



The Honorable J. Richard Gray
Biography

Lancaster, PA, Mayor J. Richard “Rick Gray was elected as Chair of the Local Government Advisory Committee on March 2, 2012 at its quarterly meeting in Washington DC. Mayor Gray has served on the Committee for the past two years.

After attending American University and Dickenson Law School, Rick Gray began his law career in 1969 as a VISTA attorney assigned to the Neighborhood Legal Services in Pittsburgh, PA. He came to Lancaster in 1972 where he was the Director of Legal Services until 1976. In 1976, he entered private practice and began a 30 career as a defense attorney.

Rick was first elected Mayor of Lancaster in 2005 and was sworn into office in January of 2006. He was endorsed by the Lancaster Intelligencer Journal who applauded his vision and leadership for the city, and was re-elected in 2009. The Mayor has been recognized by the Bay Journal and the Chesapeake Bay Foundation as a leader who has promoted the greening of Lancaster’s infrastructure. In a recent address to the Choose Clean Water Coalition Conference in Lancaster, Mayor Gray said they have resolved to implement a “green” solution to keep about a billion gallons of stormwater from mixing with the city sewage and being channeled into the Conestoga River, and eventually into the Chesapeake Bay.

Mayor Gray is a Board Member of the Pennsylvania League of Cities and Municipalities and a former President of the Lancaster County Bar Association and the Pennsylvania Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers. Rick is married to Gail Gray who is an artist with a studio in Lancaster. They have three children and six grandchildren.

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<http://www.saveitlancaster.com/city-of-lancaster-green-infrastructure/>