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The Chicago bungalow is an important part of life for many residents of the city and surrounding older suburbs. More than 80,000 bungalows- 1/3 of Chicago’s detached single-family homes- lie within the city limits.

The term “bungalow” comes from the Hindu word bangla, describing a low one-story house with a porch.

From 1910 to 1930, Chicago’s population grew from 2.4 million to 3.4 million. Developers eagerly subdivided land and sold empty lots to the growing number of families wanting to escape crowded neighborhoods. On a map, these lots appear in an arc 4 to 7 miles from downtown Chicago, thereby creating the “Bungalow Belt”.

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