



Geologic Map

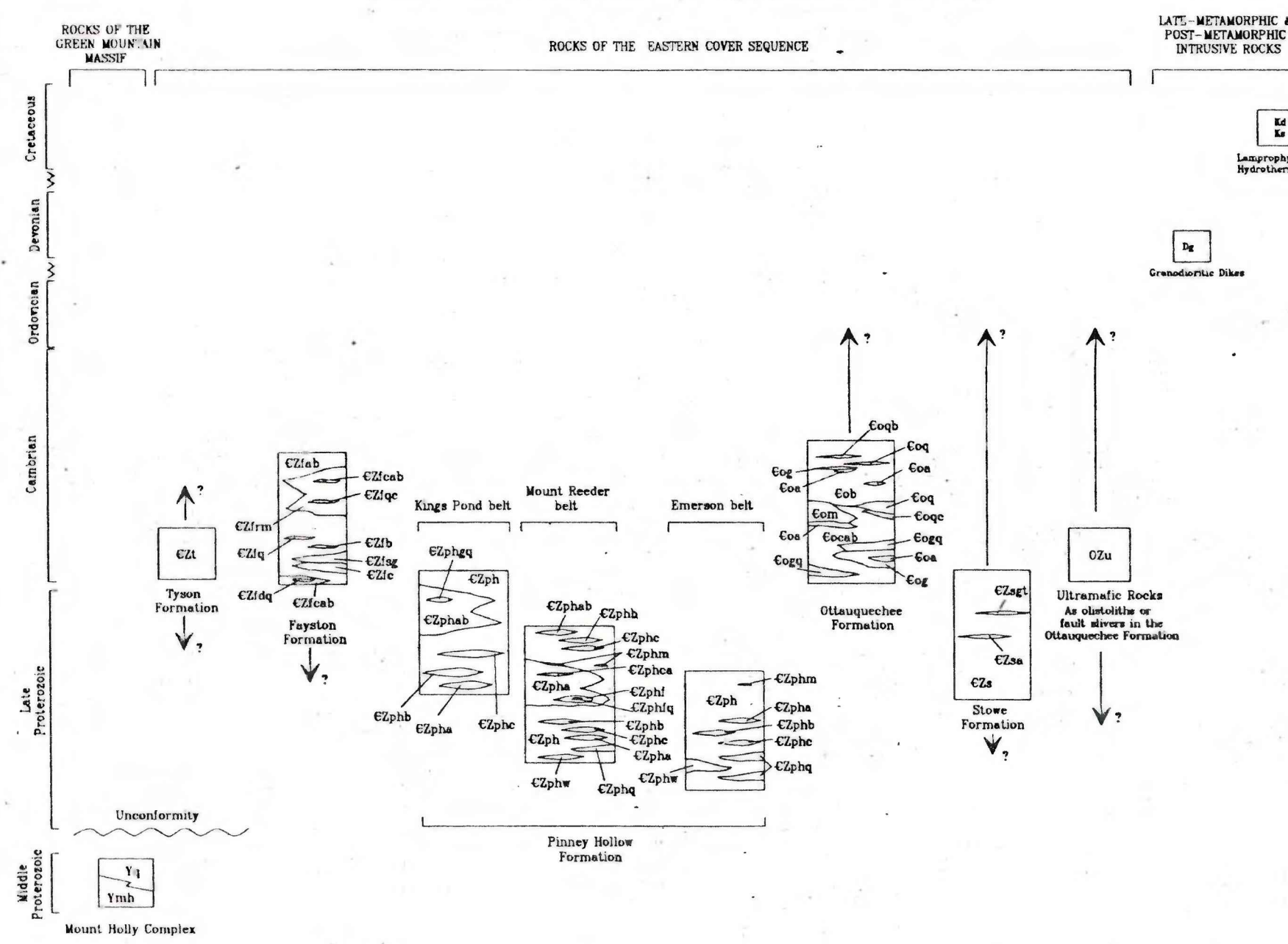
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Correlation of Map Units
Rochester Quadrangle, Vermont
(Vertical arrows indicate probable age range, queried where uncertain)



DESCRIPTION OF MAP UNITS
(Major minerals listed in order of increasing abundance)

LATE-METAMORPHIC AND POST-METAMORPHIC INTRUSIVE ROCKS

Kd Lamprophyre dikes (Cretaceous?) - Aphanitic, dark-gray to black lamprophyre dikes. Dikes range in thickness from 0.5 to 1.5 m and locally contain phenocrysts of biotite, amphibole, pyroxene, and olivine. Locally contains amygdaloids filled with dolomite or calcite. Generally, dikes intrude parallel to joint sets. Dikes are unfoliated but may be jointed. Dikes shown on the map with a strike and dip symbol.

