

WHAT HAPPENS WHEN PEOPLE AND WILD ANIMALS CROSS PATHS?

How do we connect humans, wildlife, infrastructure and mobility? XING brings forward the emerging dialogue on landscape connectivity, engaging with the public on the ways in which we collide, converge, diverge, and ultimately reconnect. The first public exhibit will occupy the North Kilns at the Evergreen Brick Works Centre for Green Cities in Toronto from September to December 2013.

HOW CAN DESIGN SAVE WILDLIFE AND WILD SPACES?

XING was inspired by the success of the 2010 ARC international design competition to build a wildlife crossing bridge in Vail, Colorado. As part of a continental project to ensure safe passage for both humans and animals on and across our roads, ARC works to educate, innovate and advocate for leading-edge solutions to human and wildlife mobility and for long-term landscape connectivity. In collaboration with ARC and other partners, XING extends this mission beyond a single bridge for wildlife to engage with the public through interactive research-based exhibits that creatively explore new thinking, new methods, new materials and new solutions for safe passage.

There is powerful scientific evidence that wildlife road crossings work. Together with these innovative and economical new technologies, public support and political leadership is needed to advance landscape connectivity. Investigating the tensions at the intersection of people and wildlife, science and design, XING seeks to engage this dialogue to reconnect nature and culture in our growing cities, and ultimately to reweave the shared landscapes we call home.

XING is a partnership between ARC, Ryerson University and Evergreen Brick Works. For more information please visit <u>www.arc-solutions.org</u>, <u>ebw.evergreen.ca/</u>, and <u>www.ryerson.ca</u>.