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Give your home a spring refresh with these decor trends

EVERY NEWMARK

The Atlanta Journal-Constitution

Put your warm blankets and cozy comforts away because spring is here, bringing with it plenty of fresh inspiration for home decor.

Whether you want to go all out, or just make a few minor adjustments, the style consulting experts at SINGULART have you covered: from groovy vibes to figurative art and design, these five interior trends will instantly spring forward any space in your home.

Lines that curve

Boxy elements and minimalist lines be gone. Curved designs, on the other hand, will continue to rise in popularity through 2022, and is the perfect way to bring a soft, fresh element into your home for spring.

Earthy floral patterns

This spring, we'll see a lot of bright colors in our homes. To balance out earthy tones, opt for Pantone's color of the year, periwinkle Very Peri, as well as violet shades, RAF blue and forest greens.

"Geometric patterns and floral designs are also making a comeback. If the kitsch wallpaper of the '60s and '70s isn't quite to your taste, you can try adding smaller, but statement artworks to add that floral, springtime flare," SINGULART recommends.

Figurative and fresh

In terms of design and art trends, art collectors are looking for human connection through figurative works of art.

"Furthermore, artists such as Sophie Tea are showing us the trend of normalizing and celebrating



DREAMSTIME/TNS

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Bring the outside in

Many people are opting for travel and abundance this spring. So let your worldly intentions guide

your interior decorating vision. It's a great way to get you excited for the upcoming summer months and to create a visual connection with nature.

"Displaying artworks and design pieces from different countries can create an ad-

venturous atmosphere in your home," according to SINGULART.

"Gimme! Gimme! Gimme!" '70s vibes

Although the midcentury modern style that has

dominated the design scene for the past few years isn't going away, this spring it's likely that this style will be reinvented with a '70s twist.

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Weather stripping your windows is one of the easiest and most effective energy-saving steps.

Seven tips on how to go green in 2022

Whether you're thinking about a full-scale remodel or just basic maintenance, make 2022 the year you go green for good.

PAUL F. POGUE

When you're wrapped up in the excitement of flashier changes like picking out paint colors and flooring, it's easy to not want to dive deep into the VOC rating of that gallon of paint you just bought or find out if that new hardwood is from ethically sourced materials.

But the truth is, just like that perfect shade of greige, going green can greatly improve your everyday life at home. Renewable resources and alternative energy are part and parcel of an entire approach to your home that can increase your comfort, lower your energy bills, and pro-

tect the environment all at once.

Sustainable living isn't just about the energy sources and materials you use — you can incorporate these elements into every aspect of home improvement. Here are seven tips for incorporating Earth-friendly strategies into your home decisions:

1. Don't overlook simple energy-saving steps

Go through your home and identify points where you're leaking air. Door and window edges are common culprits. Weather stripping, caulking and minimizing leaks can increase your home's energy efficiency at a minimal cost.

2. Repurpose

Be mindful of what you're using when you renovate, and look

for ways to upcycle or repurpose what you already own. For example, do you really need new cabinets, or will refacing them get the results you want while using fewer materials?

3. Put a premium on lifespan

When it's time to replace things, think about the next replacement down the road. The longer a material or appliance lasts, the longer it takes before it reaches the landfill, which lowers your project's potential negative environmental impact. A metal roof, for instance, will last longer than almost any other material.

4. Go for lower flow

Your water fixtures make a big difference. For instance, nearly a third of your water us-

age comes from toilet flushing. Install low-flow faucets, showers and toilets to bring down your water consumption — and your bill.

5. Pick alternative materials

With many home services, you can specifically request eco-friendly materials. For example, household cleaning solutions can use plant-based cleaning supplies that gently break down stains. Look for the EPA Safer Choice logo when shopping for your own goods.

6. Protect the south side of your house

The south side of your home gets the most direct and harsh sunlight. Heavy drapes and high-efficiency windows can

help deal with this extra load. Planting trees and large shrubs in that area will also help create a shady oasis.