Ss Sausserized country rock (Cretaceous?) - Rusty to tan, fine- to medium-grained, dolomite-quartz, muscovite and epidote (saussurite) schist. In this section muscovite is randomly oriented and has a boxwork structure, muscovite and epidote (saussurite) is ultra fine-grained in the groundmass and as vein fillings, quartz is recrystallized and cryptocrystalline locally. Rock is interpreted as hydrothermally altered carbonaceous albite schist of the Fayston formation (CZfab). Alteration zone is approximately 2 m wide and parallel to a joint set in CZfab. Crops out in Corporation Brook.

Dg Granodiorite at Liberty Hill (Devonian?) - Very light-gray, non-foliated to weakly-foliated, fine- to medium-grained, porphyritic, muscovite granodiorite to tonalitic. Phenocrysts (as much as 3 mm long) of plagioclase (albite-oligoclase) and quartz occur in a matrix of muscovite (5-10%), quartz (20-30%), and plagioclase (60-70%) with accessory calcite and apatite. Seven dikes were found in the north-central part of the map and range from less than 1 m thick in single outcrops to the approximately 150 m wide by 2300 m long dike on Liberty Hill. The six outcrop-scale dikes are shown on the map with a strike and dip symbol.

ROCKS OF THE EASTERN COVER SEQUENCE

Ultramafic Rocks
CZu Undifferentiated ultramafic rocks (Ordovician and Late Proterozoic) - Small ultramafic bodies of serpentinite and carbonate-talc schist or carbonate-talc schist. The larger bodies generally consist of serpentinite cores rimmed by carbonate-talc schist, tremolite-chlorite schist, greenschist, and a black wall of chlorite schist (blackwall). A massive, coarse-grained, weakly foliated, magnetite-talc gneiss to granulite crops out within a serpentinite body 1.3 km west of Stockbridge Village. All ultramafic rocks occur within the Ottauquechee Formation, or along the Stowe - Ottauquechee contact.

Ottawaquechee Formation
Cob Black phyllite (Cambrian) - Dark gray to black, rusty weathering, sulfidic, graphitic, chlorite-quartz-muscovite phyllite and fine-grained schist. Contains accessory albite. Locally contains thin laminations and vein-segregations of quartz, and 0.5- to 1-cm diameter pyrite molds. Contains thin interbedded quartzite and quartz schist, similar to Cogh and Cqg, but too small to show on map.

Cogh Black quartzite (Cambrian) - Dark blue-gray, gray, and black vitreous quartzite with white laminations and vein-segregations of quartz. As much as 10% of graphite in the rock imparts the dark color to the quartzite. Forms prominent ridges in less resistant Cob. Mapped quartzites range in thickness from 1 to 5 m.

Cqg Tan quartz schist and quartzite (Cambrian) - Light-gray to tan, rusty weathering, finely-laminated (<2 mm), sandy, muscovite-plagioclase-quartz schist, and tan vitreous to sandy quartzite. Locally the quartz schist contains laminations of graphitic phyllite. In the southern part of the map the quartz schist contains small (<5 mm) pebbles of plagioclase and blue-quartz (Cqg).

Cog Gray to gray-green feldspathic schist and gneiss (Cambrian) - Gray to gray-green, locally rusty-weathering, medium- to coarse-grained, chlorite-biotite-muscovite-plagioclase-quartz schist to gneiss. Locally contains thin (2 to 20 mm) coecule beds (indicated by "C" on map), 2 to 5 mm albite porphyroblasts, 2 to 5 mm biotite porphyroblasts, quartz-vein segregations, and thin black phyllite laminations. Locally contains thin quartz-rich schist to gneiss layers similar to Cogh. Contacts with Cob and Cqg may be sharp or gradational by intercalation.

Cogq Laminated gray-green quartz schist and feldspathic schist (Cambrian) - Gray-green to light-gray, coarsely- and discontinuously-laminated (<10 mm), gritty, plagioclase-quartz schist to chlorite-biotite-muscovite-plagioclase-quartz schist similar to Cog. Locally contains thin (2 to 20 mm) coecule beds (indicated by "C" on map). Contacts with Cog and Cqg are gradational by intercalation. Locally contains thin (1 to 2 cm) dark-gray quartzite beds near contacts with Cob. An excellent exposure is located on a ridge 150 m east of Route 100 at Tupper, under a transmission line.

