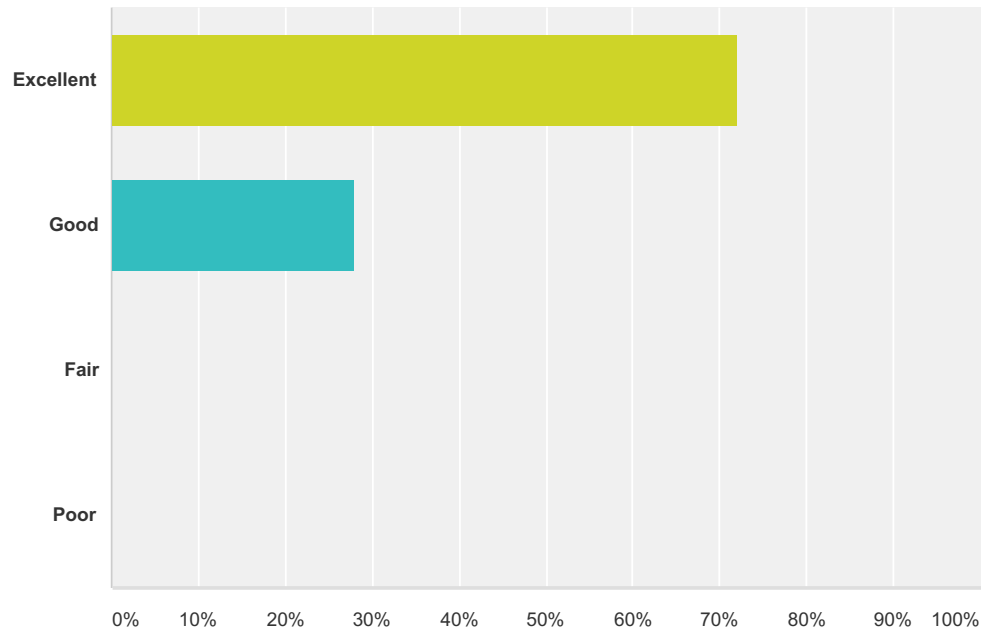


Q1 Do you feel the fourth Annual Long Island Natural History Conference was a successful event?

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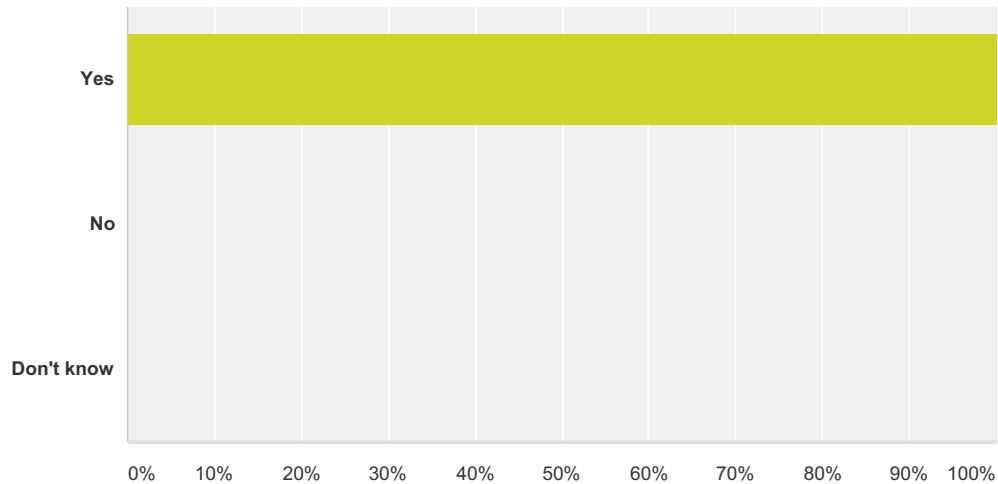
Answer Choices	Responses
Excellent	72.09% 62
Good	27.91% 24
Fair	0.00% 0
Poor	0.00% 0
Total	86

#	Comment	Date
1	Missed the second day but if it was half as good as the first I'd say excellent.	4/6/2016 3:56 PM
2	See below.	3/30/2016 8:58 AM
3	Well attended, very interesting presentations and good atmosphere for everyone	3/30/2016 8:38 AM
4	My first time going and the lectures were wonderful. And all the tables outside with information was really great.	3/29/2016 5:15 PM
5	Terrific selection of speakers and topics.	3/29/2016 2:05 PM
6	Very good! Only went on Friday	3/28/2016 9:48 AM
7	I planned to attend only Friday but couldn't stay away Saturday.	3/27/2016 4:10 PM
8	Last year's was my first, which I loved - and I felt this year was even better.	3/24/2016 9:00 PM
9	Very good speakers. Good information, learned a lot.	3/24/2016 11:57 AM
10	I only was able to attend one day, but I thought it was excellent	3/24/2016 11:52 AM

11	It was my first time attending and I would certainly consider going again next year. I thought there was a variety of information given and it was nice to have that. I enjoyed the conference for the speakers, the ability to network with different groups and individuals, and also to get the opportunity to take back the information that I gained to my workplace and try to utilize it.	3/24/2016 9:35 AM
12	A bit crowded at the entrance.	3/24/2016 8:35 AM
13	maybe the best so far. passionate speakers, with very little droning slide narration	3/24/2016 8:07 AM

Q2 Did you feel the speakers were knowledgeable?

