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Hawthorn Woods poised to finish road projects

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Hawthorn Woods will likely spend an estimated \$2.1 million to complete the seventh and final year of its special service area road project.

Sections of more than 30 streets will be completed with heater scarification and surface course with concrete ribbon.

Using heater scarification, "existing road surface is heated, scarified, re-leveled and rolled to create a subsurface after which a new two-inch surface course of asphalt is applied to give the same finished look as all the other refinished streets in town have," said Jim Maiworm, public works director.

There are three area companies capable of completing this type of

process, with Thornton-based Gallagher Asphalt Corporation being the most prominent. The process has been used for 20 years south of Illinois Route 88 and in the Milwaukee area, Maiworm said.

The life expectancy of the roads is 12-15 years and it has already been confirmed that the roads qualify for this type of resurfacing process, Maiworm added.

Village Engineer Lee Fell estimated the project cost at about \$2.1 million, but the village won't know the exact cost until it puts the project out for bid. The village has a little more than \$1.6 million left in the SSA fund. Bids will open March 5.

"This is the best process to do what we need to get done," said Trustee Greg Gehrke.