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## Breaking Ground is extremely pleased to honor RuthAnne Visnauskas at the 2018 *Celebrating Home & Community* gala

RuthAnne Visnauskas is a leading force in the affordable housing industry nationwide. Whether through senior positions in philanthropy or government, RuthAnne's tireless work ensures that New York has the strongest possible capabilities to expand housing resources for underserved individuals and families. Countless thousands of men, women and children have benefitted immeasurably from RuthAnne's professional commitments. Thousands more will gain a safe, secure place to call home this year and in the coming years because of her pivotal role in promoting smart, compassionate public policy.

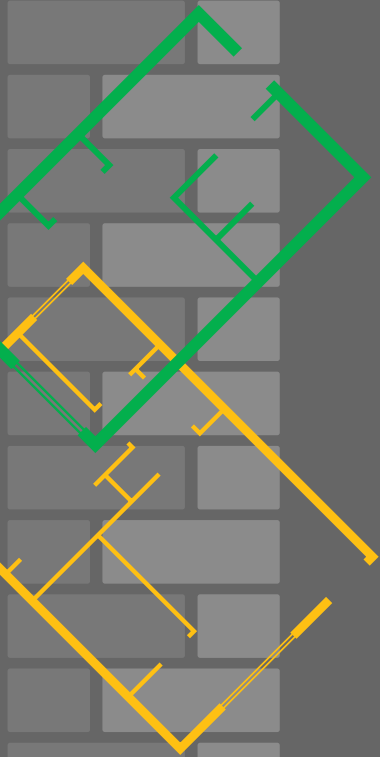


## On behalf of Breaking Ground's board and staff, we honor Jeffrey E. Levine for his contributions to the wellbeing of New York City

Jeffrey Levine's professional activities have made an indelible impact on both New York and on Breaking Ground's core interest in addressing the most fundamental drivers of homelessness. He is a quintessential New York success story – exemplifying incredible industry, accomplishment and caring. Over his nearly four-decade career, he has established a leading urban development and property management business in New York City that has prioritized inclusive housing. His buildings stand out as community assets in the truest sense – sites of equitable opportunity where New Yorkers of all backgrounds can establish healthy, happy and productive lives.

# Thank you Breaking Grounders

2018 has been another year of extraordinary accomplishments at Breaking Ground. More direct services have been delivered to vulnerable individuals and more new supportive, affordable housing units have been advanced than at any time in the agency's 28-year history. Both vitally important outcomes are thanks to the hard work and dedication of the nearly 600 Breaking Grounders who, day-in and day-out, pour heart and soul into our shared cause. The entire Breaking Ground board thanks this amazing team for their unwavering dedication to New York City and New Yorkers in need.





# The Board of Breaking Ground would like to thank Brenda Rosen for her outstanding leadership

Breaking Ground has a uniquely pivotal role in providing aid and assistance to New Yorkers who are in extremely difficult circumstances and the organization consistently delivers on its commitments. Our standard of excellence and record of reliability in alleviating suffering are a direct result of the principles and practices of our CEO, Brenda Rosen. We cannot overstate how much the Breaking Ground board appreciates Brenda's outstanding leadership.

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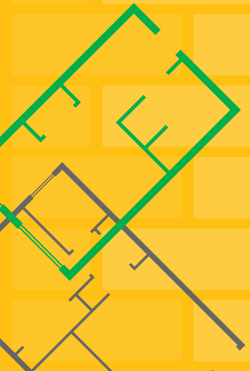
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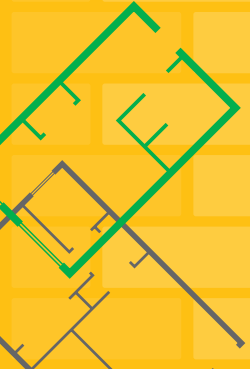
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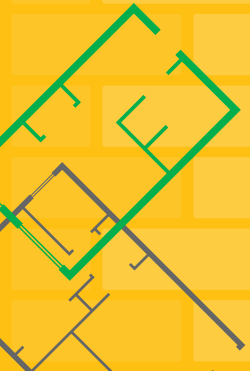


