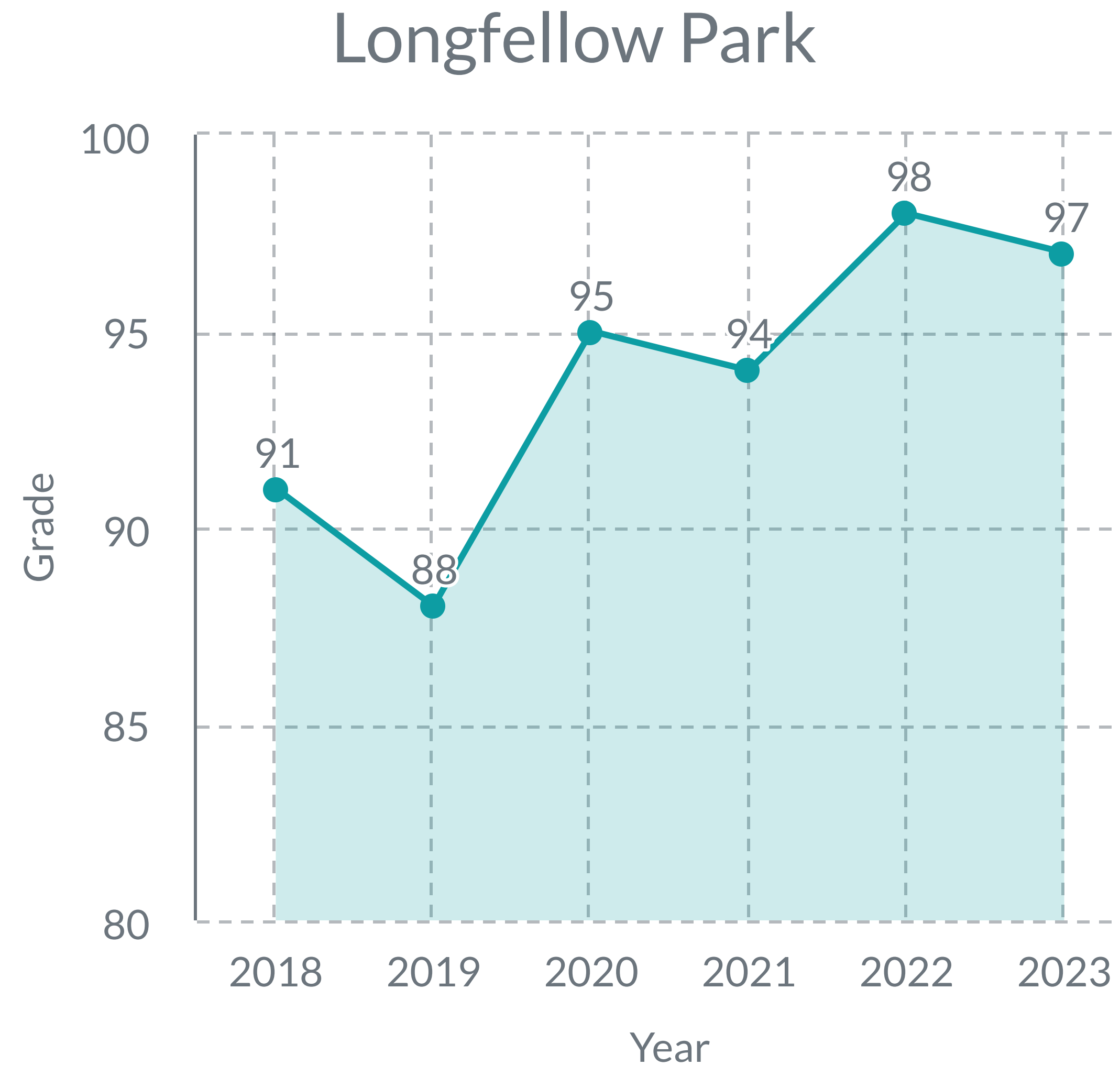
### Playground:

- Empty tree pit

## Minor Issues

### Playground:

- Weeds



### What does the data say?

- Longfellow Park is down slightly (98 to 97) due to a drop in the playground score (98 to 92).



# PARKS SCORES

## Major Issues

### **Bathroom:**

- Rust and exposed metal
- Litter

### **Playgrounds:**

- Litter

### **Greenspace:**

- Cracked concrete
- Rust on fencing
- Missing hardware
- Empty Plant Bed
- Weeds

