

Align your investments with your mission using VFA

Capital Planning Software for Better Facilities Management

The VFA capital planning software platform helps facilities professionals objectively model multi-year capital plans that optimize and align real estate portfolio investments with their mission. By centralizing asset and facility information, this cloud-based software provides the forecasting tools managers need to efficiently gather and maintain facility condition data and then leverage that data to optimize budget decisions about maintenance and capital planning.



VFA software features a comprehensive database that supports the collection and management of a wide range of asset information, including location, structure, type, uses, conditions, requirements and their associated costs, and related projects and plans.

Real estate is the second largest expense on the income statement for most companies

What assets do we own?

What is the condition of our assets?

How much money do we need?

Which projects are important?

Centralize information about your facility assets

VFA allows you to organize asset data into numerous levels and create customized fields and drop-down lists on the fly. Then, sort, group and filter that information based on specific criteria, and view the portfolio by site, building type, size, ownership and more.

Unlock the value of the VFA platform for all stakeholders by providing them with quick and secure access to key facilities information on a desktop or mobile tablet. The entire team can have the timely access to the facilities data they need to effectively contribute to the capital budgeting process. Leverage in-house staff with a tablet-based self-assessment module that helps facilities teams rapidly collect incremental facility and building condition data. This mobile software features best-practice inspection survey templates for quick and accurate assessments.

Case Study: The City of Mississauga

The City of Mississauga is one of the largest and fastest-growing major cities in Canada. Mississauga is a family-oriented city, offering a variety of sports, leisure and arts facilities; it has a city center in the downtown area with a variety of retail, entertainment, and residential spaces. With the rising population and city growth, many new buildings have been constructed within the last decade.

The Challenge

The Facilities & Property Management Department of Mississauga lacked complete condition information on the buildings within its portfolio and required a facility asset management program that would offer the means to manage major capital redevelopment projects. It required a system that would allow it to manage building asset information, take advantage of portfolio analysis and reporting capabilities, and access a database for facility condition information for various building and asset types in the portfolio such as fire stations, libraries and transit. Lastly, the solution needed to have capabilities for facility capital budget development, lifecycle planning for building assets, and forecasting for long-term capital plans.



“Asset management at the city means value for the money.”
Jasbir Raina, Manager, Capital Planning & Asset Management

Client
City of
Mississauga

Industry
Public Sector

Accruent Solution
VFA

The Solution

The City of Mississauga used Accruent’s VFA Facility Condition Assessment service to improve its assessments, process mapping, ranking, and budgets. Accruent first conducted assessments on a sample of the city’s buildings, and the results were presented to key stakeholders for buy-in and final approval. Next, assessments were performed on the remaining facilities within the portfolio. A total of 228 buildings were assessed covering over 423,942 square miles, as well as over 350 site assets, including parks. The final phase of the project defined best practice procedures moving forward to maintain data integrity, add new assets, modify assets and more.

- Detailed assessments on condition, age and lifecycle of buildings and systems.
- Assessments of on-site elements included lighting, paving, and water.
- Phased project approach for smooth stakeholder engagement.