

In late 2022 and early 2023, Berkshire Concrete Corp. cleared a portion of its property located off Prospect Street in Dalton. The clearing process included removal of trees, all of which were located on BCC property. BCC commenced earth removal activities on the cleared area in early 2023 and continued those activities until April 2025 when the Dalton Board of Health Agent informed Berkshire Concrete Corp. of the Board of Health's concern with respect to the level of dust coming out of BCC's Dalton operation located off Prospect Street.

In response, BCC promptly ceased mining operations on the site and turned its attention to investigating and remediating the issue. This process involved reclamation of a portion of the parcel, which included tree planting for wind and visual screening, reclaiming unused areas of the parcel, slope stabilization, grading, hydroseeding, as well as construction of a twenty foot high and two hundred fifty foot long earthen berm. On top of this berm BCC installed a six foot high fence with a screen comprised of plastic slats to help reduce the spread of dust and noise beyond the site.

Throughout the reclamation process, Berkshire Concrete Corp. was transparent with respect to its reclamation and remediation efforts, including inviting members of Town leadership, boards and committees, as well as community members, to the site to review plans and ask questions. These site visits occurred both during the reclamation process and after completion of reclamation in June 2025. As has been stated before, Berkshire Concrete Corp.'s intent was and has always been to reclaim the parcel to meet the requirements of its current special permit, which allows for up to five acres to be in active excavation state at any time.

BCC has no control over weather events, including microbursts, and cannot speak to what may have happened to trees located on an abutting owner's property as a result of a microburst.