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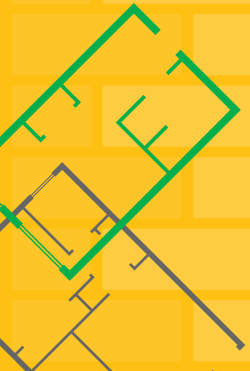
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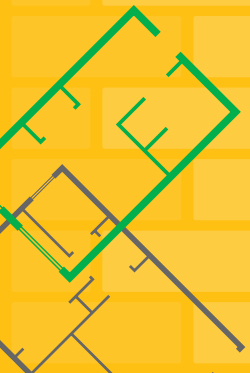
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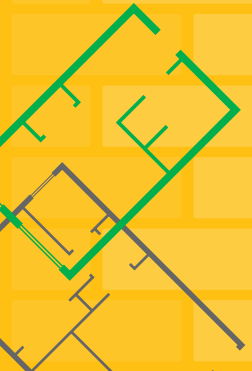
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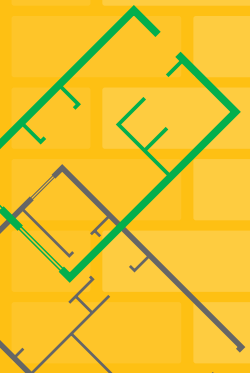
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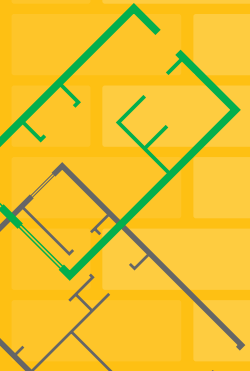
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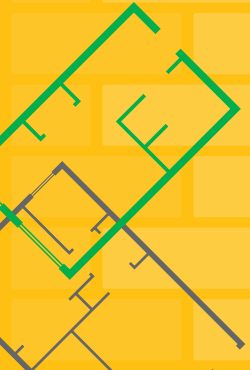
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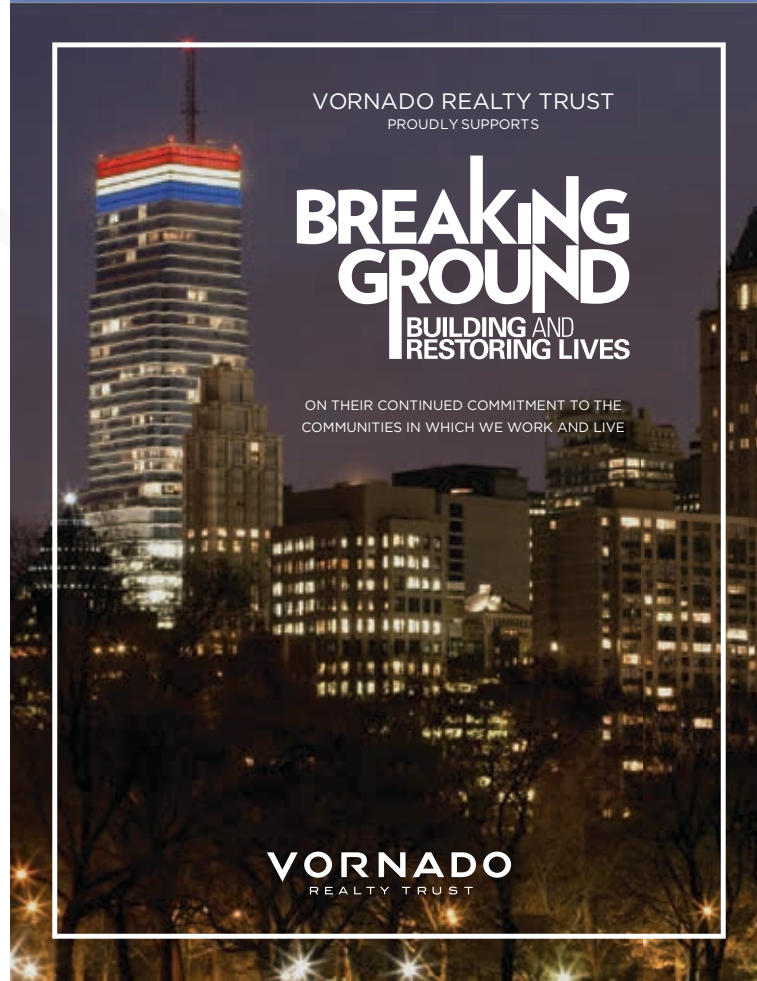
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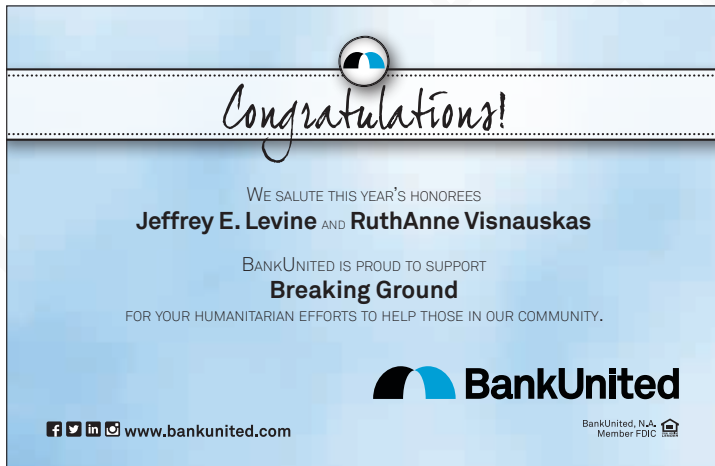
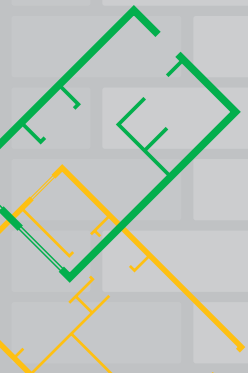


