

## Hubbard County Geologic Atlas (Part A and Part B)

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### Minnesota's Central Sand Region County Geologic Atlases, Hubbard Co. Example



### **CENTRAL SANDS REGION**

- Headwaters of the Mississippi River
- Many lakes, some very deep
- Abundant sand at surface and shallow depths
- Groundwater connection to lakes and streams

## County Geologic Atlas (CGA)

• Geology (Part A)



#### **Geology Atlas Part A**

Plate 1, Data-Base Map Plate 2, Bedrock Geology Plate 3, Surficial Geology Plate 4, Quaternary Stratigraphy and Sand Distribution Models

Plate 5, Bedrock Topography, Depth to Bedrock

### Groundwater (Part B)



## Road Maps

### **Road Map shows:**

- Roads
- Lakes and Rivers
- Cities
- Parks



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## Geologic Maps (CGA Part A)

- Geologic Maps Show:
  - Roads
  - Lakes and Rivers
  - Rocks or Sediments



**Hubbard County Surficial Geology** 

(sediment immediately below topsoil)

5 miles

## **Geologic Resources**





- Geology is the "container"
- It holds all our natural resources including: minerals, aggregate, and water
- Maps show the distribution of rocks, sediment, and resources.
- This distribution allows us to predict where to find, plan how to use, and protect groundwater and surface water.

## Geologic Atlas Part A Progress



- 52 counties have complete Part A (maroon)
- 27 counties in progress (gold)
- 8 counties have not started (white)
- 23 counties supported all or in part by Clean Water Funds (shown with white labels)

Status as of 5/17/24 Minnesota counties are labeled Tribal government boundaries (blue outlines)

## Central Sands Surficial Geology (Shallow Sediment)



#### **Upper Mississippi/Central Sands Region**







#### Geologic mapping is used for the Groundwater Atlas



# Groundwater Atlas of Hubbard County (Part B): DNR



### Report

- Hydrogeology and Groundwater Flow
- Water Chemistry
- Groundwater Pollution Sensitivity
- Groundwater Use

### **3** Plates

- Water Chemistry
- Hydrogeologic Cross Sections

### **Electronic Files**

- Report and Plates
- GIS files

### Groundwater Flow - Water Table Elevation



1 0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 KILOMETERS

## Water Chemistry

- General Chemistry:
  - Introduced by humans (e.g. Chloride and Nitrate)
  - Naturally-sourced (e.g. Arsenic and Manganese)
- Surface Water Connections

Time since the water was at the surface (residence time)



### Near-surface pollution sensitivity (Upper 10 feet of subsurface)



## Buried sand aquifer pollution sensitivity (10 figures)



Figure 21. Pollution sensitivity of the hsi2 aquifer and groundwater flow directions

Figure 27. Pollution sensitivity of the mls aquifer and groundwater flow directions

## Hydrogeologic Cross-Sections



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### County Geologic Atlas (CGA) Part B Status







## Thank You! Questions?

https://cse.umn.edu/mgs/county-geologic-atlas mndnr.gov/groundwatermapping