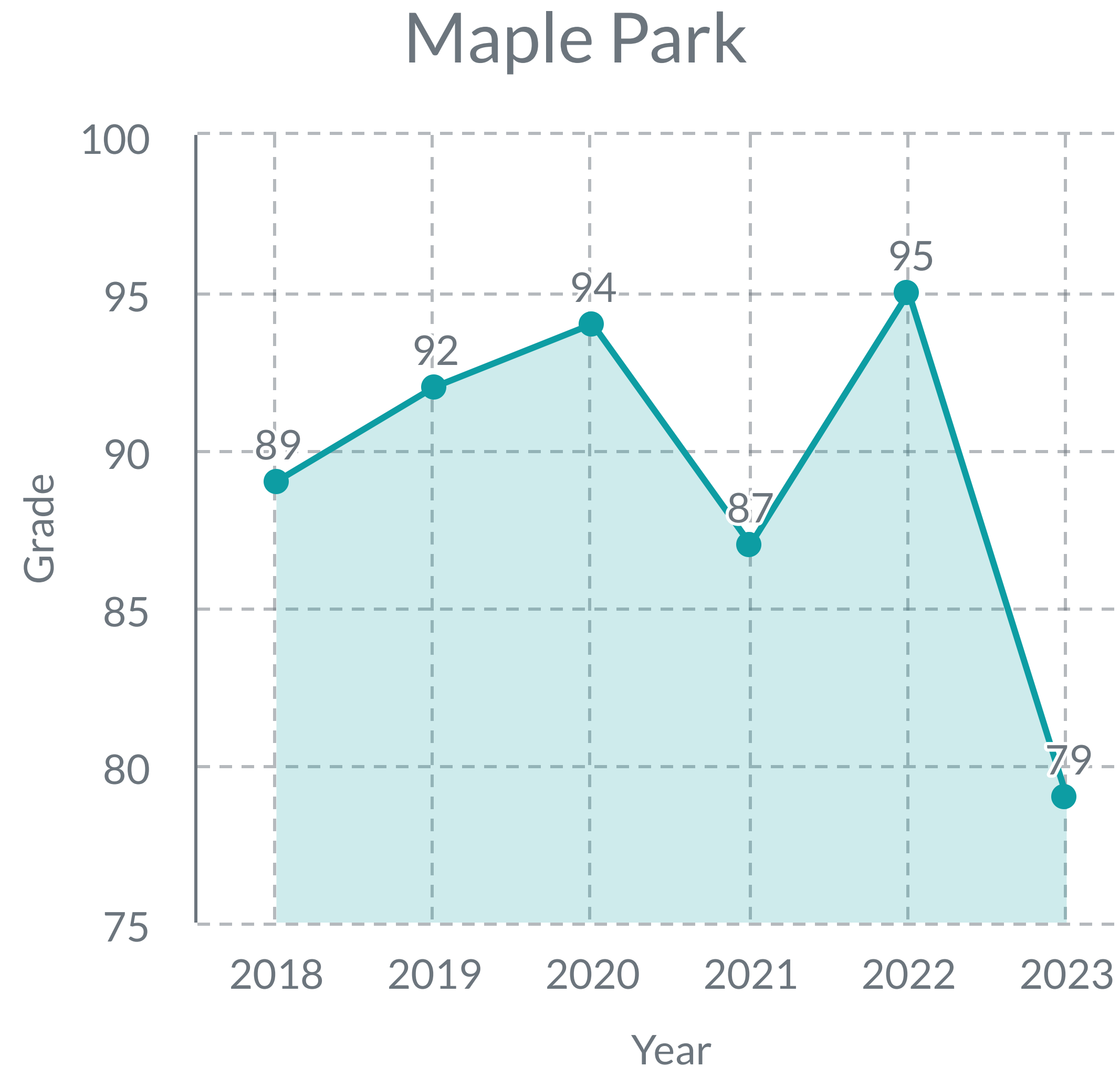
### **Paths and Sidewalks**

- Cracks in surface
- Litter

## Minor Issues

### **Athletic Space**

- Bent bleachers



### **What does the data say?**

- Maple Park is down to 79 due to low scores in the bathroom (73), gree space (50), paths and sidewalks (75), and playground (69).