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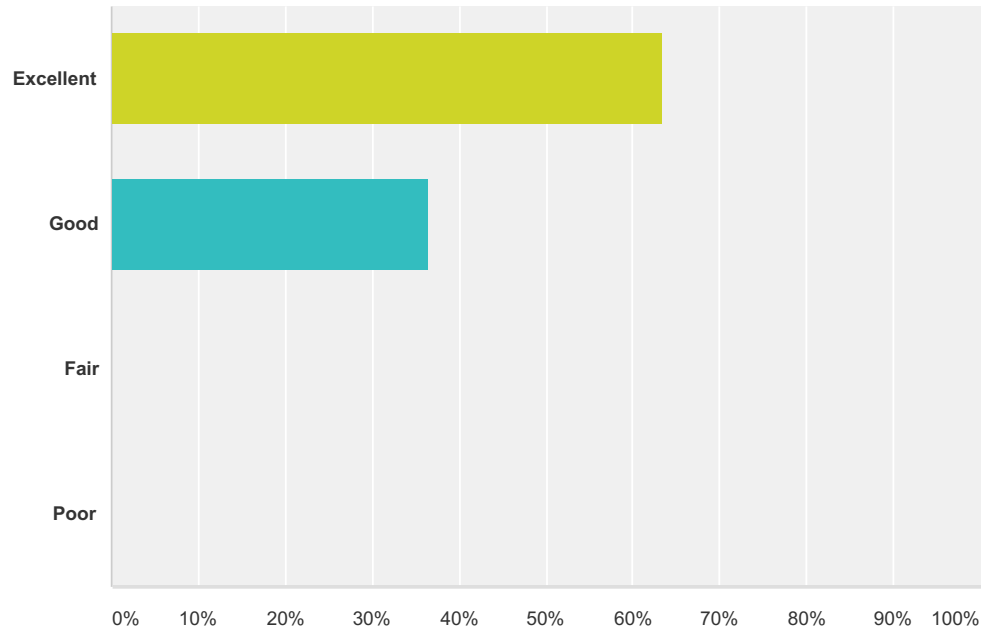


Answer Choices	Responses
Yes	100.00% 86
No	0.00% 0
Don't know	0.00% 0
Total	86

#	Comment	Date
1	For the most part. The morning session was stronger than the afternoon.	3/30/2016 8:58 AM
2	A diverse range, but all were very knowledgeable, with a good command of communications to an audience	3/30/2016 8:38 AM
3	The "science" level could have been higher. That is, more science, please.	3/28/2016 7:50 AM
4	All excellent speakers.	3/24/2016 11:57 AM
5	Some more than others.	3/24/2016 11:02 AM
6	For the most part, the speakers were engaging and seemed to know and understand the content of their presentations. Some speakers were better presenters than others, but the majority were great.	3/24/2016 9:35 AM

Q3 How would you rate the speakers' topics?

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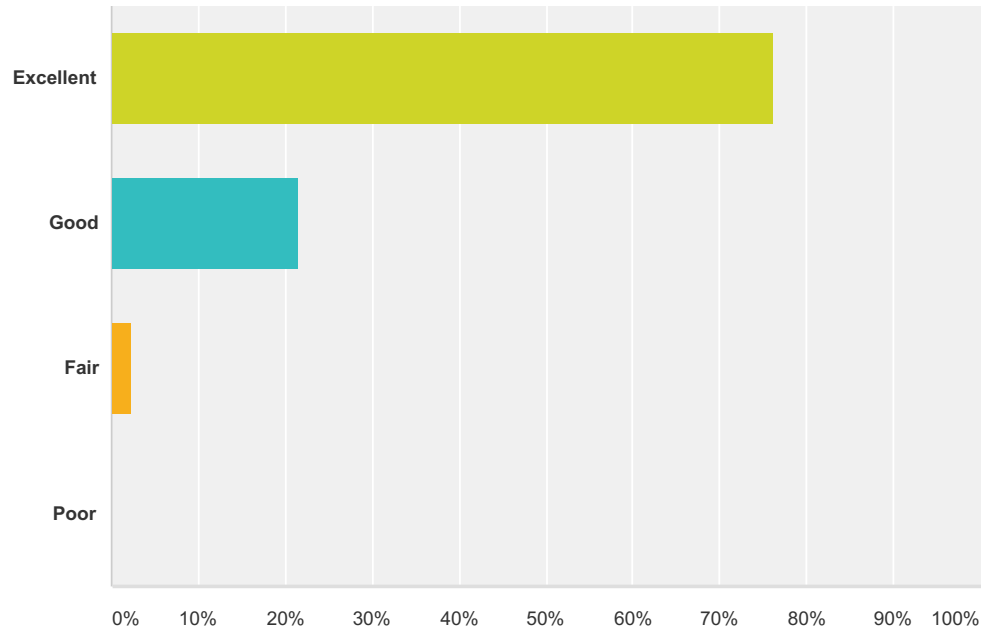
Answer Choices	Responses
Excellent	63.53% 54
Good	36.47% 31
Fair	0.00% 0
Poor	0.00% 0
Total	85

