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Greenbelt - big idea for a better, healthier future

"The Greenbelt is about healthy local food, supporting farmers and celebrating our communities," says Burkhard Mausberg, President of the *Friends of the Greenbelt Foundation*. "It is a testament to a long-standing tradition in Ontario valuing our land and environment."

Beautiful and bountiful, the Greenbelt's 1.8 million acres is vital to the quality of life in Ontario. It spans 325 kilometres wrapping around the Golden Horseshoe from Rice Lake in Northumberland County to the Niagara River, connecting the Niagara Escarpment, the Oak Ridges Moraine and Rouge Park. Some 7,000 farms and hundreds of rural towns and villages call it home.

"Throughout the last few decades the province has had the foresight to protect the Escarpment, the Moraine and most recently, the Greenbelt," says Mausberg. "We are a people who take pride in our land and in preserving what is important to our livelihood and quality of life - clean air and water, wildlife, and some of the best agricultural land in Canada."

Ontario's Greenbelt is the world's largest and most diverse. We cannot take it for granted. "Land isn't something we can make more of. We all enjoy our parks, farms and conservation areas but without this protection in place, we risk losing this abundant natural heritage."

The 2005 Greenbelt Act and Plan outline strategies to preserve farmland and protect our natural environment for future generations.

The Greenbelt is a proud legacy for Ontarians and a model of environmental leadership for the world.