7. Plan for green replacements

Sooner or later, you'll be making big-ticket purchases such as new heating, roofing or appliances. Start planning now for renewable options when you make these bigger investments. You probably won't install a geothermal HVAC system on a whim, but you might do so if you're replacing your system anyway.

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JASON GOODMAN VIA UNSPLASH

Family rooms still offer a place to gather

Historically, the first family rooms appeared in floor plans about 50 to 60 years ago. This room was a bit different in character from others. Less formal than a living room, the family room was to encourage family connection and conversation. The family room made its first appearance as an appendage of the kitchen, the heart of a home. At the same time, televisions sprouted from coast to coast. Televisions, like the radio was previously, became the anchor of the family room. Today, computer stations and interactive TV games are the main features, however. Because of technological advances, the idea of a family room is slowly fading.

JOSEPH PUBILLONES

Shelter magazines of the

1960s and '70s often referred to the room as a den for gathering. Architecturally, the introduction of sliding glass doors allowed this newly minted room access to the outdoors. Over the years, not much has changed about the decor of this now ubiquitous room. Seating arrangements favored for family rooms are generally L-shaped and U-shaped groupings. Of course, sectionals have found a favorite spot in family rooms for ample and comfortable seating.

Mostly innovations in family rooms have to do with advances in audiovisual technologies, namely televisions to flat screens, and record players to CD players and web-supplied media. Family rooms are the perfect place for extracurricular activities such as instruments, puzzles and, yes, computer sta-

tions, too. I would be remiss if I didn't mention the concept of a custom wall unit and using an armoire to conceal a TV set, although these may be things of the past. TV aficionados today like to show off how sleek and thin and smart their TVs have gotten. You can almost control the world from the comfort of your couch.

Lately, in newer homes, the dedicated family room is starting to disappear. A new architectural concept has been trickling in: a great room that merges the functions of living room and family room, providing large open areas in which dining, cooking and living take place. Oftentimes, these spaces are double-height, which requires large furniture and accessories to scale the space down.

The new great room/family

room truly encourages family gatherings and interaction and helps to reduce generation gaps by mixing up house spaces. Of course, each family is unique and room arrangements should be made for each family's particular activities. The design and style should reflect those living there — a decorative moment for personal expression.

Family rooms are supposed to be casual and carefree. Some suggestions include washable or seasonal slipcovers for upholstery. Multi-task lighting that can be dimmed and/or moved is a must for comfort and reading. Comfortable rugs underfoot provide warmth and reinforce a grouping or seating area. Rugs add character and color, depending on the pattern selected. Pillows and throws are finishing touches and create

the ultimate comfortable family room.

It's important to think about what comfort is in a family room so that the room may be used often by all members of the household.

Another trend in today's family rooms is the addition of a nearby beverage center, and in some instances a snack bar, on which to place bowls full of things to munch on. With the convenience of on-demand TV programming, movie nights are still a popular means of informal family entertainment. Popcorn, please!

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Here's how to plan and install gutters with the proper technique

Dear James: Whenever we have anything more than a moderate rain, the gutters overflow. When we build our new house, what design aspects should we consider to avoid this problem? — Gary L.

JAMES DULLEY

Dear Gary: It is important to plan properly initially because gutter problems can take a while to show up. Several years' accumulation of leaves, twigs and other debris may be enough to cause an overflow in a substantial rain. Overflowing is very serious. It can cause significant damage to the house and foundation in addition to annoying leaks.

One of the key design considerations to avoid overflow problems is selecting gutters that are large enough for the size of your roof and typical intensity of rain in your area. Once the gutters capture this water, a properly sized underground drainage system is needed to carry the water away.

Depending upon the type of soil and the slope of the land around your house, you may be able to get by with splash

blocks if you are on a tight budget. The water from the downspout just drops onto blocks and is dissipated into the ground.

This is most effective in areas with well-drained, loose soil and climates with little rainfall. This does not work well with hard clay soil because the water just runs off over the ground surface. Even if the ground slopes away from the house walls, it will eventually erode ruts in the ground. One inch of rain on the roof of a 2,000 square foot house results in 1,000 gallons of water that must be carried away.

