



## Clean Drinking Water

A stratified drift aquifer is a layered deposit of gravel, sand and silt capable of yielding usable quantities of groundwater. Many aquifers across the state are threatened by contamination from man-made or other pollutants, such as excess fertilizer and pesticides from lawns, oil and gasoline drips from cars, salt and sand from winter road treatment, and bacteria from wastewater. Managing the land use above these critical groundwater water supply areas, like the recently conserved Pike Brook Conservation Area, helps protect aquifers from pollution. This land overlays a stratified drift aquifer (orange dotted area) that supplies the private wells of many Brookfield residents.