# PARKS SCORES

## Major Issues

### **Greenspaces:**

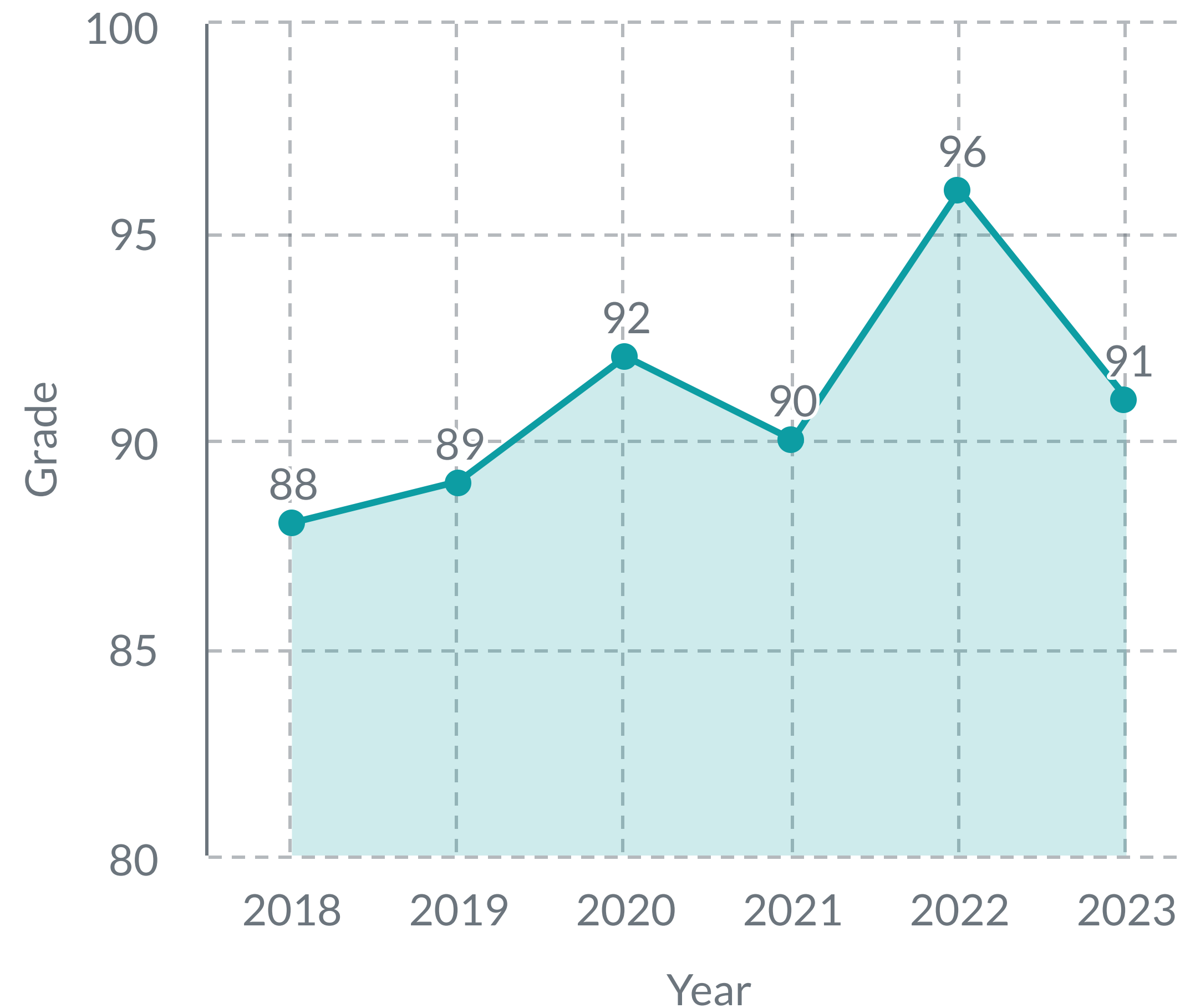
- Rust on fence
- Empty plant bed

## Minor Issues

### **Greenspaces:**

- Weeds

## Mills Park



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

### **What does the data say?**

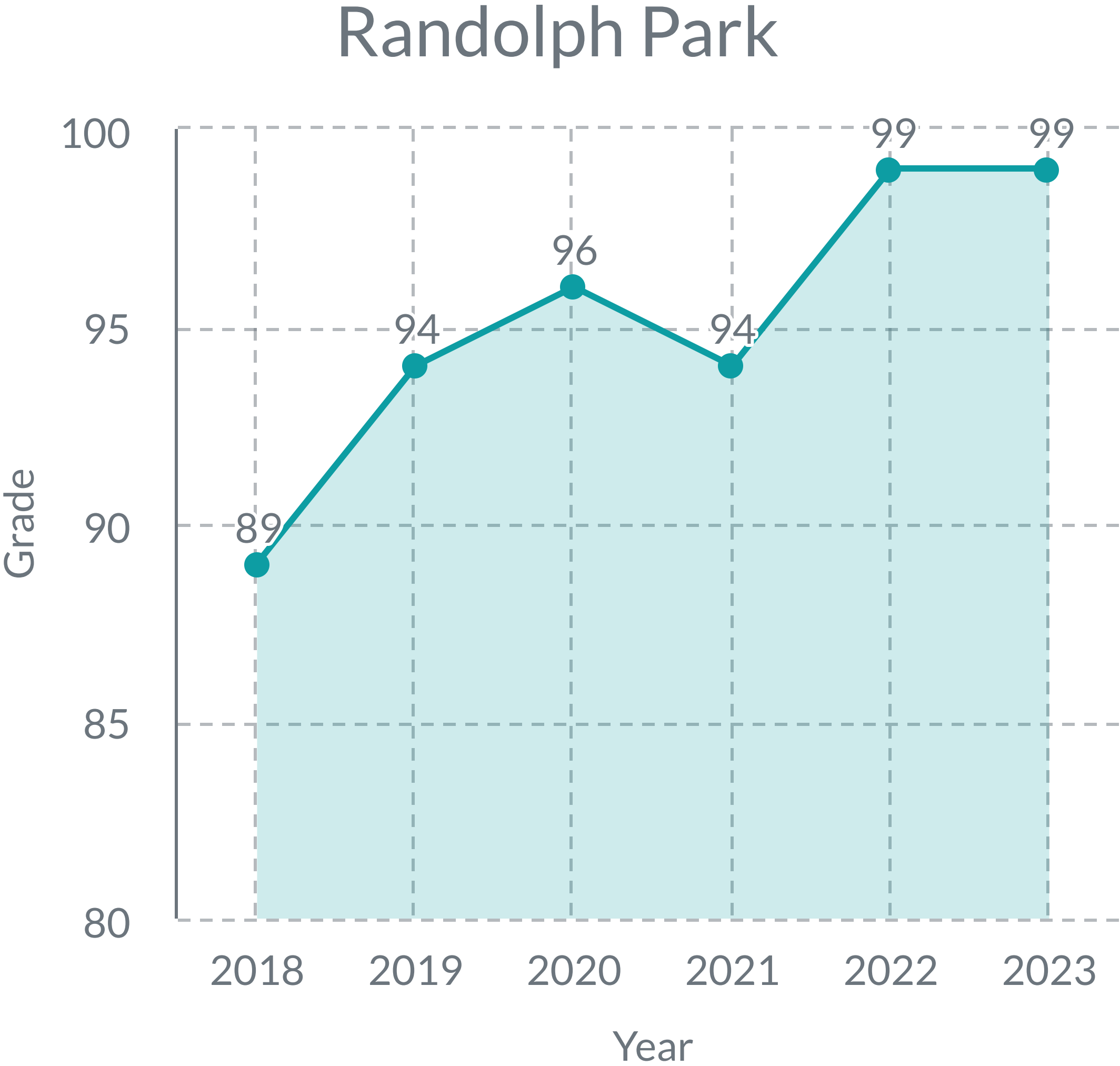
- Mills Park is down 5% due to a drop in greenspaces (92 to 86).