The best method to eliminate overflow problems for any climate and soil condition is to install a satisfactory drainage system initially. It will take some time to properly evaluate the lay of the land for the best water path and it may take a few more materials, but the overall additional cost is not large.

If you can run the roof drainage directly into the city storm sewer system, this is the simplest method to use. Unfortunately, many municipalities do not allow this method. The other option is to drain

into a low location on your lot far from your house. Be aware of your neighbors' houses because you don't want to flood their houses with water from your house.

Once you and your builder have determined the best path and outlet for the drainage system, discuss the drainage pipe to be used. Builders typically use black corrugated or 1,500-pound crush weight drainage pipe. It may not hold up for the life of your house and the corrugated type is particularly difficult to clean out.

A better pipe to use is schedule 40 PVC pipe. This is the same type used inside of houses. It has a very thick wall that can easily withstand the weight of the soil

above it. Each section is solvent-welded together to eliminate leaks. Leaky spots in drainage pipes tend to attract tree roots, which eventually grow and can break right through the pipe. Another pipe option is SDR 35, which has a slightly thinner wall.

When the drainage pipe is laid in the ground, try to minimize the number of bends. If a right-angle bend is required, use two 45-degree elbows with a one-foot straight section between. This tends to reduce clogs.

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HOME Do-it-Yourself

Stormwater Drainage

Proper drainage is one of the most overlooked aspects of a home. Depending on your drain requirements, the solution ranges from a simple downspouting to a labor-intensive system such as an underground drain system.

MATERIAL
Use at least a 4-inch diameter pipe of an approved type. The most common pipe materials for underground stormwater drains are solid and perforated corrugated polyethylene and PVC drain pipe.

TRENCH
Dig the trench deep enough to prevent the water from freezing in the winter.

DRAIN FLOW
To ensure proper drainage, make certain the whole system of pipes slopes toward the outlet. To be effective, an underground drain should carry water at least 10 feet from the foundation.

FLOW DIRECTION

DRAINAGE PIPE

Creators.com/Bob Kast

Best of Treasures: Finding artist's name on dramatic Japanese work could increase value

Dear Helaine and Joe:

We need some help trying to find out what we have. This bird was in my father's family, and we have a photograph of it in my grandfather's house. The photograph was from the 1920s so we think this piece is more than 100 years old. Both the tree and the bird are cast bronze. We have not been able to find any manufacturer's name on it. Can you help us?

Thank you, W. B., Camp Hill, Pennsylvania

Dear W. B.: Thank you for putting a 12-inch ruler next to the piece. This measuring device seems to indicate the piece is 16 to 18 inches tall.

The size would make the sculpture somewhat imposing, with its realistic depiction of a menacing bird of prey — possibly some

sort of hawk — perched on a tree branch looking like it is just about to thrust out its wings, launch into the air and grab its next meal. The piece is meant to be artistic and not a mass-produced table decoration.

It would be important to know who the artist was who conceived the image and then had it cast in bronze. We are sure the artist was Japanese and equally sure the piece was made during the so-called Meiji period, which lasted from 1868 to 1912.

Japanese sculpture has its origins in ancient times. Before the mid-19th century, Japanese sculpture typically featured Buddhist and Shinto themes and was greatly influenced by Chinese art. When Japan opened its doors to Western trade and contact, many Japanese bronze sculptors became influenced by European art, specifically in this case the art-

ists known as "animaliers."

The term was first applied derisively to the work of Antoine-Louis Barye in 1831, but many other artists such as Isidore and Rosa Bonheur, Pierre-Jules Mene and Emile-Coriolan Guillemin were noted for their small scale, naturalist depictions of various animals. Japanese artists working in the late 19th and early 20th centuries also worked in this vein, producing realistic images of animals taken from Japanese folklore and the environment.

One can find depictions of everything from lions and tigers to peacocks, mice, cranes, eagles, fish, quail, elephants, roosters, songbirds, wild boar, cats, rhinoceros beetles and, yes, hawks. Many are signed by the artists, but many others are not. W. B. should examine his piece carefully looking for several Asian characters worked into the metal that may be very hard to find.