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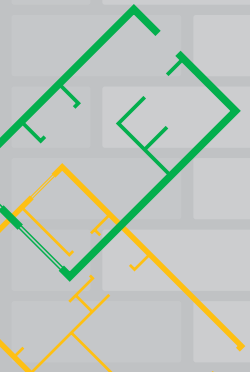
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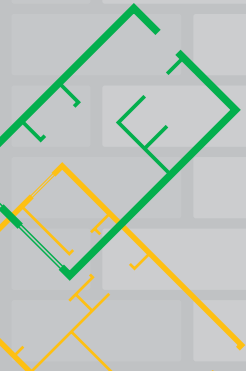


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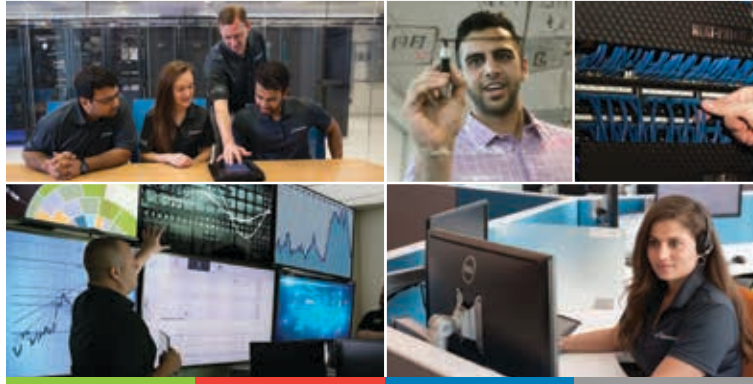
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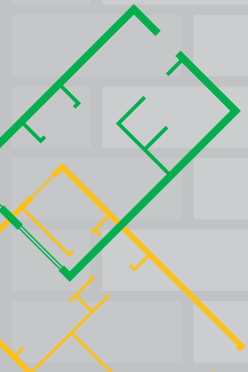
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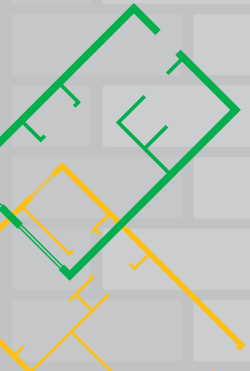
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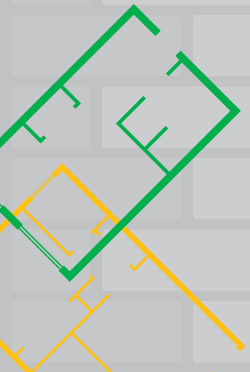
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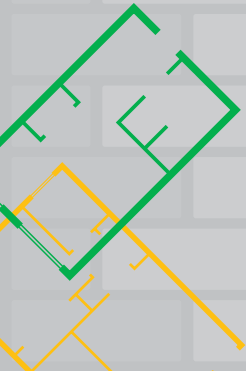
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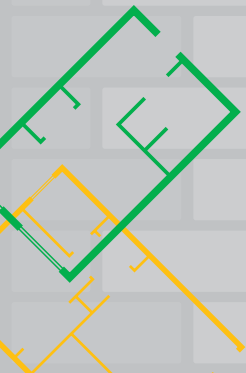
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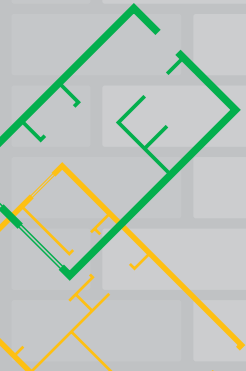


