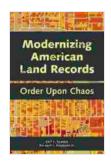
# **Modernizing American Land Records: Order Upon Chaos**

## The Problem with Our Current Land Records System

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The problems with the current system are well-documented. A 2015 report by the Lincoln Institute of Land Policy found that:

- Land records are fragmented across multiple jurisdictions, making it difficult to get a complete picture of ownership.
- Land records are often outdated, with many parcels still using descriptions from the 19th century.

Land records are often inaccurate, with errors in ownership,
boundaries, and other important information.

These problems have a number of consequences. They make it difficult and expensive to buy, sell, and own property. They also make it difficult for governments to manage land use and protect the environment.

### The Solution: A Modern Land Records System

The solution to the problems with the current land records system is to modernize it. This means creating a system that is efficient, accurate, and accessible.

A modern land records system would have the following characteristics:

- It would be centralized, with all land records stored in a single database.
- It would be digital, with all records stored in electronic format.
- It would be standardized, with all records using the same format and terminology.
- It would be accessible, with all records available online to the public.

A modern land records system would have a number of benefits. It would make it easier and cheaper to buy, sell, and own property. It would also make it easier for governments to manage land use and protect the environment.

#### **How to Modernize American Land Records**

Modernizing American land records is a complex task, but it is essential to improving the way we manage land in this country. There are a number of steps that can be taken to modernize the system, including:

- Creating a national land records database.
- Digitizing all land records.
- Standardizing land records formats and terminology.
- Making land records accessible online to the public.

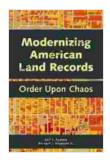
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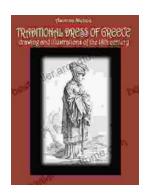


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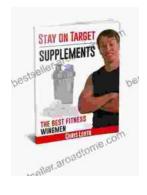
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