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Bob Muller wins the 2019 West Bloomfield Environmental Stewardship Award

This award salutes local caretakers of our planet's natural resources. The recipient of this award routinely engages in exceptional education outreach and/or initiatives that protect the environment. Leaders in environmental stewardship are passionate about conservation and guardianship of our land, air, and water resources. This is a competitive recognition. Bob Muller was presented the West Bloomfield Environmental Award in May of 2019.

Bob Muller has created hand-drawn maps of seven townships in Oakland County. Using land surveyor notes from 1815, 1817 and influenced by an 1818 expedition into what would become West Bloomfield Township, Bob has created a document that allows us to see environmental origins of our township. The 30" x 36" colorful West Bloomfield map shows Native American trails, lakes and streams, trees, swamps, land depressions and elevations, and local vegetation. The maps document the challenges our early settlers faced. The maps Bob has created can be found at:

<https://royaloakhistoricalsociety.com/muller-township-maps>

Bob has been in love with maps since he was a boy. The Royal Oak Nature Society wanted to understand what the forest was like before man had settled here. Bob then created maps to show what Oakland County looked like before man ventured into the interior of Michigan. Bob has been interested in the historical environmental aspects of Oakland County for over 10 years. He is a published author, historian, and versed in fish studies of our county's lakes and streams. Bob is current president of the Royal Oak Historical Society and leads nature tours for the public. He also gives group lectures about the environment, owls, and fish.

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