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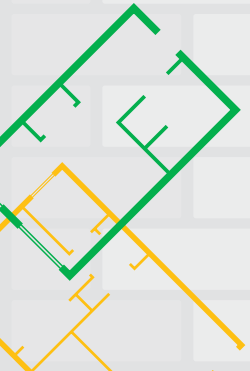
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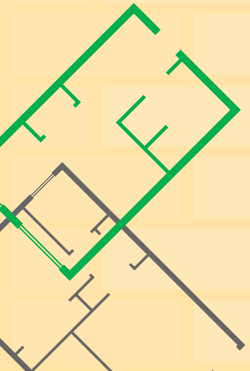
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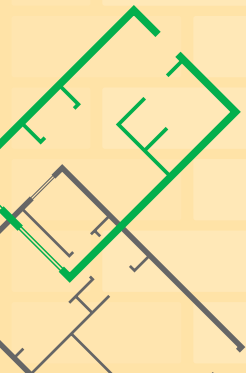
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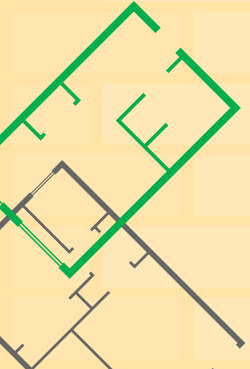
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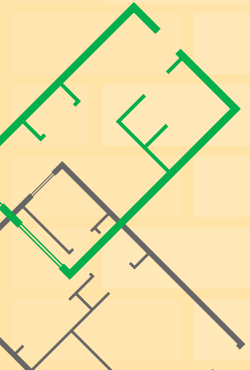
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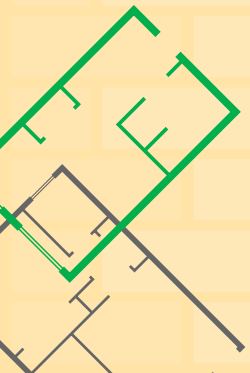
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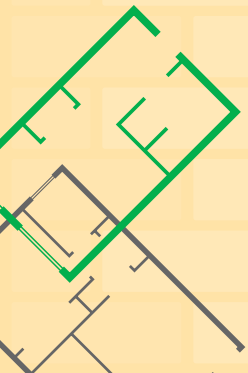
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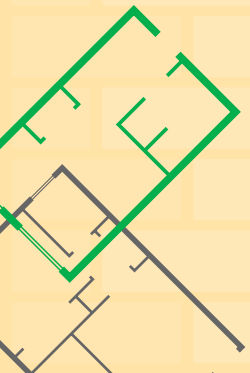
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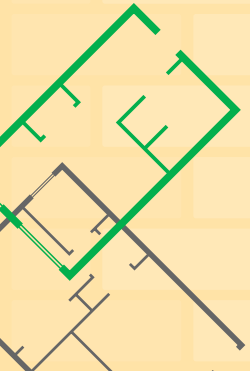
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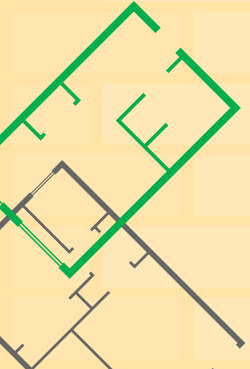
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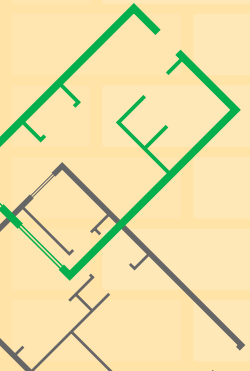
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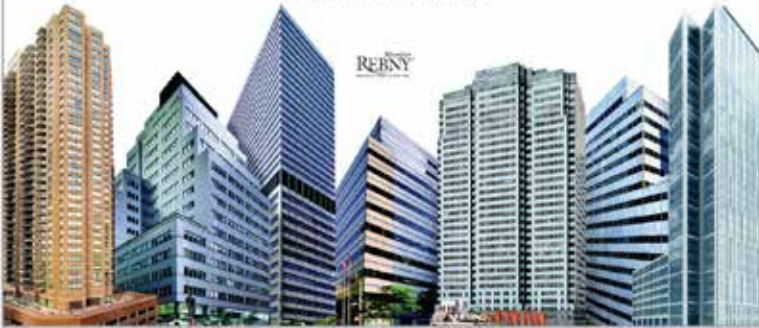
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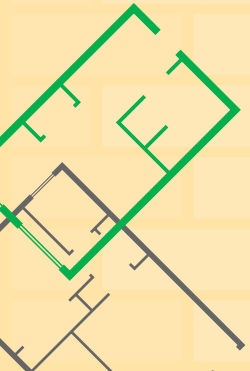
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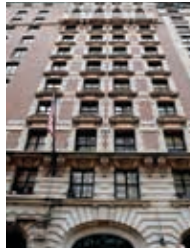
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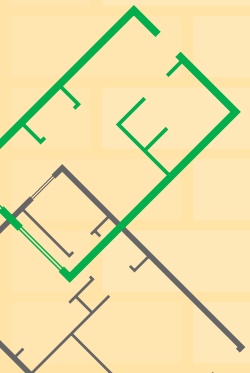
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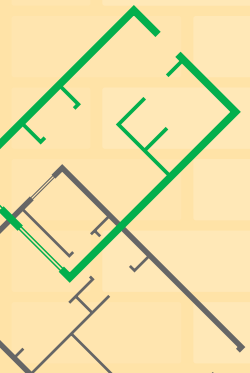
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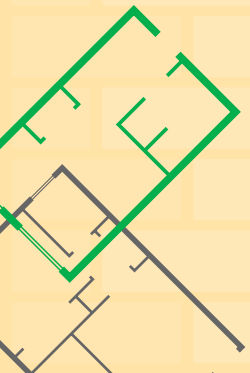


