Uvara™ Saves College of Marin More Than Money. Now Emergency Response Time is Lower Than Ever.

When the College of Marin opened its doors in 1926, there were 87 students enrolled. Today, it serves over 13,000 annually on two campuses. While the college campus continues to grow, the administrative services department is able to keep up by leveraging cutting-edge mapping technology.

Costly problems

According to Greg Nelson, Asst. Superintendent/ Vice President of Administrative Services for the College of Marin used blueprints to map campus infrastructure. He said, "because many assets weren't mapped initially, we constantly ran into challenges." Nelson explained that prior to using smart mapping software, the College of Marin experienced a major crisis when it demolished a building. Because they did not know how their infrastructure was connected, they unknowingly disconnected power to the campus, leading to a three-day closure of the college.

The solution

When embarking on a new capital construction plan to revitalize and rebuild the campus at both locations, Nelson stated his team would find assets that have been in the ground for 40, 50, and 60 years. Moreover, he understood many asset locations were unknown. After implementing Uvara, Nelson claims they "now have full visibility into [their] assets and experience less downtime for the maintenance team." In addition, they have "better cost control over contractors, lower capital expenditures, and ultimately save taxpayer money."

"We had to do a lot of [student] refunds, had downtime for personnel, and it cost us about 25 to 30 thousand dollars a day in resource time to be down and out of service," Nelson said.

Results for College of Marin

Time savings
Technicians make fewer trips to the office looking for documents. No more manual counting of equipment or searching for serial numbers. In addition, property lines, utility locations and easements can be pulled up instantly to resolve disputes or to identify vulnerabilities.

Emergency response
When a disaster happens, knowing where valves, pipes, transformers, etc., are located is critical. Sharing facility information with contractors and emergency agencies saves precious time.

Cost savings
Taking the guesswork out of material ordering means you are ready for unexpected events and new construction. With a smart mapping system, staff can do more even while your campus grows.

Better planning
Building out a solid infrastructure plan enables budgeting and funding for replacement and expansion projects. By having assets mapped, planning becomes easier and more productive.

"Uvara benefits any organization from small to large. It would be difficult to find this level of functionality, that's easy to use, to find assets and related documents in real-time." - Greg Nelson, Asst. Superintendent/ Vice President of Administrative Services