INTRODUCTION
FLOUR AND PAPER MILLS ON THE WATER POWER
(Looking west from the Fox River)
Ca. 1880
Courtesy of the Neenah Public Library
The purpose of the Intensive Survey was to compile a list of districts and individual properties potentially eligible to the National Register of Historic Places within the city limits of Neenah, Wisconsin. It was intended as the first phase of the Neenah Historical and Architectural Survey and Nomination Project. The project was begun to accomplish the following primary objectives:

1) To assist the City of Neenah to comply with the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 in relation to the use of federal funds.

2) To nominate a downtown commercial district to the National Register to encourage private redevelopment.

3) To integrate historic preservation into public and private planning.

The scope of the survey was limited to the boundaries of the City of Neenah as shown on MAP I. Within those boundaries 1,087 properties were identified for study in order to meet the following secondary objectives:

1) To make the inventory usable for a minimum of ten years, considering buildings constructed through 1940.

2) To inventory properties throughout the City, providing the broadest distribution of community benefit.

Those agencies involved in the guidelines, funding, management, data gathering and completion of this project included the Historic Conservation and Recreation Service of the United States Department of the Interior, the Historic Preservation Division of the State Historical Society of Wisconsin, the Neenah Department of Community Development, the Neenah Downtown Business Association and the Neenah Historical Society.