HANDOUT/TNS

This bronze bird is intimidating but beautiful.

Sometimes the characters can be well hidden, but sometimes they are written within a cartouche, which makes them much easier to spot. Finding the char-

acters and obtaining a translation into English would potentially reveal the artist's name and could greatly enhance the value.

It is impossible to give an accurate estimate of the value of the piece without being absolutely sure whether or not it is signed. But if it is not, we feel the piece would probably sell in the \$1,000 to \$2,000 range at auction. That price could be higher on the right day and in the right place.

Helaine Fendelman and Joe Rosson have written a number of books on antiques. Do you have an item you'd like to know more about? Contact them at Joe Rosson, 2504 Seymour Ave., Knoxville, TN 37917, or email them at treasures@knology.net. If you'd like your question to be considered for their column, please include a high-resolution photo of the subject, which must be in focus, with your inquiry. ©2022 Tribune Content Agency, LLC

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Four steps for dealing with homebuilder warranties

Dear Monty: I have a home that's 2 1/2 years old, and I have a situation in which my master bedroom stays colder than all the other rooms. It's very noticeable in the winter. To be comfortable, I use a portable heater to warm up the room before bed for my wife and me. I

RICHARD MONTGOMERY

addressed this issue with the builder before our 1-year warranty, and they

did send out a company that ran some tests and said that the airflow was in range. They did go into the attic and make an adjustment, but the problem still exists. I've called the builder a few times and explained the situation to the receptionist and was told I would get a return call. Still, no one has returned my call. What can I do to have the builder fix this issue?

Monty's Answer: You have two problems: The cold room and the builder. The most effective way to ask for assistance from a home builder is to be face-to-face. Using the receptionist is not working. The larger the company, the more difficult it is to get face-to-face. The builder likely believes it is a minor problem because the report back to the builder reflects the representative's opinion.

There are multiple reasons the bedroom could be cold that the company representative missed, including the weather the day the representative did the testing. Rather than speculate on the cause, here is a course of action to consider to rectify the main problem.

No. 1: Compose a short letter (return receipt requested) to the builder that states the problem still exists. Tell them you suspect they haven't responded because they felt it was a minor problem. Still, you don't agree with the

representative's assessment. Ask them to send the original furnace installer for a second opinion because the room is still considerably colder. Tell them you would like a call from the installer within two weeks to set an appointment to re-inspect.

No. 2: If you do not get a response to your appeal, you have two options: Stay with your portable heater or contact a reputable HVAC company to get a second opinion. One way to qualify contractors is their length of time in the business along with good reviews. The young age of your home may cause them to charge you to review the situation. The way you describe the events, I suspect you will not get a call from your builder.

No. 3: Once the HVAC company responds with their solution, if the explanation is logical, less than \$500 to \$800 and is guaranteed, you may want to have them proceed and solve the problem. My experience with contractors is that they may all have different solutions and prices if you seek three opinions.

No. 4: Ultimately, you will find the solution and pay a contractor. The cold room problem is solved.

Now you face a second decision. If the cost is high (over \$500 to \$800) and the contractor that corrected the problem will state in writing on the invoice that the builder erred, then you may want to consider bringing your builder to small claims court. Check with your attorney first.

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A generous size single-bowl universal sink is not as wide as a standard double-bowl kitchen sink. But like the name says, it can actually be used as a primary kitchen sink, secondary kitchen sink, utility sink or even a bar sink.

Plumber: Smaller kitchen sink needed for downsized home

Question: Ed: We're planning to build a downsized home and I need some ideas for a small kitchen. This won't be a "tiny" home, but it looks like counter width is tight for a full-size kitchen sink.

ED DEL GRANDE

Counter depth is fine, so what do you suggest?

— Tina, Washington state

Answer: I can relate to building a smaller home as well, since we plan to downsize in a few years.

The good news is I have given this question some thought over

recent years, and I recommend a versatile or universal-style sink.