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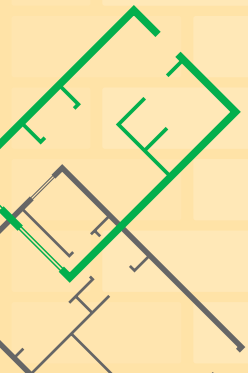
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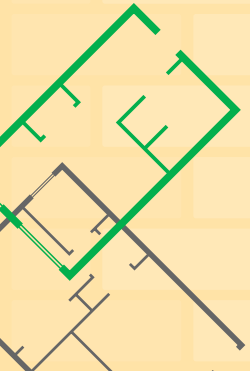
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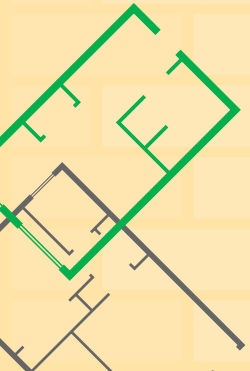
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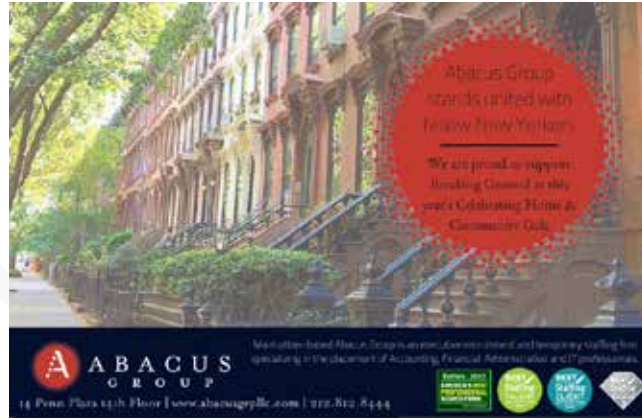
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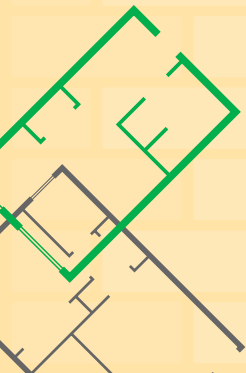
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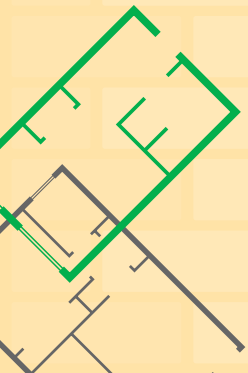
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