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# Yes Vote on Bond Referendum Good News for VIMS

Virginians voted yes on November 5<sup>th</sup> 2002 to the bond referendum for higher education, which included \$24 million for a new Marine Research Complex at VIMS. This new research space will change the face of VIMS, providing laboratories for programs critical to the future of Virginia's coastal resources. Laboratories for seagrass restoration and research, hydrodynamic modeling, evolutionary ecology, benthic studies, shoreline studies, molluscan and crustacean

ecology, and toxicology will be moving from outdated 30-70 year old buildings to the new 70,600 sq. ft. research building or a 43,000 sq. ft. seawater laboratory.



An architectural rendering of VIMS' planned marine research building.

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