

New Construction: Administration & Education Complex – Wachapreague Campus - \$7,048,000



- This project will support construction of four new buildings at the Eastern Shore Laboratory (ESL) in Wachapreague that total 10,200 SF.
- Three of the new buildings will replace the present outdated administration building and maintenance shops, and one new building will be constructed to house classrooms, convertible meeting rooms, a teaching laboratory and research laboratory space.
- VIMS' Eastern Shore Laboratory serves much more than a field station for VIMS. It serves as an important site for graduate and undergraduate education, as well as public education and outreach to K-12 students and teachers. On average, 20 institutions, both nationally and internationally, visit the ESL to receive instruction in marine science each year.
- The ESL hosts students in the W&M Undergraduate Marine Science Minor for an intensive two-week (14 days, 12 hour per day) field course. One week, continuing education courses for statewide science teachers are held at the ESL, and student internships for high school and college students from the Eastern Shore are provided through private donor funds.
- Multidisciplinary research is conducted at the Eastern Shore Laboratory, such as finfish research on sharks, sturgeon, flounder, and croaker; blue crab physiology and ecology; restoration of sea grasses, oysters, and scallops; salt marsh ecology; barrier island dynamics; and nutrient dynamics in the coastal lagoons. More than 40 visiting researchers are at the ESL in a given year, and at least 10 VIMS graduate students are conducting their research projects at this site.