#	Comment	Date
1	Frankly, I learned more about oysters than I ever anticipated. The Chestnut and lizard topics were my favorites	3/30/2016 8:38 AM
2	Very interesting and relevant to today.	3/28/2016 4:09 PM
3	Loved the variety- orchids and birds, marine and terrestrial	3/28/2016 9:48 AM
4	Found the first half overall more engaging.	3/25/2016 12:14 PM
5	This year's conference seemed to have a lot more workshops on marine life.	3/24/2016 2:09 PM
6	All very interesting topics.	3/24/2016 11:57 AM
7	Southern Pine Beetle best one Friday	3/24/2016 11:52 AM
8	Great selection and variety of presentation topics.	3/24/2016 10:49 AM
9	Topjcs were too specific. I would rather see topics that are broader and more geared for general public.	3/24/2016 9:56 AM
10	I would like more topics on mammals and perhaps the Bald Eagles that have started nesting on Long Island in the last couple of years.	3/24/2016 9:35 AM
11	I enjoyed most of the presentations that were given and understand that all of the speakers worked hard to prepare the presentations that they gave. There were some presentations that I would have liked to go into more detail and others where the information could have been simplified a little bit more for the time constraint given to present the information and have the audience have a good grasp on the topic. I definitely enjoyed the variety of information because it really helped things stay fresh and not get repetitive.	3/24/2016 9:35 AM
12	Only attended Day One, but the only presentation that I found to be a little "dry" was "Hide and Seek in the Wilds of Long Island" by Dave Taft.	3/24/2016 9:28 AM
13	good variety, from the chestnut trees to the oyster history	3/24/2016 8:07 AM

14	There will always be those topics that certain individuals connect more with, while others another topic. I believe it was a good mix of scientific topics that definitely appealed to me as a whole.	3/24/2016 6:10 AM
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Q4 How would you rate the organization of the Conference?

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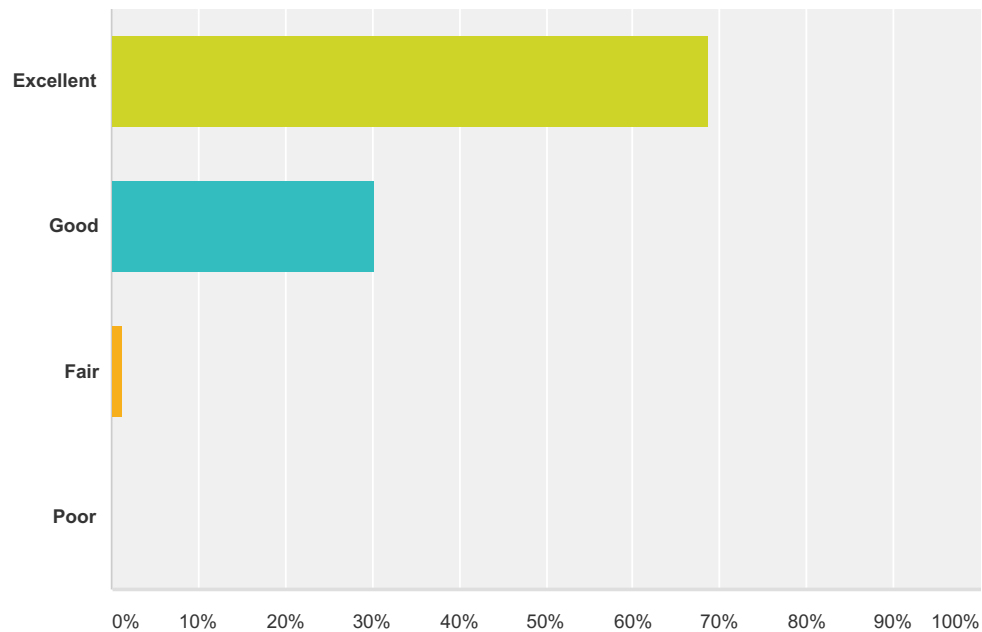
Answer Choices	Responses
Excellent	76.19% 64
Good	21.43% 18
Fair	2.38% 2
Poor	0.00% 0
Total	84