Cocab Carbonaceous albite schist (Cambrian) - Tan to dark-gray, rusty weathering, carbonaceous, medium- to coarse-grained, chlorite-plagioclase-muscovite-quartz schist with thin (<0.5 m) gray, tan, and dark blue gray quartzite and tan muscovite-quartz schist. Locally contains white, gray, or black albite porphyroblasts as much as 5 mm in diameter. Contains interlayered gray, feldspathic, non-carbonaceous schist similar to Cog, and black phyllite similar to Cob. Overall distribution of graphite, albite porphyroblasts, and minor internal lithologies is heterogeneous. Excellent exposures on ridges north and south of Cold Brook.

Ccm Coarse-muscovite schist (Cambrian) - Silvery-green, coarse-grained, chlorite (15-25%), quartz (3-25%), muscovite (50-65%) schist characterized by coarse (as much as 7 mm in diameter) muscovite porphyroblasts. Locally contains coarse-grained, orange-brown chlorite pseudomorphs up to 7 mm long. Contains accessory albite, epidote, magnetite, and apatite. Locally contains thin (<10 cm) layers of greenschist. Associated with greenschist and ultramafic rocks within the carbonaceous albite schist (Cocab). Forms the prominent southern ridge of Mt. Lympus (in the adjacent Bethel Quadrangle) that extends into the Rochester Quadrangle 2.5 km north of Stockbridge Village.

Cob Greenstone (Cambrian) - Green to dark-green, quartz-epidote-plagioclase-chlorite greenschist. Locally contains actinolite and biotite. Weathered surfaces locally have a rusty, pitted texture due to the weathering of calcite. Thin, epidote-laminations (<1 mm) and -knots (<1 cm) along the foliation are common. Cob is in contact with Cob, Cog, Cogh, Cocab, and CZu rocks; contacts may be sharp or gradational by intercalation.

Tyson Formation

CZt Albite quartz granulites (Cambrian and Late Proterozoic) - Gray to gray-green, locally rusty weathering, biotite-chlorite-muscovite-quartz granulites. Locally contains small (<2 mm) pebbles of feldspar and blue quartz.

Stowe Formation

CZs

Silvery-green schist (Cambrian and Late Proterozoic) - Fine-grained, silvery-green plagioclase-chlorite-quartz-muscovite schist with abundant quartz-vein segregations to laminated plagioclase-chlorite-muscovite-quartz schist. Laminations consist of metamorphically segregated quartz-plagioclase and chlorite-muscovite layers. Locally contains biotite, garnet, and magnetite.

CZsg

Garnetiferous schist (Cambrian and Late Proterozoic) - Silvery-green to gray-green, plagioclase-chlorite-quartz-muscovite schist characterized by large (<1 cm) garnet porphyroblasts. Locally contains biotite and magnetite. The contact with CZs is gradational, marked by a decrease in size and abundance of garnet porphyroblasts into CZs. Crops out as a thin unit on the ridge east of Bartlett Brook in the southeast corner of the quadrangle.

CZsa

Greenstone (Cambrian and Late Proterozoic) - Green to dark-green biotite-quartz-chlorite-epidote-plagioclase greenschist; locally contains actinolite. Weathered surfaces locally have a rusty, pitted texture due to the weathering of calcite. CZsa is in contact with CZs, and contacts may be sharp or gradational by intercalation.

Fayston Formation

CZfab

Carbonaceous albite schist (Cambrian and Late Proterozoic) - Tan to dark-gray or black, rusty weathering, carbonaceous to graphitic, chlorite-plagioclase-quartz-muscovite schist with light-gray to black albite porphyroblasts as much as 4 mm in diameter. Locally contains thin (<20 cm) dark-gray to white or tan quartzite. Contains thin (<1 m) beds of tan, rusty weathering, laminated, dolomitic quartzite (CZfdq) on the south slope of Hedgehog Knoll. Contacts with CZfab and CZfm are gradational by intercalation.

CZfah

Gray-green albite schist (Cambrian and Late Proterozoic) - Gray-green, medium- to coarse-grained, chlorite-albite-quartz-muscovite schist with white to light-gray albite porphyroblasts as much as 5 mm in diameter and abundant quartz-knots and quartz-veins. Locally contains biotite and magnetite, and thin (<20 cm) light-gray to tan quartzite layers.

