



Jan H. Gardner Frederick County Executive

Jan Gardner is honored to serve as Frederick County's first County Executive. Jan is committed to ensuring open and transparent government, responsive and efficient county services, exceptional schools, and a vibrant economy.

During her administration, Jan has focused on four priority areas: jobs, education, seniors and community needs. She has strengthened ethics laws and ensured fiscal responsibility to restore trust in government. Her sound financial policies led to Frederick County's first-ever AAA bond rating from all three New York bond rating agencies.

Recent accomplishments include the creation of "Root," an ecosystem that fosters the creation and expansion of business in Frederick County. The goal is to create jobs, grow the tax base, and build a support network of businesses to help each other succeed where the Frederick Innovative Technology Center's (FITCI) new technology incubator will soon open. Her latest partnership is the co-location of Frederick County Workforce Services at the Frederick Community College Monroe Center. This one-stop shop allows citizens to take advantage of cutting edge training and education to ensure they can fill the jobs employers need. Her administration has made a record investment in public education with nearly \$25 million of investment above Maintenance of Effort, and collaborated with partners at the Board of Education and in the community to build new schools and add innovative programs for our students.

Jan has been married to John Gardner for almost 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 earned an MBA from Xavier University and a BBA in Finance and Economics from the University of Notre Dame. She graduated from the Rawlings Leadership Training Program through the University of Maryland and she was awarded the President's Medal for Leadership from St. John's Catholic Preparatory School. Business experience includes accounting, operations planning, and new product development for the Quaker Oats Company, a Fortune 100 company.

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



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Biography Highlights

Personal

- Married for almost 35 years to John Gardner
- Three adult children; all graduates of Frederick County Public Schools
- Husband's family has lived in Frederick County for six generations

Education

- M.B.A., Xavier University
- B.B.A., Finance and Economics, University of Notre Dame
- Rawlings Leadership Program, University of Maryland

Work Experience

- Experience in accounting, distribution and operations management, new product development, and government
- Worked for the Quaker Oats Company, a Fortune 500 company

Public Service

- Frederick County Executive, 2014 - Current
- State Director for U.S. Senator Barbara Mikulski
- President, Frederick County Commissioners, 2006 - 2010
- Frederick County Commissioner, 1998 - 2010

Leadership

- 21st Century School Facilities Commission
- Frederick Area Committee on Transportation
- Frederick County Fire & Rescue Advisory Board
- Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments Board of Directors
- Maryland Association of Counties, Secretary (2018), Treasurer (2017), Past President (2007), Board of Directors, Legislative Committee and Tax Committee
- State Taskforce to Study Public School Facilities (2004)
- State Taskforce on Growth and Development
- Tourism Council of Frederick County

Community Service

- Business Development Advisory Committee
- Citizens Nursing Home Board of Trustees
- Frederick Arts Council
- Frederick County Planning Commission
- Frederick County Public Libraries Board of Trustees
- Frederick Innovative Technology Center, Inc. - Founding Member
- League of Women Voters
- PTA Legislative Chair, Girl Scout Leader, and Religious Education Instructor
- Rotary Club of Carroll Creek

Awards

- Maryland's Top 100 Women - 2004, 2007, 2011
- Circle of Excellence, 2011
- Peacecrafters Award
- Presidential Medal for Leadership, St. John's Catholic Preparatory School, 2017