**PARKS  
SCORES**

Major Issues  
None

Minor Issues  
**Paths and sidewalks:**  
• Weeds

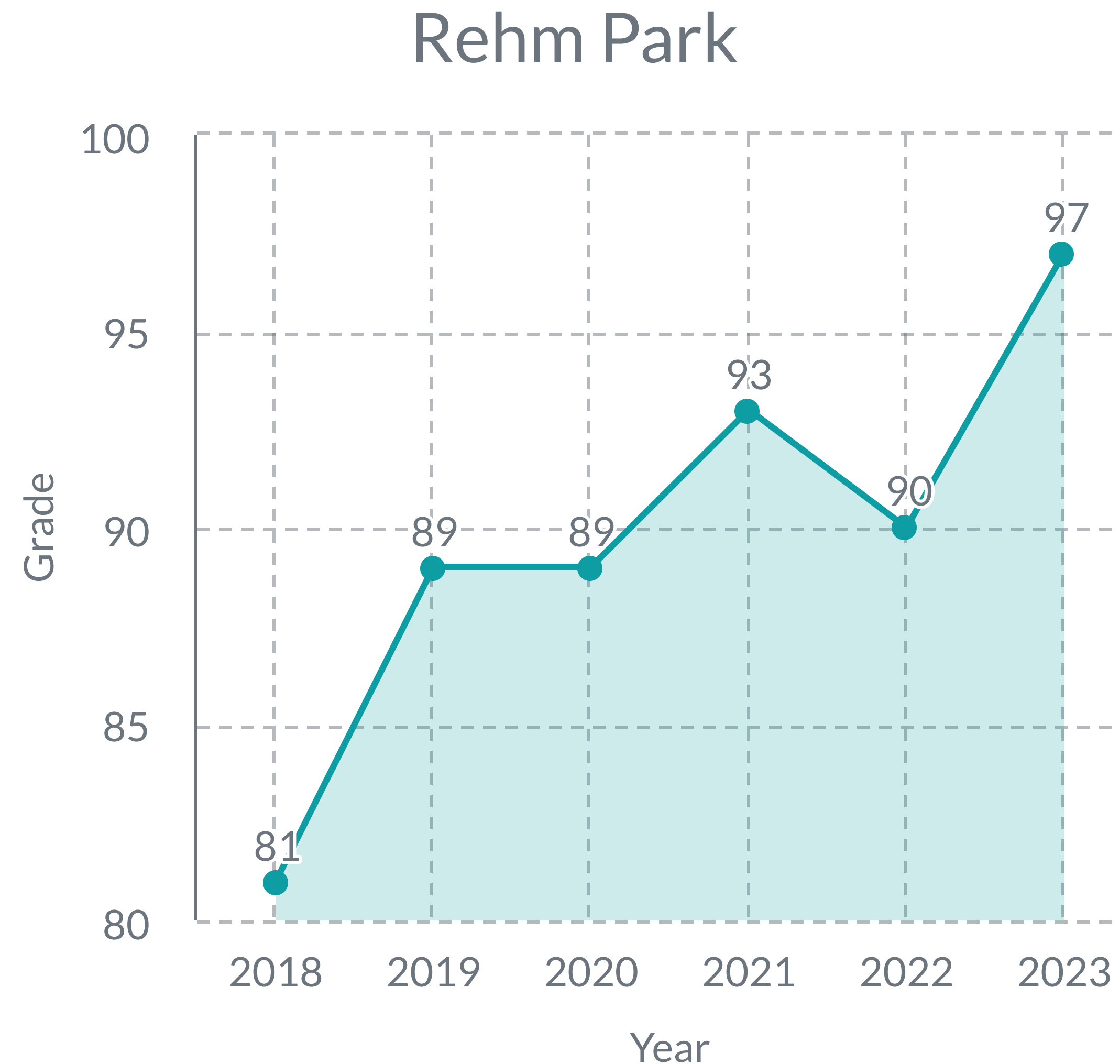


**What does the data say?**  
• Randolph Park remains at a 99.

# PARKS SCORES

Major Issues  
None

Minor Issues  
