Construct Concrete Pier  $1,450,000 GF

Provides funds to construct a concrete pier as a replacement for two wooden piers that suffered wind and wave damage resulting from Tropical Storm Ernesto (2006) and previously from Hurricane Isabel (2003). The piers contain critical pumps and intake lines for running seawater to laboratories at VIMS. Investing in a concrete pier would eliminate the potential replacement of the wooden piers and saltwater pumps every time tropical storm or hurricane force winds strike the tidewater area, thereby guaranteeing an uninterrupted seawater supply to the Institute.