CZfb

Biotite granulites (Cambrian and Late Proterozoic) - Light-gray, medium- to coarse-grained, locally laminated, chlorite-muscovite-biotite-plagioclase-quartz granulites to gneiss. Crops out in Corporation Brook.

CZfg

Quartzite (Cambrian and Late Proterozoic) - White, tan, and light-gray, coarse-grained quartzite and light-gray, rusty weathering, muscovite quartzite with large (10 to 15 mm) muscovite porphyroblasts. Locally contains magnetite. Rock is similar to Yq, but contains no blue-quartz grains and is in contact with CZfab southeast of Corporation Brook. The contact with CZfab is sharp, not interbedded, but poorly exposed.

CZfm

Rusty muscovite-quartz schist (Cambrian and Late Proterozoic) - Rusty to rusty-gray, fine- to medium-grained, muscovite-quartz schist and chlorite-plagioclase-muscovite-quartz schist. Contains light-gray to rusty, muscovite-plagioclase-quartz granulites and muscovite quartzite with small (<5 mm) blue-quartz pebbles (CZfqg). Contacts with CZfab and CZfab are gradational by intercalation.

CZfh

Silvery-green schist (Cambrian and Late Proterozoic) - Silvery-green to light-green, lustrous, quartz-knotted, chlorite-quartz-sericite phyllite to fine grained schist, and silvery-gray to steel-gray, locally rusty weathering, quartz-chlorite-sericite phyllite. Locally contains magnetite and less commonly biotite and albite. Similar to CZph. In contact with CZfab; contacts are gradational by intercalation.

CZfc

Chloritoid schist (Cambrian and Late Proterozoic) - Gray to steel-gray, and light-gray to silvery-tan, quartz-knotted, chloritoid-chlorite-quartz-sericite schist. Small (<2 mm) porphyroblasts of chloritoid are visible in hand sample. Locally contains magnetite. Similar to CZph.

Pinney Hollow Formation

CZph

Silvery-green schist (Cambrian and Late Proterozoic) - Silvery-green to light-green, lustrous, quartz-knotted, chlorite-quartz-sericite phyllite to fine grained schist, and silvery-gray to steel-gray, locally rusty weathering, quartz-chlorite-sericite phyllite. Locally contains magnetite, and in fewer places, biotite and albite.

CZphc

Chloritoid schist (Cambrian and Late Proterozoic) - Gray to steel-gray, and light-gray to silvery-tan, quartz-knotted, chloritoid-chlorite-quartz-sericite schist. Small (<2 mm) porphyroblasts of chloritoid are visible in hand sample. Locally contains magnetite.

CZpha

Greenstone (Cambrian and Late Proterozoic) - Green to light-green, fine- to medium-grained, quartz-chlorite-epidote-albite greenschist to carbonate-muscovite-albite-quartz-chlorite schist. The greenschist may be massive to well-layered, and locally contains epidote laminations and knots. Greenstone grades by intercalation into the less-mafic schist. Weathered surfaces locally have a rusty, pitted texture due to the weathering of calcite. Locally contains randomly oriented muscovite porphyroblasts up to 3 mm in diameter. CZpha is in contact with CZph, CZphf, and CZphw; contacts may be sharp or gradational by intercalation. The unit is interpreted as a mafic volcanoclastic deposit. The unit locally contains thin layers of silvery-gray to cream, discontinuously laminated, chlorite-quartz-muscovite-calcite schist, where large enough this rock is mapped separately as CZpha.

CZphf

Metaschist at Austin Hill (Cambrian and Late Proterozoic) - White to pale-green, well-laminated to massive, medium- to fine-grained, light-pink to rusty-gray weathering, calcite (5-10%) quartz (15-20%) muscovite (25-30%) albite (45-50%) to calcite (5-10%) muscovite (15-20%) quartz (25-30%) albite (45-50%) laminated schist to gneiss with accessory epidote and opague. The matrix consists largely of 0.05- to 0.20-mm grains of quartz and albite with muscovite defining the foliation. Metamorphically segregated layers of quartz and plagioclase, 0.2- to 1.0-mm thick, are bounded by muscovite where the rock is laminated. The matrix of the rock contains rectangular to semi-rectangular porphyroblasts (crystals) of plagioclase, as much as 0.4 mm wide and 1.5 mm long, that are interpreted as fragmental phenocrysts. Natural exposures are rusty-weathered and form prominent exposures with poor soil and vegetation cover; the freshest exposures are located at roadcuts along Austin Hill Road in a housing development at an approximate elevation of 1830 feet on the southwest slopes of Austin Hill. Contains 1- to 2-m thick, gray to dark purplish-gray, muscovite feldspathic quartzite with accessory calcite and opague (CZphq). CZphf is interlayered with CZpha; contacts are gradational by intercalation. The metaschist is interpreted as a tuffaceous sediment or crystal tuff within a largely mafic volcanoclastic deposit - CZpha.