**Playgrounds:**  
• Weeds



## What does the data say?

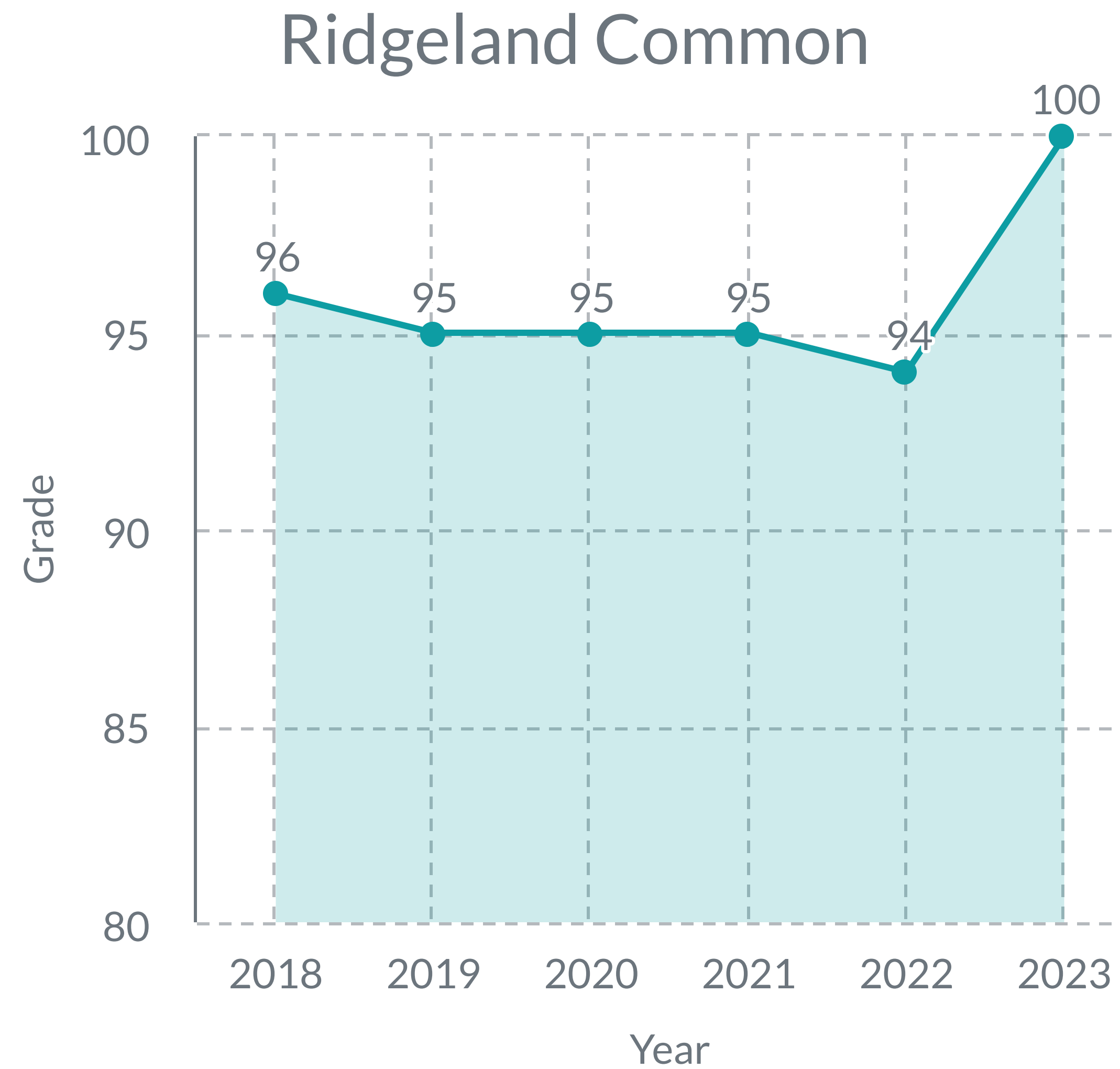
- Rehm Park is up to a 97. The only minor issue found was weeds by the playground. Issues from last year (vandalism, a dead tree) have been addressed.