A generous size single-bowl universal sink is not as wide as a standard double-bowl kitchen sink. But like the name says, it can actually be used as a primary kitchen sink, secondary kitchen sink, utility sink or even a bar sink. It's also large enough for four faucet holes, so most standard kitchen faucets should easily fit this sink.

I also recommend going with an enameled cast-iron model for strength, durability and color choices.

Other options to consider

are a sloped sink bottom and an offset drain to help open up the workspace area.

Finally, some universal sinks even include custom sink racks. That's a big-time feature for a small-space kitchen sink.

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STYLE AT HOME

Celebrate bold, beautiful yellow

I find that few things can cause controversy in our social media pictures quite like using strong colors, which is understandable. Colors are intrinsically linked to our feelings, emotions and memories, so it is natural to be passionate about them.

However, I tend to think the sometimes wary and adverse reactions to using powerful hues comes from a place of uncertainty on how to adapt and incorporate these shades into a stunning and simple home atmosphere. Colors, even the boldest of them, are nothing to be afraid of!

With springtime about to bloom, I am inspired to start incorporating daring colors that have been dormant throughout the last few months. While blue and green are colors I shall forever adore and use to adorn my spaces, my eyes have been wandering over to the warmer side of things, with visions of sunny days and warm breezes bringing yellow to the forefront of my mind.

Warm colors like yellow are a fantastic way to turn up the heat and add — you guessed it — warmth to your home. You can mix and match classic yellows into your home decor in many ways without overpowering your existing aesthetic. Yellow can be neutral, pastel or fully saturated depending on your tastes, which allows for it to be incorporated into many different looks. This cheerful and uplifting color pairs well with whites, pinks, browns, grays, blues, greens and reds (whew! I need to take a breath!) and gives any room a stunning glow.

Yellow can be a loud statement or a soft whisper, though you know me — I always think more is more. One place that is perfect for a splash of sunshine is in your upholstery. A statement chair is a wonderful spot for a pop of color and energy. While it might



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A statement chair is a wonderful spot for a pop of color and energy.

seem a big risk to go big and bright, a bright chair can always be tempered with a throw blanket, pillow or tray, so incorporate it throughout the seasons and your changing tastes. Of course, this works the other way around, too — have a neutral chair but want to spice it up? Add your pop of yellow with a throw pillow or blanket instead of committing to an entirely new piece.

Of course, easing into yellow is always an option as well. Many patterned fabrics feature subtle hints of yellow that can be brought out into a space. It might not be the main hue in your textile, but it can still be a powerful addition to your space when enhanced with throw pillows, vases and even artwork. These small tweaks can bring yellow into any room in your home from the powder room to the living room, to a stunning and cheerful bedroom.

The possibilities when it comes to bold and beautiful colors are truly endless and they make for some very exciting hues with which to experiment. So don't be afraid to be bold and bring whatever bright colors speak to you into your home. It is well worth it!

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Warm colors, like yellow, are a fantastic way to turn up the heat and add, you guessed it, warmth to your home!

Jeff Rugg answers questions about grass seed, dormant oil

Question: Does dead crabgrass look like white dead clumps dotted around the lawn? If so, should I dig each one up and fill in with grass seed, fertilizer and dirt?

Answer: At this time of year, all dead annual and many dormant perennial grasses look like white dead clumps. If the good grass in your lawn has some signs of green and there are scattered dead grass plants, we need to diagnose what the dead clumps are. If they are annual grasses like crabgrass, they died with the frosts in the fall and at this time are acting as mulch on the bare spots and don't need to be removed. If they are dormant perennial grasses like nimblewill, then we can dig them out now, or wait until spring when they start to grow to spray them with an herbicide.

The problem with reseeding in the spring is that the good grass seeds will need the same weather conditions as the new crabgrass seeds and so they both come up together. If the areas of dead grass are large, using sod may be better. If the areas are smaller than a dinner plate, it would be better to apply crabgrass pre-

venter to stop all grass seeds from growing (including any seeds you plant) and then take good care of the existing good grass with water and fertilizer to cause the good grass to spread into the bare spots.