#	Comment	Date
1	A few more "posters" would have been appreciated, but the conference WAS well organized	3/30/2016 8:38 AM
2	seemed more effecient this year. liked having the food in the poster room.	3/28/2016 9:48 AM
3	Well run. Very smooth.	3/25/2016 12:14 PM
4	I am really impressed with how the organizers ask for attendees' opinions - and then actually plan the following year's event with these suggestions in mind! It's remarkable.	3/24/2016 9:00 PM
5	Friday? Why not sat sun?	3/24/2016 5:05 PM
6	Liked the fact that there was only one concurrent session. I like to see everything.	3/24/2016 4:32 PM
7	Everything flowed in a timely manner.	3/24/2016 10:49 AM

8	Everything ran very smoothly. The thing I enjoyed the most was that it was two days preventing overlapping presentations. The worst is when you have to sacrifice one lecture to go to another and there was very little of that because the conference was spread out. I participated in the art illustration science education workshop which was fantastic, but I did have to miss the presentation on sharks and adders which I would have liked to have seen. Overall though, it was nice to have all the lectures in one place so you could get comfortable and not have to shuffle around all day. I really appreciated that aspect.	3/24/2016 9:35 AM
9	I am a member and was disappointed that when signing in there was no name tag made up for me, or at least it wasn't able to be found. I was on the printed list, thankfully, but no tag.	3/24/2016 7:57 AM

Q5 How would you rate the quality of the venue?

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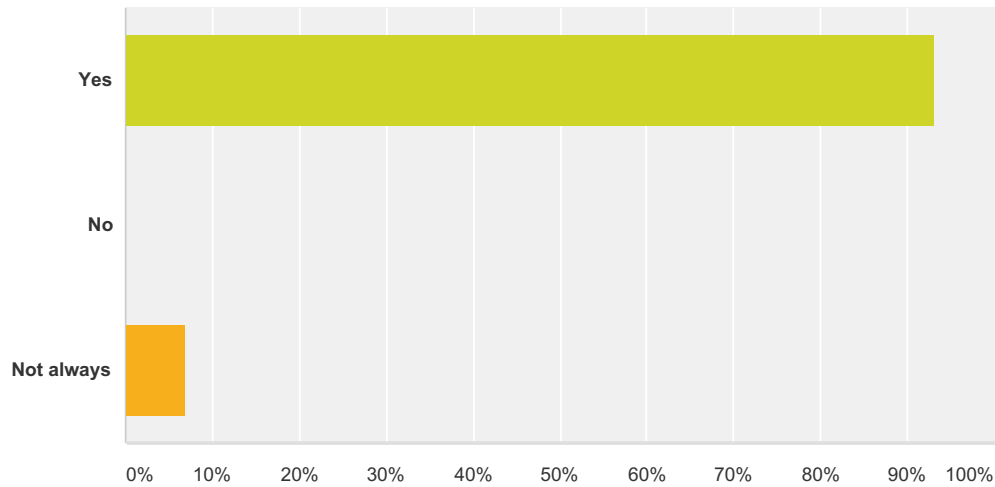
Answer Choices	Responses
Excellent	68.60% 59
Good	30.23% 26
Fair	1.16% 1
Poor	0.00% 0
Total	86

#	Comment	Date
1	A little chilly in the auditorium at times.	3/30/2016 4:32 PM
2	A little crowded in the exhibit area, but fine.	3/28/2016 9:48 AM
3	Need some food on Saturday that is Gluten Free	3/28/2016 9:44 AM
4	Hope you always do it there.	3/25/2016 12:14 PM
5	I liked how all the presenters were in the auditorium.	3/24/2016 11:39 AM
6	The cafeteria staff did an especially great job handling the rush of event attendees at lunch on Friday.	3/24/2016 10:49 AM

7	This is the second conference that I have attended at BNL and the facility is very well kept and the auditorium makes it extremely easy to both hear and see the presenter/presentation, no matter how many people are in the audience. Parking is easy and conveniently located. Although I brought my own lunch, it was nice that there was a cafeteria available if you needed it. The food that was provided to us by the conference was also a nice treat and very much appreciated for in between lectures.	3/24/2016 9:35 AM
8	the poster area felt almost impossibly crowded on Friday.	3/24/2016 8:07 AM

Q6 Were the audio and video adequate to clearly hear and see the presentations?