# PARKS SCORES

Major Issues  
None

Minor Issues  
None

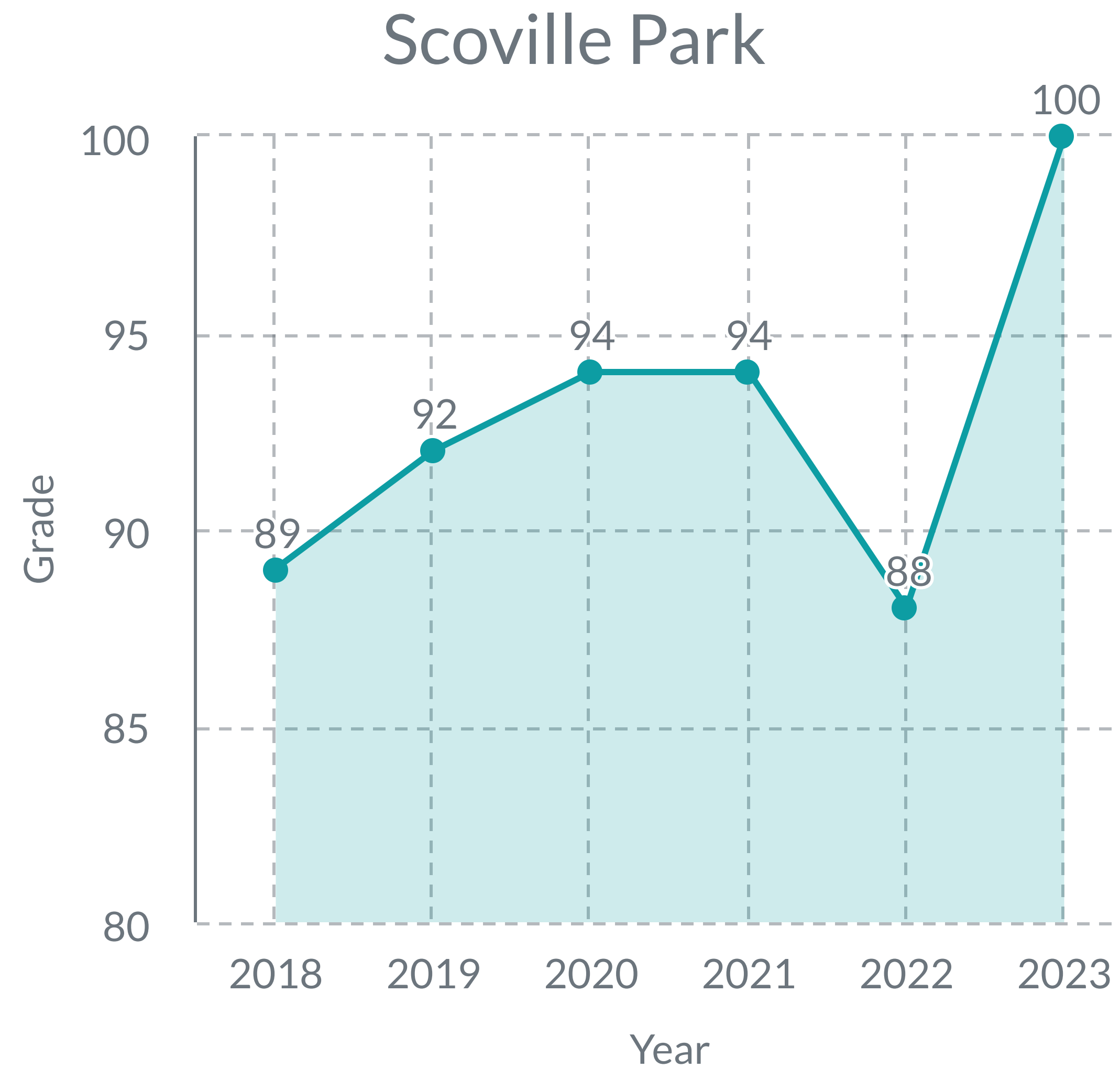


## What does the data say?

- No issues to report were found at Ridgeland Common.

# PARKS SCORES

Major Issues  
None



Minor Issues  
**Path and Sidewalks:**  
• Minor vandalism on bench

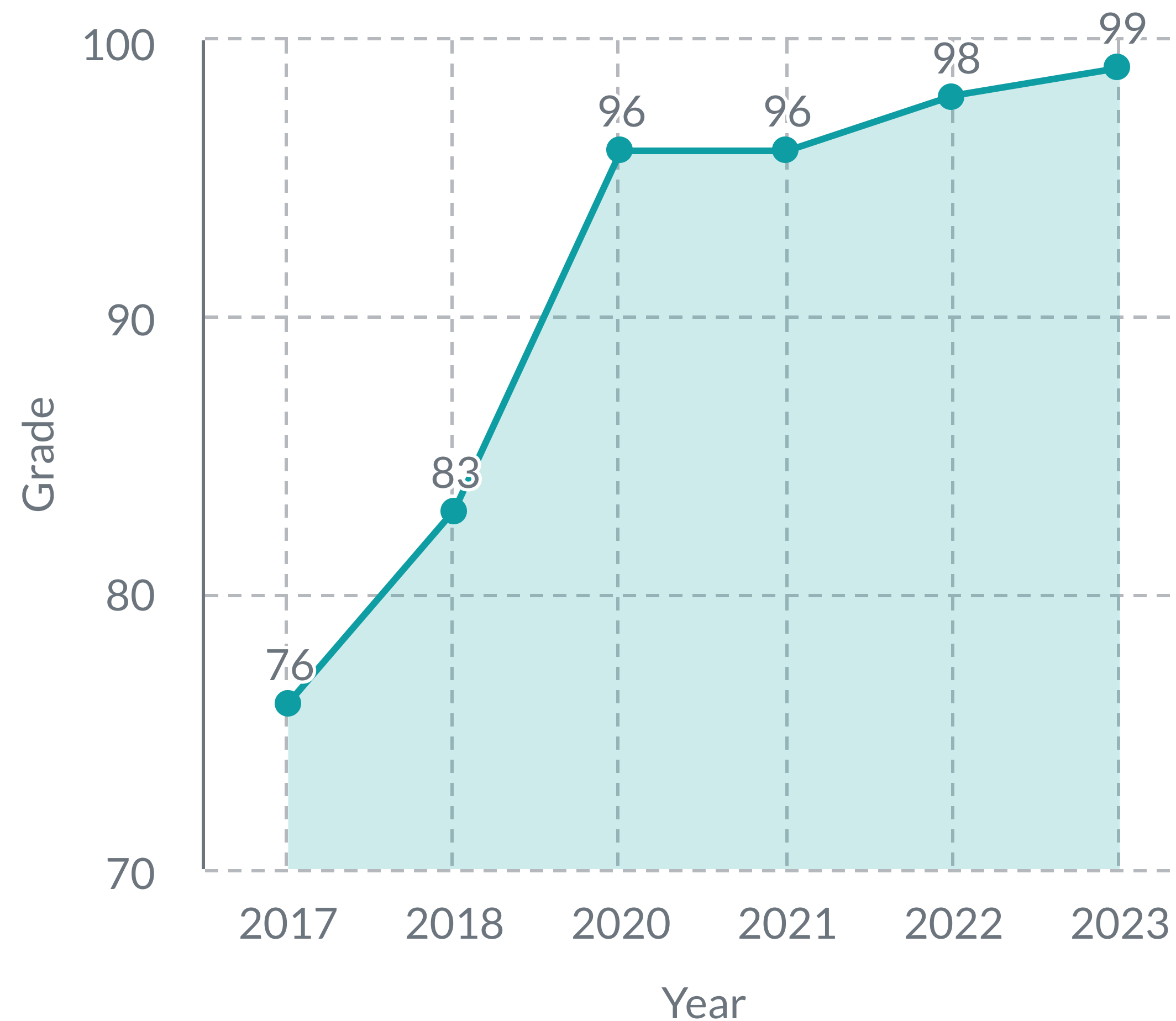
## What does the data say?