Q: We have several plants in our landscape that we read should be sprayed with dormant oil. What in the world is dormant oil and how does it work?

A: There are very refined oils known as horticultural oils. They almost have the consistency of water. They are sprayed on plants to smother some kinds of insects or their eggs. Some insects don't move quickly, such as scale insects, mealybugs and spider mites, and will be covered with the oil. Many insects spend the winter on a plant in the egg stage of life and hatch in the spring as the plant begins to grow.

In the past, oils sprayed on plants in the summer when the insects were active also smothered the leaves and caused as much damage to the plants as the insects. Dormant oils are used when the plant is dormant to prevent much of the damage. They smother the eggs of the insects, thus preventing the first batch of insects from damaging the plant.

Newer oils have come to the market.

GARDEN Hints and Tips

Controlling Crabgrass


Crabgrass can be managed by using a combination of mowing, removing seeds head and maintaining dense turf, which are essential to controlling this common lawn weed.

Controlling Crabgrass CONDITIONS: Crabgrass thrives in full sunlight and high temperatures. When left uncontrolled, clumps of this weed will choke out the good grass from large depressions in your lawn. The key to controlling this weed is making sure the seeds cannot mature. Seeds that do can easily become airborne and germinate.

PREVENTIVE CONTROL: Control crabgrass weeds simply by mowing. Frequent mowing removes the seed's head before it matures, and the plant will die at the end of its growth cycle. Frequent mowing along with seeding, watering and adequate fertilizing, will encourage a lush, thick lawn that is more resistant to crabgrass.

CHEMICAL CONTROL: Crabgrass can be controlled with pre-emergent herbicides that interfere with seeds' germination process. These herbicides must be applied prior to the initiation of germination.

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philodendrons and ferns. They can be used any time during the year because they won't harm plant buds, shoots and leaves. These oils are odorless, environmentally responsible insecticides that kill a wide variety of insect pests including aphids, whiteflies, spider mites, mealybugs, scale, thrips, fungus gnats, some caterpillars, leaf beetle larvae, lace bugs and others. Because of their low toxicity, year-round oils can be used on garden plants and fruit trees right up to the day of harvest. They should be available from local garden stores.

As always follow the label directions. For instance, many oils will list a temperature range that they should be applied in. The oils may damage flowers or harm bees if applied while the plant is in bloom. Some plants may be sensitive to the oil, so spray a small area and wait a day to see if any damage appears. Don't apply too much at one time or during one season.

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DESIGN RECIPES



HANDOUT/TNS

A small ottoman provides both a pop of color and additional seating in this family room.

Benches, ottomans provide form and function

Looking for a way to add both form and function to a space? Consider a bench or ottoman. Not only do these smaller scale furniture pieces

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provide functionality, in many cases they can be the best fit and

furniture solution in size and scale. Need ideas on the best way to incorporate benches and ottomans into your home? Here are some top tips!

Do's

1. Do consider ottomans in entry areas. They can serve as an alternative to a case good such as a console while still helping to convey a point of entry.

2. Do use benches or ottomans as additional seating in social

areas such as living and family rooms.

3. Do use benches and ottomans as a way to infuse color and texture into a room.

4. Do use ottomans and benches in areas in which small-scale furniture selections are appropriate.

5. Do use benches and ottomans to make a design statement.

Don'ts

1. Don't ignore opportunities to use benches and ottomans as a finishing touch in a space such as at the foot of a bed.

2. Don't use ottomans and benches in overly large rooms. They may appear too small in large spaces.

3. Don't use ottomans and benches in ways that don't pro-

vide function. Avoid using them in a purely decorative way. Function is best.

4. Don't ignore opportunities to use benches and ottomans in unexpected ways such as a coffee table.

5. Don't forget that ottomans and benches are modular and versatile and can be used in pairs or groupings if needed.

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A long bench helps to add a finishing touch in this master bedroom.

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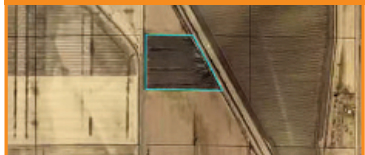
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