Answered: 86 Skipped: 1



Answer Choices	Responses
Yes	93.02% 80
No	0.00% 0
Not always	6.98% 6
Total	86

#	Comment	Date
1	Sometimes a speaker's microphone was attached in a way that did not pick up her/his voice adequately. Perhaps next year the person introducing the speakers could go into the audience to check for sound, and then adjust the mic as necessary.	3/30/2016 10:35 AM
2	Yes, great screen and audio was top quality	3/30/2016 8:38 AM
3	Sound was fine resolution of projector sometimes was lacking	3/27/2016 5:23 PM
4	As far as I could tell, there was not a single technical issues with any of the presenters. That's impressive.	3/24/2016 9:00 PM
5	Always happy to attend. Organised well, smooth transition from speaker to speaker. Good Q&A after each talk and Speakers are always available afterwards to give brief one on one.	3/24/2016 8:45 PM
6	Always terrific, thanks so much, highlight of my year! Will move away from my career into this, Thanks!	3/24/2016 8:18 PM
7	Not really your fault, but can anything be done about the idiot, RUDE audience members who constantly (the dope with the bright orange hat!) come into the auditorium late, after the presos have started. They talk at full volume, whistle, and go right to the front I found this very obnoxious. It was worst when Dave Taft was trying to get started. Very unfair to him.	3/24/2016 4:32 PM
8	One of the aisle microphones seemed to be off or malfunctioning during a few of the talks' question and answer portions, it was difficult to hear some questions.	3/24/2016 10:49 AM

9	I had no problem hearing any of the speakers and there were no glitches in the video streaming. It was smooth sailing for the entire conference which was really nice.	3/24/2016 9:35 AM
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Q7 Please rate the breaks:a. Were they long enough?b. Was the food sufficient?c. Was the food of good quality?d. Would you suggest something else? If so what would you like to see served?

Answered: 73 Skipped: 14

#	Responses	Date
1	a. Yes b. Yes but at first it wasn't obvious that there was breakfast. c. Yes d. Fruit and cookies are always nice.	4/6/2016 4:00 PM
2	The food in the cafeteria is varied and plentiful in my opinion and is very cost effective. I think it would have been good to have a morning snack with the coffee/tea - and perhaps better signage for where these were located, but otherwise it was fine.	4/6/2016 2:30 PM
3	a	4/5/2016 9:13 PM
4	a. about right. b. yes. c. and d. I thought it was a bit better last year, but I'm not complaining.	3/30/2016 4:41 PM
5	Needed a break btw each lecture. Food was good-lots of options Food was good quality	3/30/2016 11:25 AM
6	The breaks were long enough and the food was great.	3/30/2016 10:48 AM
7	Yes. I brought my own lunch.	3/30/2016 9:32 AM
8	breaks were fine. Just a better sign directing to where refreshments and restrooms are.	3/30/2016 8:42 AM
9	There was good choices of food and the breaks were long enough. And the water with oranges and lemons was wonderful. Only thing I would suggest is having yogurts with lower sugar - I think you had Dannon and higher sugar because of the syrupy fruit mixed in.	3/29/2016 5:23 PM
10	a - Yes b - Yes c - Yes d - better quality of coffee	3/29/2016 2:07 PM
11	a-sufficient time for breaks, discussions and time to view posters b-food was sufficient, we were not aware of the fact that the cafeteria would not be serving food so we were relieved to find that there was plenty of food at the refreshment table c-food choices were healthy, varied and of good quality	3/28/2016 4:37 PM
12	a. pretty much ok b. my burger was woefully undercooked c. see b. d. as long as the staff do their job properly, would be fine. Other years ok. Too bad no cafeteria on Saturday, but bringing lunch is fine.	3/28/2016 4:22 PM
13	Lunch on the first day did not have to be as long as it was.	3/28/2016 4:11 PM
14	A short break in the afternoon would be good to add. The food was of good quality and sufficient amount. I liked the lemon and orange water.	3/28/2016 11:55 AM
15	a. Yes b. Yes c. Yes d. No	3/28/2016 11:15 AM
16	I thought there were a perfect amount of breaks, maybe shorten lunch by 10/15 minutes and then add a second break in after lunch. (quick 5 minute break or so to use the bathroom)	3/28/2016 10:38 AM
17	Friday afternoon there were no breaks, but interesting topics, so it was fine. Food was good-appreciate the fruit and yogurt. Coffee and tea are good. I like juice, but i know it is expensive.	3/28/2016 9:55 AM
18	I could have used a break Friday afternoon. Refreshments were adequate.	3/28/2016 9:53 AM
19	Need more gluten free food on Saturday	3/28/2016 9:49 AM
20	all good	3/28/2016 9:40 AM
21	Breaks were long enough and frequent enough. Breakfast was very good: Lots of variety. Quality fine. I especially appreciated the fresh fruit.	3/28/2016 7:56 AM
22	yes - breaks were long enough snacks were great - lunch could be shorter and conference could end earlier	3/28/2016 7:47 AM
23	Yes!	3/27/2016 9:19 PM

