Center Avenue presents one of the most spectacular displays of late nineteenth and early twentieth century residential architecture in Michigan. Between 1870 and 1940 Bay City’s prominent citizens favored Center Avenue as “the” place to live. The lavish houses reflect the city’s prosperity and the wealth of its citizens, as result of the lumbering industry during the late nineteenth century and other industries in the early twentieth century. Center Avenue Historic District is listed in the National Register of Historic Places.

Location: Two markers:
301 Washington Avenue & 614 Center Avenue
Applicant/Sponsor: Center Avenue Historic Association
Marker Erected: 2003
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