

# Living Near Wildlife

## Explore Environments—Earth



**CONNECT** to a time when the area where you live was less developed. Imagine animals roaming freely and enjoying their habitats without human interference.



**RESPOND** to the changes that have occurred between that time and today. Consider how dams, highways, and housing and industrial developments have interfered with animals' access to the bodies of water, wetlands, mountains, and open fields that had nourished them and provided shelter.



**CREATE** a sketch that shows either how human-driven change has impacted the wildlife in your area or some of the steps taken by engineers or city planners to protect the area and minimize the harm to plants and animals. For example, some highways have overpasses where animals can safely cross. Some dams have fish ladders or bypass systems that enable fish to safely navigate to another part of the river.



**PRESENT** your sketch to your classmates and discuss ways that people of all ages can be stewards of our natural environment and respectfully share the land and water with wildlife.