



Hawthorne Drive/ Sprucewood Lane/ Lake Shore Drive Improvement Project

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This document provides responses to the frequently asked questions pertaining the proposed improvements for Hawthorne Drive, Sprucewood Lane and Lake Shore Drive as part of the Phase I Engineering Study. A public meeting was held to inform the public, including the project schedule, existing conditions and the proposed improvement plans. Project information is also posted on the project page on the Village website. The proposed improvement includes a reconstructed roadway pavement with one 12-foot lane in each direction, concrete barrier curb and gutter, 4-foot sidewalk, storm sewer, and drainage swales (where needed). In several areas of the project the sidewalk is directly behind the curb to fit the sidewalk within the roadway right-of-way and maintain existing drainage patterns. There are five drainage outfalls to Lake Linden that will be replaced as the existing infrastructure is at the end of its useful life. Two outfalls are within Linden’s Landing Beach and three outfalls are within existing drainage easements between residential properties. Also included with this project is the replacement of driveways to the roadway right-of-way. There are currently 12 driveways that will require a temporary construction easement to re-grade the driveway onto private property, which is predominantly due to steep existing driveway/front yard grades. One permanent easement is required within Linden’s Landing & Beach to relocate the existing drainage outfall away from the existing beach.

Project information can be found on the Village website at:

<https://www.lindenhurstil.org/egov/apps/document/center.egov?view=item;id=1665>

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1. Why is the Village pursuing this project?

Hawthorne Drive, Sprucewood Lane and Lake Shore Drive are a part of the collector roadway network, which serve as main routes within this predominantly residential area of Lindenhurst. Roadways with this type of classification are eligible for federal funding. The Village will be applying for federal funding assistance for construction and construction engineering in early 2020. In order to position this project for success within the federal funding award process, the Village has funded Phase I (Preliminary Engineering), Phase II Engineering (Construction Plans & Specifications), and land acquisition.

The purpose and need for this project is to reconstruct the roadway pavement, which is in poor condition, and make minor roadway geometric and drainage improvements, as well as provide for accommodations for pedestrians to connect to existing sidewalks, paths and parks.

2. Will drainage issues along Longmeadow Drive be addressed with this project?

No. The drainage issues along Longmeadow Drive south of Sprucewood Lane are not being addressed with this project. A new storm sewer system will be constructed along Hawthorne Drive, Sprucewood Lane and Lake Shore Drive. The current drainage issues at the Longmeadow Drive and Sprucewood Lane intersection will be addressed with this project.

3. What is being done about driveway culverts?

Most of the driveway culverts are being removed with this project and storm sewer inlets provided in existing ditches, which connect to the new roadway storm sewer system.

4. Will this project make existing drainage issues worse?

Based on the engineering evaluation, this project should address known drainage issues along Hawthorne Drive, Sprucewood Lane and Lake Shore Drive. A new roadway storm sewer system is provided along the entire improvement and is sized accordingly to current design standards and rainfall data. Drainage outlets are being increased in size where the engineering analysis and modeling has indicated. Additionally, for properties that are adjacent to Lake Linden, which has steep driveways from Sprucewood Lane or Lake Shore Drive, a curb and gutter will be installed across the driveways to collect roadway stormwater runoff into the storm sewer system and minimize runoff down driveways.

5. What will happen to sump pump lines?

The sump pump lines will be connected to the roadway storm sewer system.

6. Will drainage patterns be changed?

No. This project is not proposing to change area drainage patterns.

7. Will there be a change to the roadway profile and alignment?

Yes. There will be slight changes to the roadway profile to assure proper drainage. The horizontal alignment will be modified to fit the proposed improvement within the Village roadway right-of-way. Additionally, the existing roadway alignment does not meet current design standards and will be brought up to current federal/state design standards.



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8. Why are sidewalks included with this project?

This project is following federal and state project development procedures to make it eligible for federal funding. As such, federal and state design standards must be followed, which requires that accommodations for all transportation users be provided. The Village has decided that sidewalks along both sides of the roadway, which is consistent with the 2016 Beck Road improvement project, to provide pedestrian accessibility on both sides of the roadway. The Village was able to provide sidewalks on both sides of the roadway without permanent acquisition of private property. The sidewalks will connect to the new multi-use path being constructed along the north side of Grand Avenue, the path within John Janega Memorial Park, Linden's Landing & Beach, Beck Basin Park, and sidewalks along Beck Road that provide connection to area Forest Preserves. Bicycle accommodations are provided on-street due to the low volume of vehicles using Hawthorne Drive, Sprucewood Land and Lake Shore Drive.

9. What will be the Villages requirement for sidewalk maintenance?

The Village owns and maintains the sidewalks. Regarding snow removal, the Village does not have an ordinance requiring the adjacent property owners to clear snow from the sidewalks.

10. What will be done with driveways with this project?

Driveways will be replaced up to the right-of-way with this project. There are 12 driveways that have proposed temporary construction easements to adjust the grading of the driveway beyond the right-of-way to interface with the new roadway. The area between the new curb and sidewalk will be concrete and the area beyond the sidewalk will be the current driveway material, either asphalt or concrete. There will be no cost to the homeowners for driveway replacement associated with this project. If you have a driveway of another material, it will be replaced up to the sidewalk.

11. Will driveways be maintained during construction?

Yes. Driveways will be maintained during construction. However, there will be a short period when the concrete curb is being poured that the driveway will be closed. The Village and their construction engineer will work with the contractor and residents during construction.

12. What will happen to mail boxes during and after construction?

Mail service will be maintained during construction and specific methodology of maintaining will be determined by the Village during Phase II Engineering. The existing mail boxes will be removed, stored, and reinstated when the roadway work is complete. The project will be broken up into various stages (i.e. roadway sections) and only the mail boxes affected within that stage will be removed, stored and reinstated, and then the contractor will move onto the next construction stage. There will be no cost to the homeowner to reinstate their mail box.

13. Will lighting be included with the project?

No. The existing roadway lighting mounted on the utility poles will remain with the proposed improvement.



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14. How will on-street parking be handled?

On-street parking will not be permitted along Hawthorne Drive, Sprucewood Lane and Lake Shore Drive. This project is following federal project development procedures, and as such must follow federal and state design standards. In order to have on-street parking along a collector classification roadway (which Hawthorne Drive, Sprucewood Lane and Lake Shore Drive are), a 7-foot parking area must be provided adjacent to the travel lane. The proposed roadway consists of two 12-foot travel lanes with curb and gutter.

15. What private property is required for the project?

No permanent right-of-way is required from private properties for this project. There is one permanent easement located on Linden's Landing & Beach property for relocation of two existing drainage outfall pipes to one new pipe at the west property line of the park; this is at the request of the Park District to move the two existing drainage outfalls away from the beach. There are 12 temporary construction easements to regrade driveways. The land acquisition will take place in the Spring/Summer 2020.

16. What will the impact of the project be on trees?

There are approximately 30 trees being removed with the roadway right-of-way; no trees will be removed on private property. Final tree removals will be finalized during Phase II Engineering.

17. What will the impact of this project be on property values?

There is no approved/certified methodology for assessing the impact of a roadway project on adjacent property values.

18. What is the project schedule?

Currently the Village has not identified construction funding for the project and will be applying for federal funding in early 2020. Depending on the outcome of obtaining federal funding, it will dictate how this project advances forward. If the project is funded, which will be known in October 2020, construction would start in early 2021.