

Jan H. Gardner
County Executive
Frederick County, Maryland
Biography



Jan H. Gardner was elected as Frederick County's first County Executive in 2014 and is currently serving her second term. Executive Gardner previously served as a County Commissioner for 12 years from 1998 to 2010, including four years as President of the Board of County Commissioners.

Executive Gardner's priorities are education, jobs, seniors, and community needs. Key initiatives include accelerating school construction; Livable Frederick, a new, innovative and strategic approach to planning for the future; Seniors First, to engage and empower a growing senior population; and, the creation of ROOT, a new business collaboration and innovation center.

Ms. Gardner currently serves on the Board of Directors for the Maryland Association of Counties (MACo) and the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments. She is also a Past President of MACo and serves on the MACo Legislative Committee and Tax Committee. She is a member of the Workgroup on the Assessment and Funding of School Facilities, the Frederick County Fire and Rescue Advisory Board, and the Tourism Council of Frederick County Board of Directors. Her business experience includes accounting, operations planning and new product development for the Quaker Oats Company, a Fortune 100 company.

Ms. Gardner gained valuable federal government experience as the State Director for U.S. Senator Barbara A. Mikulski. She earned an MBA from Xavier University and a BBA in finance and economics from the University of Notre Dame. Ms. Gardner also graduated from the Rawlings Leadership Training Program through the University of Maryland. She was awarded the President's Medal for Leadership from St. John's Catholic Preparatory School and the Theodore W. Stephens Lifetime Achievement Award for her outstanding contributions to Human Relations. She was named one of Maryland's Top 100 Women by the *Daily Record* three times and is a member of the Circle of Excellence.

Jan has been married to John Gardner for over 35 years and together they are the proud parents of three adult children -- John and his wife Kelly, Rachel and her husband Andy, and Mallory.

Jan is committed to keeping Frederick County a great place to live, work and raise a family.