CZphh

Black schist (Cambrian and Late Proterozoic) - Dark gray to black, rusty weathering, carbonaceous to graphitic, locally sulfidic, chlorite-quartz-muscovite schist and chlorite-albite-quartz-muscovite schist with gray to black albite porphyroblasts as much as 2 mm in diameter. In contact with CZph and CZpha. Contact may be sharp or gradational by intercalation; where intercalated with CZph, the transitional non-carbonaceous schist is tan to rusty weathering. Locally contains thin (10-20 cm) beds of light-gray to dark-gray quartzite. A single 3 m thick quartzite (CZphq) was mapped near the saddle along the Liberty Hill Road, 1.6 km southeast of Little Wilcox Peak.

CZphq

Feldspathic quartz schist (Cambrian and Late Proterozoic) - Light-gray to gray-green, coarsely- to finely-laminated, gritty, chlorite-muscovite-plagioclase-quartz schist to poorly-laminated granulite, locally contains biotite and magnetite. Unit is lithologically similar to Cogh, but is interlayered with CZph and CZphw. Contacts with CZph and CZphw are gradational by intercalation.

CZphw

Feldspathic granulites (Cambrian and Late Proterozoic) - Dark gray to gray-brown, coarse-grained, massive, weakly foliated, biotite-chlorite-muscovite-plagioclase-quartz granulites or metawacke. Locally contains small (<5 mm) pebbles of blue-quartz and plagioclase-quartz rock fragments. Contains porphyroblasts (deiral grains) of plagioclase with relict igneous twins. Locally contains magnetite. In contact with CZph and CZphq; contacts with CZph are generally sharp, and contacts with CZphq are generally gradational by intercalation.

CZphb

Gray-green albite schist (Cambrian and Late Proterozoic) - Gray-green to silvery-green, fine- to medium-grained, chlorite-albite-quartz-muscovite schist with white to light-gray albite porphyroblasts up to 3 mm and abundant quartz-knots and -veins. Locally contains biotite and magnetite. Locally contains thin (<20 cm) light-gray to tan quartzite layers; a single 1 to 2 m thick quartzite (CZphq) was mapped in the northwest corner of the quadrangle (CZphq). CZphb is in contact with CZph; contacts are gradational by intercalation. Unit resembles CZfab, but is generally finer-grained.

CZphm

Calcite marble (Cambrian and Late Proterozoic) - Cream to light-pink, orange- to buff-weathering, fine- to medium-grained, calcite marble. Locally contains chlorite-muscovite laminations and suspended grains (<1 mm) of quartz. In sharp contact with CZph and CZpha.

ROCKS OF THE GREEN MOUNTAIN MASSIF

Mount Holly Complex

Ymh

Gneiss (Middle Proterozoic) - Light- to medium-gray, white weathering, biotite-chlorite-muscovite-quartz-plagioclase gneiss. Locally contains small disarticulated lenses of light-gray, very coarse-grained, granitic pegmatite that locally contain coarse tourmaline crystals (as much as 5 cm long) and boulders (1 to 3 cm in diameter) of muscovite.

Yq

Quartzite (Middle Proterozoic) - White to light-bluish-gray, coarse-grained, locally vitreous, muscovite quartzite or chlorite-muscovite quartzite. Characterized by coarse (2 to 10 mm) blue-gray quartz veins. Locally contains a large (10 to 20 mm) porphyroblasts of muscovite. Contains accessory garnet, biotite, tourmaline, and magnetite.