- Scoville Park is up 12% , driven primarily by an increase in Paths and Sidewalks (65 to 97).

# PARKS SCORES

Major Issues  
None

## Stevenson Park



Minor Issues

### Athletic Spaces:

- Damaged lockers
- Paint lines fading

### Playground:

- Minor vandalism

### Path and Sidewalks:

- Concrete deterioration on sidewalk

*\*Stevenson Park was under construction in 2019\**

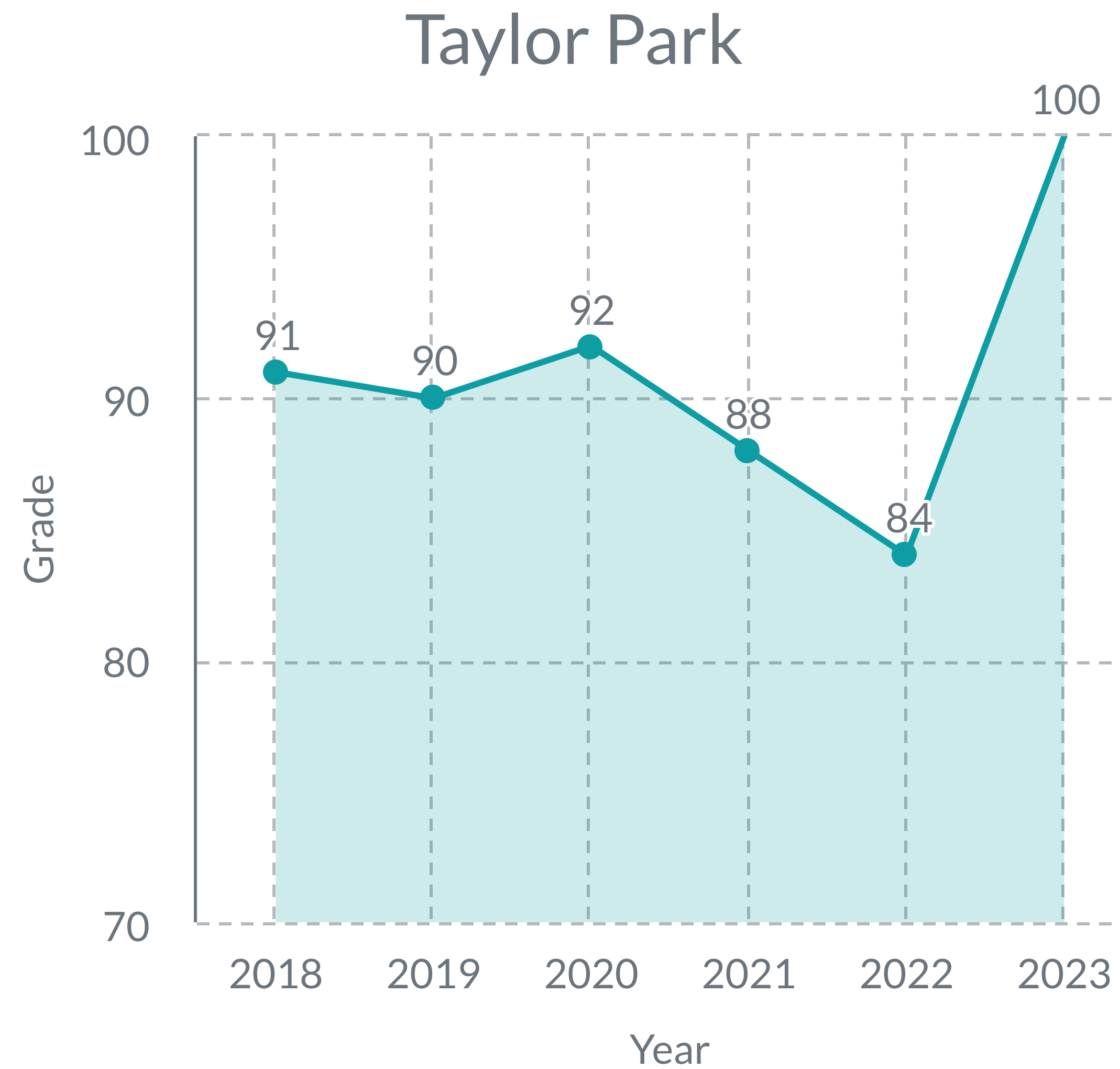
### What does the data say?

