





User Guide for Viewing and Downloading Heritage Sensitivity Data on the GeoSask Website


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- 1) The website address is: <https://www.geosask.ca>.
- 2) GeoSask is best viewed using Microsoft Internet Explorer 7 or higher. The current version of other browser types should work as well.
- 3) To view the data on GeoSask, you do not need to have a user's account. However, if you do plan to download data, you will need to register for an account.
- 4) To view the heritage sensitivity data, you will need to open the map viewer. You can find the link to the map viewer on the left-hand side of the GeoSask webpage. The map viewer will open in a separate window.
- 5) Once the map viewer is open, you will have a number of options to navigate to the area of the province you are interested in. Click on the Find tab on the left-hand side of the map viewer. Choose the option that best suits your purposes, whether it is an R.M. search or a search by legal land location.
- 6) To view the different layers of data that are available on GeoSask, click on the Services tab on the left-hand side of the map viewer. The heritage sensitivity layer can be found under the heading GeoSaskHeritageSensitivity. Click on the plus sign next to the heading to expand the service heading. Click on the box next to the heading Heritage Sensitivity. Also click on the box next to the heading GeoSaskHeritageSensitivity. Then click on the refresh button  on the toolbar at the top of the map window. This will refresh the map viewer and the heritage sensitivity layer will now be visible. It should be noted that the heritage sensitivity layer is not visible when the map is zoomed out to show the whole province. If you are not zoomed in enough for the layer to show up, you will not be able to click on the Heritage Sensitivity layer. To zoom in, click on the magnifying glass that contains a plus sign  and then click on the map, itself. To zoom out, click on the magnifying glass that has a minus sign  and then click on the map, itself.
- 7) If you wish to download the data for the area you are interested in, you must first be logged-in as a user on the main GeoSask webpage. To choose the area for which you wish to download the data, you have a couple of options. The most basic way to download the data is to simply have the area you are interested displayed on the map

viewer when you hit the Download button. Another option is to use the Draw Search Area tool  to mark out the area you are interested in.

- 8) Once you have decided which option to use to download your data, click on the Download button  on the right-hand side of the toolbar on the map viewer. This will open another window, where you will be able to select which data you wish to download. All of the layers you were viewing on the map viewer will be selected on the download screen. However, check the list in the Layer Selection box to ensure that all of the layers you wish to download are actually selected. It is important to note that the data can only be downloaded as either an ESRI shape file or an AutoCAD file. You will need specialized software to view this data on your own computer.
- a) To download the data, simply click on the Download button on the bottom right-hand side of the download screen. Another window will pop up, which will say the data has been downloaded. Click on the link to either open or save the data.
 - b) There will be several files in this download. The data itself is in the zip file named result_data. The rest of the files are the metadata files associated with all of the layers that you downloaded. The metadata will tell you who created the data and what its purpose is, along with any other pertinent information about the data. These files are not the data itself, but serve to provide further information about the data. To view the data files, simply open the zip file result_data. There will be a shape file or AutoCAD file for each of the layers you chose to download.
 - c) It is important to note that you will not be able to download the heritage sensitivity data for the whole province. At the moment, the limit for downloading data from GeoSask is 10,000 features or 10MB of data. It is best to simply download the data you need for each area of interest, rather than trying to get data for a larger area.
- 9) If you require any further assistance with using GeoSask, click on Help link located at the top right-hand side of either the main GeoSask webpage or on the map viewer itself. For assistance with heritage sensitivity data please email arms@gov.sk.ca.