EXPLANATION OF MAP SYMBOLS

- Contact - Dashed where approximately located
- Faults - Dashed where approximately located
- Thrust fault or shear zone parallel to regional S3 foliation, interpreted Acadian age; teeth on upper plate
- Overturned thrust fault or shear zone parallel to regional S3 foliation, interpreted Acadian age; teeth point in direction of dip, bar on upper plate
- Vertical thrust fault or shear zone parallel to regional S3 foliation, interpreted Acadian age
- Thrust fault or shear zone parallel to regional S2 foliation, interpreted Taconian age; teeth on upper plate
- Pre-metamorphic conjectural thrust fault, interpreted Taconian age; teeth on upper plate
- FOLDS
- Approximate axial trace and dip direction of axial surface; arrow indicates plunge direction where shown
- F1 fold - Axial trace; rectangle shows dip direction of axial surface. Interpreted as Taconian folds
- F3 fold - Axial trace; rectangle shows dip direction of axial surface. Interpreted as Acadian folds
- Inclined axial trace
- Vertical axial trace
- MINOR FOLDS
- Strike and dip of axial surface of minor fold
- Inclined F2 fold parallel to S2 schistosity
- Vertical F2 fold parallel to S2 schistosity
- Inclined F3 fold parallel to S3 schistosity
- Vertical F3 fold parallel to S3 schistosity
- Inclined F3 fold parallel to S3 crenulation cleavage
- Vertical F3 fold parallel to S3 crenulation cleavage
- Inclined F4 fold
- Vertical F4 fold
- Bearing and plunge of axis of minor fold
- F2 fold axis; shown with F2 axial surface symbol
- Bearing of horizontal F3 fold axis; shown with F3 axial surface symbol
- F3 fold axis; shown with F3 axial surface symbol
- F3 fold axis showing down-plunge clockwise rotation; shown with F3 axial surface symbol
- F3 fold axis showing down-plunge clockwise rotation; shown with F3 axial surface symbol
- Bearing of horizontal F4 fold axis; shown with F4 axial surface symbol
- F4 fold axis; shown with F4 axial surface symbol
- F4 fold axis showing down-plunge counterclockwise rotation; shown with F4 axial surface symbol
- F4 fold axis showing down-plunge clockwise rotation; shown with F4 axial surface symbol
- PLANAR FEATURES
- Strike and dip of inclined dike
- Strike and dip of vertical dike
- Strike and dip of inclined gneissic layering of Proterozoic age
- Average strike and dip of highly-plicated inclined early schistosity in cover rocks; parallel to compositional layering (Taconian, S1)
- Strike and dip of inclined schistosity in Late Proterozoic through Cambrian rocks; probably Late Ordovician (Taconian, S2)
- Strike and dip of vertical schistosity in Late Proterozoic through Cambrian rocks; probably Late Ordovician (Taconian, S2)
- Generalized strike and dip of highly plicated S2 schistosity
- Strike and dip of inclined dominant schistosity in Late Proterozoic through Cambrian rocks; may represent a composite foliation of at least two or more foliations (S3)
- Strike and dip of vertical dominant schistosity in Late Proterozoic through Cambrian rocks; may represent a composite foliation of at least two or more foliations (S3)
- Strike and dip of inclined schistosity in Late Proterozoic through Cambrian rocks that transposes an older S2 schistosity, probably Devonian (Acadian, S3)
- Strike and dip of vertical schistosity in Late Proterozoic through Cambrian rocks that transposes an older S2 schistosity, probably Devonian (Acadian, S3)
- Strike and dip of inclined crenulation cleavage in Proterozoic through Devonian rocks that cuts an older S2 schistosity, probably Devonian (Acadian, S3)
- Strike and dip of vertical crenulation cleavage in Proterozoic through Devonian rocks that cuts an older S2 schistosity, probably Devonian (Acadian, S3)
- Strike and dip of inclined, spaced, pressure-solution cleavage, kink bands, or crenulation cleavage in Late Proterozoic through Devonian rocks that cuts older foliations, probably Devonian (Acadian, S4)
- LINEAR FEATURES
- Bearing and plunge of lineation comprised of chlorite and grain cluster lineations such as quartz rods; shown individually or with foliation symbol
- L2 lineation on S2 foliation surface
- Bearing of folded L2 lineation on folded S2 foliation surface, generally deformed by F3 folds
- L3 lineation on S3 foliation surface
- Lineation of uncertain age; shown with dominant foliation symbol, either L2 or L3
- Bearing and plunge of intersection lineation; shown with foliation symbol
- Intersection of S3 with older foliation
- Bearing of horizontal intersection of S3 with older foliation
- Intersection of S4 with older foliation
- Bearing of horizontal intersection of S4 with older foliation
- OTHER FEATURES
- Strike and dip of inclined quartz vein
- Strike and dip of vertical quartz vein
- Location of small (<2 mm) idiomorphic (Acadian) garnets visible at the outcrop
- Location of abandoned mine shaft, mine adit, prospect pit, or quarry
- Area of exposed outcrop examined in this study

PRELIMINARY BEDROCK GEOLOGIC MAP OF THE ROCHESTER QUADRANGLE, RUTLAND, WINDSOR, AND ADDISON COUNTIES, VERMONT

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