

What's going up in downtown Richmond?

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Driving in from the east, it used to be that you could tell you'd arrived in downtown Richmond when you saw a big, brown dome. Now, your eyes find the giant, silver monolith that is the \$350 million Philip Morris USA research and technology center, which blocks the view of the Coliseum. Or perhaps your attention is drawn to the \$192 million Critical Care Hospital at VCU Medical Center.

Any way you look at it, Richmond's skyline and streetscapes are changing - and fast. It will be another year before completion of the federal courthouse on East Broad Street, which will be a few weeks before workers tie up construction of the 15-story hospital. Philip Morris will be done this year.

Then there's the finishing touches on the airport, the condos and retail shops at Rocketts Landing on the James River and the "new" state Capitol, reopened May 1 after renovations and construction.

VCU MEDICAL CENTER'S CRITICAL CARE HOSPITAL

WHAT IT IS A \$192 million complex that will increase the number of units for trauma, neonatal, cardiac, burn-center and other patients.

LOCATION Virginia Commonwealth University's medical center campus

DATE STARTED November 2005

COMPLETION Fall 2008

PHILIP MORRIS RESEARCH AND TECHNOLOGY CENTER

WHAT IT IS Research facility for new products that could one day be developed by the Henrico County-based cigarette maker

LOCATION Between North Fifth and North Seventh streets and Leigh and Jackson streets

DATE STARTED June 2005

COMPLETION This year

ROCKETTS LANDING

WHAT IT IS Condominiums and retail spaces along the James River

LOCATION 5000 Old Osborne Turnpike (state Route 5) in Richmond and Henrico

DATE STARTED June 2005

COMPLETION Expected to take several years, but residents plan to begin moving into the 49-unit Fall Line building this summer, and then into the 60-unit Sky Line.

FEDERAL COURTHOUSE

WHAT IT IS Includes about six football fields worth of offices and courtrooms over seven stories, plus a six-story atrium.

Building will serve U.S. District Court, U.S. Bankruptcy Court, U.S. Magistrate, U.S. Trustees Office and other government tenants.

LOCATION 700 block of East Broad Street

DATE STARTED February 2005

COMPLETION Summer 2008