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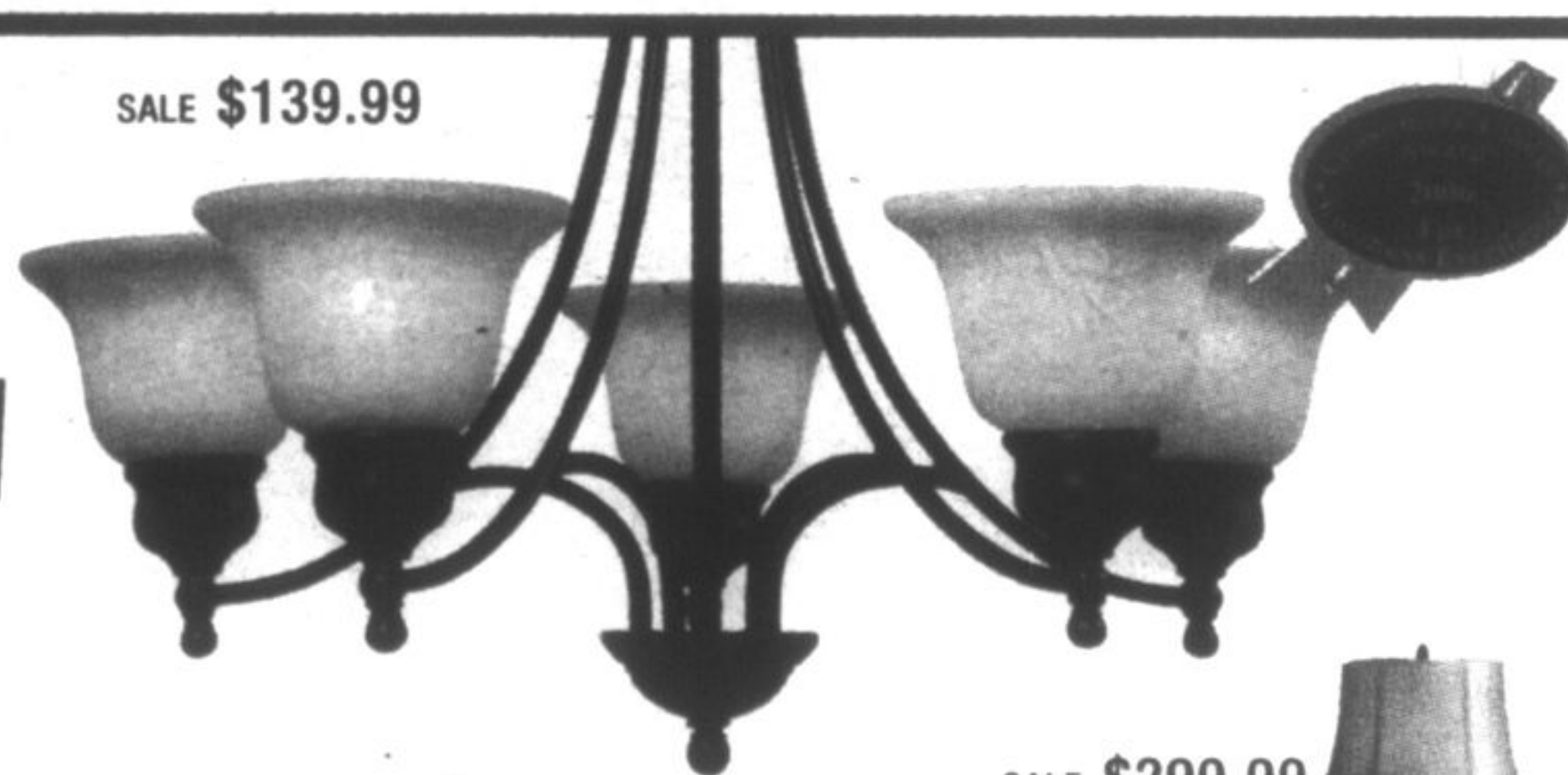
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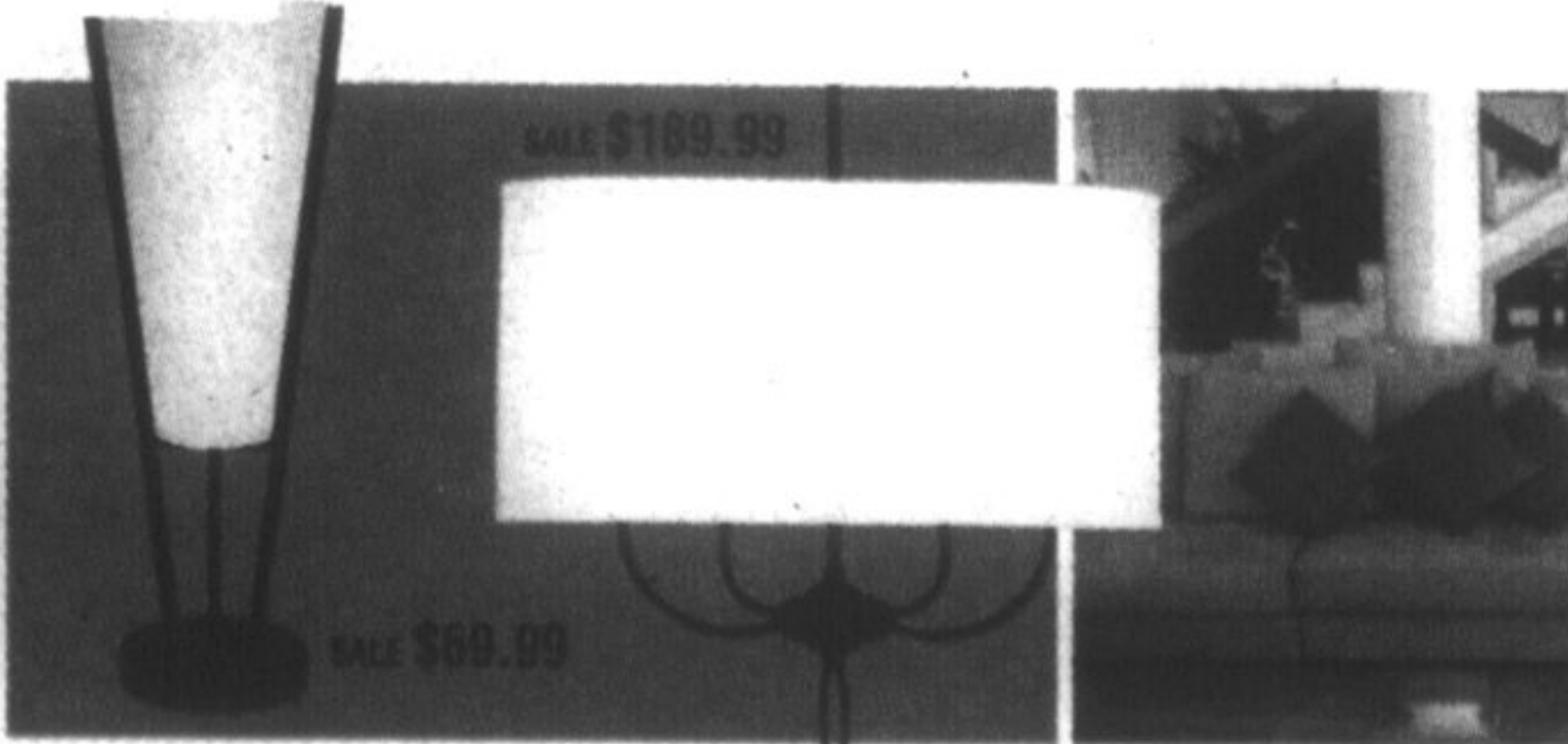


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