24	Perfectly fine	3/27/2016 5:24 PM
25	Lunch on Friday was a little too long. And you should remind people that the cafeteria is closed on Saturday. Many people had no lunch.	3/27/2016 4:12 PM
26	A. I thought the breaks could've been longer. I found myself having good conversation during the breaks and having to cut them short to get back to the auditorium. At the same time, I would not lengthen the breaks to take away from the presentations. The lunch breaks were sufficient. B. Food was great. C. Yes. D. No.	3/27/2016 8:54 AM
27	just fine	3/26/2016 8:31 AM
28	Lunch could be cut down a bit. I think one hour is sufficient. Food was fine.	3/25/2016 12:23 PM
29	The breaks were great. Just enough time to stretch and get some food. Maybe making the breaks like five minutes longer so that you have enough time to use the bathroom, get food, and walk around to see the different tables that are there would be good. Overall I thought the breaks were great. The food was great and definitely appreciated. It was all quick stuff that you could grab and eat standing while you were talking to people which helps make networking more convenient when you're hungry :) I think there was plenty of food, especially the second day because there were fewer people at the conference. The food was definitely appreciated. It was nice that there was water available with the fruit in it and also coffee and tea. Thank you for the refreshments!	3/25/2016 9:22 AM
30	I'm not really there for long breaks or good food - they are perfectly adequate. I'm there for the presentations - and they are spectacular!	3/24/2016 9:16 PM
31	Breaks were good.	3/24/2016 9:13 PM
32	Ok	3/24/2016 5:06 PM
33	Good all around.	3/24/2016 4:36 PM
34	The breaks were sufficient in time. I only took advantage of the coffee, which was fine.	3/24/2016 4:30 PM
35	A. Great breaks. Good length for networking and conversations, a key part of the conference.	3/24/2016 3:41 PM
36	The breaks were good and there were plenty of the interesting organizations that tabled the event.	3/24/2016 2:14 PM
37	Breaks were fine. Cafeteria food was good, snacks were ok. Wished the cafe was open on Sunday. veggie platters for snacks ripe bananas	3/24/2016 2:04 PM
38	all great	3/24/2016 12:22 PM
39	Food was great - good quality, good quantity. There was a lot to do during the breaks - eat, bathroom, talk with people, get information from tables, study posters, buy books, etc. But I suppose you can't really lengthen the breaks without taking time from the talks.	3/24/2016 12:13 PM
40	the fruit waters were inspired. the coffee was good. otherwise, I missed the food. the cafeteria is always good.	3/24/2016 12:00 PM
41	All good	3/24/2016 11:54 AM
42	A. Yes B. Yes C. Yeah, lots of carbs. Appreciated the fruit though! D. No.	3/24/2016 11:49 AM
43	A break Friday afternoon would have been nice. Your selection of food was great - healthy vs ... I liked the idea of the small bagels.	3/24/2016 11:41 AM
44	The breaks were long enough. The food was delicious and coffee was appreciated.	3/24/2016 11:21 AM
45	no food services (cafeteria) on Saturday presented a problem to a number of people	3/24/2016 11:20 AM
46	Everything was excellent. I have no suggestions for improvement.	3/24/2016 11:14 AM
47	A) Yes, they were long enough. B) Yes, the food selection available was great. C) Yes, the food was of good quality. D) No.	3/24/2016 10:51 AM
48	a. yes b. yes c. so-so d. bagels of good quality	3/24/2016 10:38 AM
49	a. yes b. I don't know I brought my own c. I don't know d. I didn't even go into the cafeteria	3/24/2016 10:21 AM
50	All was good.	3/24/2016 10:07 AM
51	The breaks were perfect! The snacks were more than appropriate and of sufficient quantity and good quality	3/24/2016 10:06 AM
52	7a. Yes, although I felt that the lunch break was a little long. Since most people stay at the Lab you may want to consider 1 hour. 7b. Yes 7c. Yes 7d. I have nothing to suggest!	3/24/2016 9:45 AM
53	a. Lunch was a little too long. Would have liked a short break after lunch on day 1 (as there was a small break before lunch). b. Yes. c. Food was delicious. d. No.	3/24/2016 9:38 AM

