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The *Michigan Barn Preservation Network* (MBPN) is pleased to award a *2011 Pride of Ownership Certificate* to the Oakland Township Parks and Recreation Commission, the Oakland Township Historical Society and the Oakland Township Historic Districts Commission for the **1879 Flumerfelt Barn** at Cranberry Lake Farm Historic District in Oakland Township. This noteworthy barn is an important feature of the historic farmstead on Predmore Road owned by the Township Parks and Recreation Commission.

In 2004, the community organizations saved Flumerfelt Barn from demolition in the way of a new housing development on Gunn Road. Led by the Oakland Township Historical Society the barn was dismantled and re-built by hand with volunteers at Cranberry Lake Farmstead as part of the historic district. Flumerfelt Barn, originally erected in 1879, has timber frame construction, mortise and tenon joints and wooden pegs. It bears unique signature and date features.

MBPN honors the Oakland Township community for not only saving this unique barn, and for conducting a community-wide barn raising, but for continuing to preserve and use this barn now and into the future. Flumerfelt Barn serves to educate the public on Michigan's rich agricultural heritage for everyone who visits the historic district in Oakland Township as well as views the award-winning video produced on this project. Oakland Township shows *real pride of ownership* for Flumerfelt Barn.

MBPN is a Michigan statewide volunteer, non-profit organization dedicated to the appreciation, preservation, and rehabilitation of Michigan barns, farmsteads and rural communities over the last 16 years. For more information visit www.mibarn.net and face book. MBPN is based in East Lansing, Michigan and is a member of the National Barn Alliance and the National Trust for Historic Preservation.

Congratulations to the Oakland Township Parks and Recreation Commission, Oakland Township Historical Society, Oakland Township Historic Districts Commission and all those who worked on Flumerfelt Barn!

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