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2. There are 3 sides to fence, two sides with length b and one side with length a :

$$a+b+b=4991 \Rightarrow a=4991-2b$$

Now solve for the area:

$$\text{area}=a \times b = (1-2b)b = 4991b - 2b^2$$

Notice the Parabolic function, solve for the vertex:

$$\text{vertex} = \left(\frac{4991}{4} \text{ feet}, \frac{24\,910\,081}{8} \text{ feet}^2 \right)$$

Square the unit for vertex's vertical coordinate since it is a quadratic.