54	a. Yes b. More than c. Yes d. No	3/24/2016 9:32 AM
55	Breaks were fine. Food was fine.	3/24/2016 9:31 AM
56	They were the right length Food was good and there was plenty of it Maybe sandwiches for lunch on the day the cafeteria was closed	3/24/2016 9:14 AM
57	The yogurt saved the day . Bananas where green and those little round bagel like dough disks?? Can't anyone find real donuts on Long Island?	3/24/2016 8:41 AM
58	Breaks were long enough. Brought our own food	3/24/2016 8:41 AM
59	The breaks were a perfect amount of time and the food was good.	3/24/2016 8:36 AM
60	a. The breaks were just about long enough but not for the purposes of networking.	3/24/2016 8:34 AM
61	Breaks were of sufficient length, and food was fine.	3/24/2016 8:29 AM
62	Was only there on Saturday but the breaks were the proper amount of time.	3/24/2016 8:14 AM
63	Breaks were OK. Food OK.	3/24/2016 8:00 AM
64	Breaks we good. Good was ok	3/24/2016 7:37 AM
65	I was there Friday and the food selection was excellent.	3/24/2016 7:26 AM
66	Break time was good.Cafeteria should be open both days.	3/24/2016 7:17 AM
67	a. I think an afternoon break would've been beneficial on Friday. b. The cafeteria never seems fully prepared. The refreshments were delicious. c. Yes. d. No changes suggested.	3/24/2016 6:53 AM
68	a. yes b. yes c. yes d. no	3/24/2016 6:51 AM
69	A. Breaks were fine, and atmosphere casual enough that we could feel free to step out in between if needed. B. I didn't notice the food on Friday, but on Sat, there was more than ample amounts, and decent variety. I was able to grab something small for both breakfast and a light lunch. C/D I enjoyed the healthy options in balance with the pastries. Only suggestion would be to maybe switch out breakfast items for more lunch type items later in the day.	3/24/2016 6:18 AM
70	Breaks were good though I could have used in the afternoon. With a coffee option.	3/24/2016 5:35 AM
71	Breaks were long enough. Food was ok. Much of it was high sugar. I'd have liked different varieties of apples, containers of plain yogurt, nuts and dried fruit.	3/24/2016 4:19 AM
72	A. Yes. B. No. Could have had cafeteria opened on Saturday or at least had brought in catered lunch stuff: deli sandwiches, drinks, fruit, chips. C. N/A. Brought lunch from home so it was good.	3/24/2016 2:59 AM
73	breaks were well spaced,and adequate, breakfast spread was good.	3/24/2016 1:31 AM

Q8 What was the best part of the Conference?

Answered: 67 Skipped: 20

#	Responses	Date
1	The American Chestnut talk and networking. Tables were interesting, too. Ran out of time to see posters and they seemed a bit hidden (as was breakfast) in that room.	4/6/2016 4:00 PM
2	This year's conference really provided a wide range of topics and I think the organizations that were displaying materials was better than ever. The conference is well organized and check in is a breeze.	4/6/2016 2:30 PM
3	the talks. excellent variety of topics.	3/30/2016 4:41 PM
4	Thought it was really well done.	3/30/2016 11:25 AM
5	Carl Safina's talk was brilliant. Having Canio's Books was wonderful.	3/30/2016 10:48 AM
6	A number of the speakers were knowledgable, informative and lively. There was also a good mix of topics, some topical and of current urgent concern to our community, others more specialized and informative. Good to have the tables in the lounge, too, great way to gather information and find out about the various organizations in the area and the work they are doing.	3/30/2016 9:32 AM

