

The term “**Broadband**” simply means a very fast connection to the Internet. It is a connection to the Internet that is always on and is up to **40 times faster** than the traditional dial-up access.

Follow these instructions for a quick and easy way to find out what the broadband options are for your area:

1 Go to <http://www.broadbandillinois.org>. This will take you to the Broadbandillinois Home page.

2 Once there, click on the “**Find and Request Broadband**” button located in the upper right-hand corner of the Home page.

You can also click on “**search by address or zip code**” on the right side of the Broadbandillinois Home page, above the map. Both actions will take you to the **Maps** tab of the Broadbandillinois web site.

3 Once on the Maps tab of the Broadbandillinois web site you can search for broadband providers in your area in two ways:

- To see a list of broadband providers in your area, enter your location (Address, zip code or latitude and longitude) in the **box at the top of the map**. Click the “**Search**” button (circled in green) to the right of the box. After you click the “Search” button, be patient, it may take a few minutes. On the right-hand side you will see a **list of available broadband providers** associated with your area. To see all of the providers on the list, scroll down using the **slider bar** on the right (circled in green).

- To fill out a form requesting that the broadband service providers in your area contact you, use the “**Want Better Options?**” button. Clicking this button will take you to the “**Request Broadband Service**” page where you can fill out the requested information and send it to the local broadband providers by clicking the “**Send Request**” button on the bottom of the page.