- Stevenson Park is up 1% (98 to 99).



# PARKS SCORES

Major Issues  
None



Minor Issues

**Drinking fountain:**

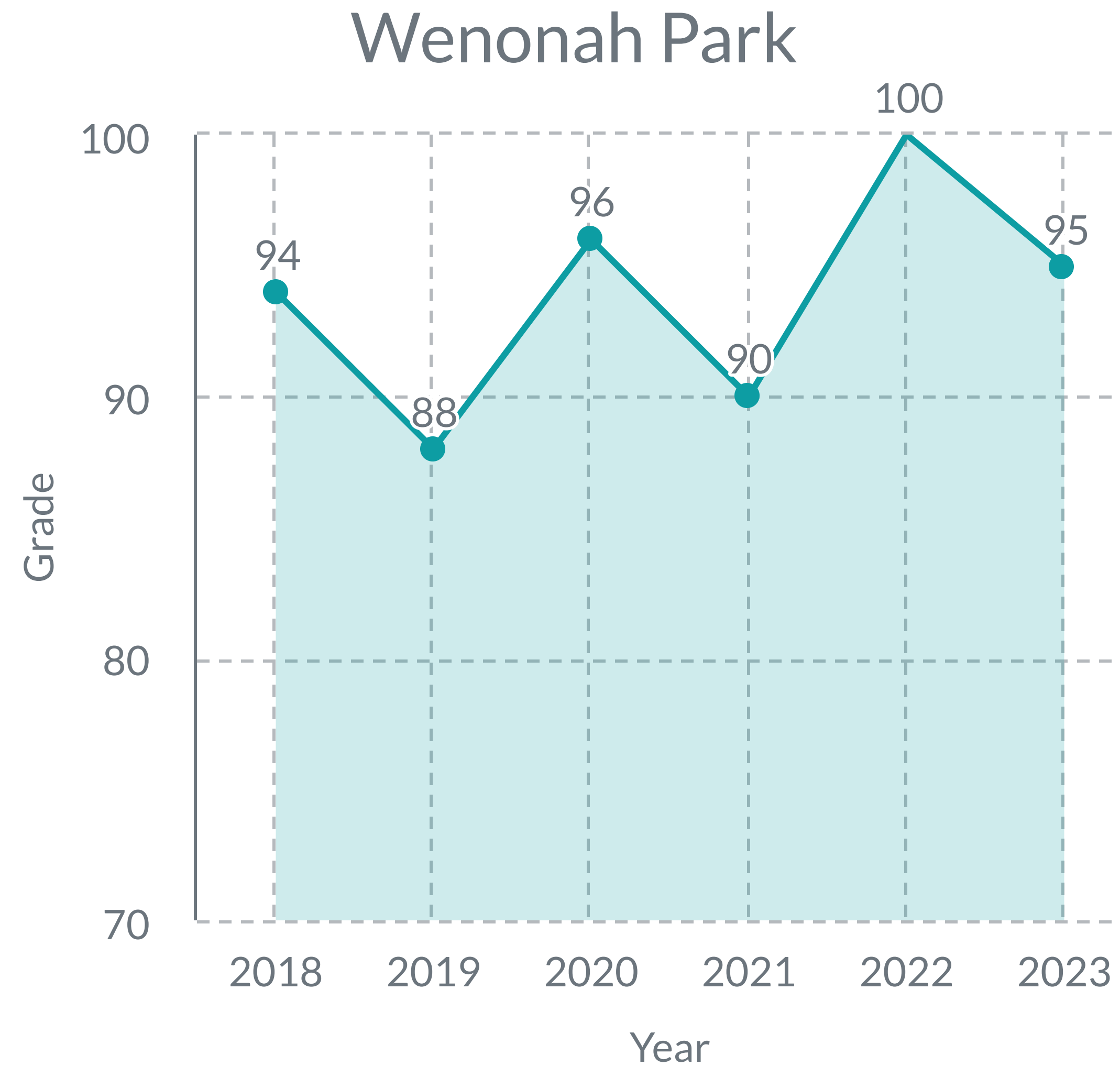
- Low water pressure

## What does the data say?

- Taylor Park is up 16% , driven by an increase in Paths and Sidewalks (49 to 98) and Playgrounds (79 to 97).

# PARKS SCORES

Major Issues  
None



Minor Issues  
**Playgrounds:**

- Weeds
- Worn spots in surface

*\*Wenonah Park was under construction in 2019\**

## What does the data say?

- Wenonah Park is down 5% due to minor issues found at the playground.