



**EXPLANATION**

**Artificial fill**  
 Chiefly along highways and railroad embankments  
 Qaf

**Alluvium**  
 Sand, silt, and fine gravel. Includes flood plains of Assabet River, Fort Pond Brook, and Nashoba Brook in Maynard quadrangle, and local accumulations of colluvial wash. Unappreciated in Hudson quadrangle.  
 Qal

**Swamps**  
 Mostly sand and silt, some peat. Deposited probably in part by late glacial meltwaters.  
 Qs

**Sand and gravel**  
 Chiefly deposits of fine gravel, sand, and silt without distinctive morphology. Interpretation includes thin late glacial deposits in ice-block areas and some low unconformated sand terraces above swamp levels. Lake-bottom deposits are included in the Lake Sudbury area.  
 Qsg

**Outwash terraces**  
 Terraces formed by stream entrenchment of valley trains.  
 Qot

**Valley trains**  
 Late glacial sands and fine gravels confined by valley walls.  
 Qvt

**Kame terraces**  
 Sands and gravels, commonly well stratified, deposited by melt water between stagnant ice masses and uplands or valley walls; characterized by upwind ice-contact slopes.  
 Qkt

**Kames and kame fields**  
 Irregular mounds or hillocks of mixed sands and gravels, commonly poorly sorted, enclosed by ice-contact slopes. Commonly display collapse structures. Groups of several closely spaced or interjoining kames are called kame fields.  
 Qkd

**Kame deltas**  
 Deposited in temporary ice impounded lakes or lakelets. Possess headward ice-contact slopes. Commonly contain well-sorted gravelly top-set beds and sandy foreset beds. In Lake Sudbury area kame deltas were not all formed contemporarily but, rather, progressively from south to north.  
 Qkd

**Outwash plains**  
 Broad plains of well-stratified sand and gravel founded on the north by ice-contact slopes. Characterized by many swamps, ponds, and other closed depressions.  
 Qkp

**Kame plains**  
 Flat-topped deposits of well-stratified sands and gravels surrounded by ice-contact slopes.  
 Qke

**Ice-channel fillings**  
 Include saters and crosswells. Elongated ridges, chiefly of mixed sand and gravel, deposited in subglacial channels or in upper ice-contact channels. Characterized generally by stria stratification and extreme range of grain size. Commonly display collapse structures.  
 Qqm

**Ground moraine**  
 Broad, relatively thin accumulations of till characterized mostly by gentle, undulatory relief that reflects in a broad measure the shape of the underlying bedrock surface. Locality is hummocky. Composed of unsorted rock fragments of all sizes from minute particles to large boulders. Fragments mostly angular. Shifting indicates thin veneer of sand or gravel.  
 Qgm

**Drumlins**  
 Oval or elongated rounded hills of till. Similar in composition to ground moraine.  
 Qgd

**Bedrock outcrops**  
 Dashed where gradational or approximately located

**Geologic boundary**  
 Boundary separating two deposits of stratified drift of similar genesis but of slightly different age.  
 For example, a high-level kame terrace adjoining a lower level kame terrace

**Bearing of glacial striae on bedrock outcrops**  
 Point of arrow indicates place of observation

**Generalized directions of glacial melt-water drainage**

**Gaps or cols to which melt-water streams were graded**

**Quarry**  
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**Sand or gravel pit**  
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**Recent**  
 Chiefly proglacial

**Stratified drift**  
 Plateau zone

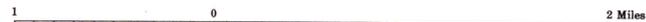
**Chiefly ice contact**  
 Unsorted drift

**QUATERNARY**

Base from U. S. Geological Survey maps of Hudson and Maynard quadrangles, Massachusetts

MAP SHOWING SURFICIAL GEOLOGY OF THE HUDSON AND MAYNARD QUADRANGLES, MASSACHUSETTS

Scale 1:31,680



Contour interval 10 feet  
Datum is mean sea level



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