7	Russ Burke's talk on lizards, (but I'm biased.)	3/30/2016 8:42 AM
8	The lectures and speakers and meeting all the people that were involved with the environmental organizations.	3/29/2016 5:23 PM
9	Topics and networking	3/29/2016 2:07 PM
10	We enjoyed the presentation by Carl Safina and the opportunity to present our poster.	3/28/2016 4:37 PM
11	Helen Hays, Carl Safina... the Hognose snake guy was great too.	3/28/2016 4:22 PM
12	The best part was the different topics - something for every interest.	3/28/2016 4:11 PM
13	Overall, a good diverse mix of topics.	3/28/2016 11:55 AM
14	Presentations	3/28/2016 11:15 AM
15	I enjoyed that it did not feel very rushed, the amount each speaker had seemed like a perfect amount of time.	3/28/2016 10:38 AM
16	Seeing the variety of work being done in the natural world, esp on LI. And seeing my colleagues!	3/28/2016 9:55 AM
17	I enjoyed hearing about the shellfish restoration efforts in the Great South Bay.	3/28/2016 9:53 AM
18	Meeting everyone in the Long Island Environmental Community	3/28/2016 9:49 AM
19	Chestnut Presentation	3/28/2016 9:40 AM
20	A variety of topics.	3/28/2016 7:56 AM
21	I really enjoyed the flow of the speakers.	3/28/2016 7:47 AM
22	Oysters,tropical fish and chestnut trees	3/27/2016 5:24 PM
23	All the symposiums.	3/27/2016 4:12 PM
24	Carl Safina's talk.	3/27/2016 8:54 AM
25	gull island probably because I've been there; all speakers were good	3/26/2016 8:31 AM
26	Some of the speakers and topics were very good. Ex: Dave Taft, American Chestnut, Helen Hayes. I only attended on Friday.	3/25/2016 12:23 PM
27	I thoroughly enjoyed the conference overall and think that it was successful due to the combination of the great variety of speakers, the complimentary food/refreshments, the tables and information, the ability to network, the venue, and of course, the very reasonable price to take part in it all. It was a great experience for me personally as well as for my job and career. I did, however, enjoy Carl Safina's presentation most out of all the lectures I attended. I have heard him speak before and I thoroughly enjoy the content and depth of his presentations. It was not only emotionally moving, but thought provoking and informative. I enjoyed being able to purchase books at the conference and bought one of his books that he was able to sign. That was an unexpected bonus. As a side note, it would be great if we were able to purchase any of the published works of the presentation speakers at conferences like this. I also really enjoyed the interactive art workshop. I didn't know it was interactive until that day and it was pleasantly surprised. It was nice to actively engage in a workshop because it helps to be active as opposed to just listening to a lecture. The atmosphere of this class was definitely great for learning, it just felt a little rushed because of the time constraints. But it was definitely knowledge that I can bring back with me and utilize going forward which is great. It was also another venue through which I could make networking connections.	3/25/2016 9:22 AM
28	Carl Safina's talk - you could hear a pin drop, people were so mesmerized - and the workshop on Science Illustration with Jan Porchinak. Getting together in that small venue and going outside created a really special energy and sense of fun and adventure. OH, and getting to hear and meet Dave Taft! What a gracious person.	3/24/2016 9:16 PM
29	Most of us are busy with our own schedules so, it's good to catch up with people doing field work who also have families and jobs in addition to their research.	3/24/2016 9:13 PM
30	All of it, always a wonder, Thanks!	3/24/2016 8:20 PM
31	?	3/24/2016 4:36 PM
32	Carl Safina's and Todd Gardner's presentations were fantastic. I always enjoy seeing so many familiar faces at the LI Natural History Conference, too.	3/24/2016 4:30 PM
33	Networking. And that you put the presentations online to be watched later (in case some are missed while having good conversations in hall.)	3/24/2016 3:41 PM
34	Workshops, getting to network.	3/24/2016 2:14 PM
35	Carl Safina, Todd Gardner, John Vanek, Russell Burke, Wernet & Pavacic	3/24/2016 2:04 PM

36	the variety of topics	3/24/2016 12:22 PM
37	All very good - to find out about natural history studies being done on Long Island, current management, conservation, and restoration projects. Also networking with others.	3/24/2016 12:13 PM
38	the variety of presenters, including an optional hands on session. and the expertise, therefore passion of the presenters as well. there was very little of the robotic slide presentation this time. and of course meeting so many like minded people	3/24/2016 12:00 PM
39	Presentations & seeing other naturalists	3/24/2016 11:54 AM
40	The wealth of knowledge at the conference was awesome!	3/24/2016 11:49 AM
41	The best part of the conference was the American chestnut talk by Dr. Powell.	3/24/2016 11:21 AM
42	Carl Safina and Carl LoBue presentations	3/24/2016 11:20 AM
43	The speakers and their topics.	3/24/2016 11:14 AM
44	The best part of the conference is the focus on Long Island's local environment.	3/24/2016 10:51 AM
45	Helen Hays talk	3/24/2016 10:38 AM
46	The lectures were very interesting. There was a good range of topics.	3/24/2016 10:21 AM
47	Networking with other organizations.	3/24/2016 10:07 AM
48	Meeting people I have not seen in a while and the professional interaction/networking	3/24/2016 10:06 AM
49	The posters were very nice to view at your own convenience. It was a great networking opportunity and I thought the setting for the lectures was perfect.	3/24/2016 9:38 AM
50	Networking and learning more from experts	3/24/2016 9:32 AM
51	I enjoyed "American Chestnut: Leading the Way to a Healthier Forest" by William Powell the most. (However, I was only able to attend on Friday.)	3/24/2016 9:31 AM
52	The topics were in line with what I am interested in	3/24/2016 9:14 AM
53	Meeting other scientists. Perhaps a break off group discussion about hot or current topics on Long island.	3/24/2016 8:41 AM
54	The speakers and learning about the environmental groups	3/24/2016 8:41 AM
55	The talks and booths.	3/24/2016 8:36 AM
56	The quality of the speakers and the subjects covered	3/24/2016 8:34 AM
57	Carl Safina - Rock Star! Also: Ending the conference with tropical fish video that culminated with the whales was perfect!	3/24/2016 8:14 AM
58	The presenters that didn't use so many scientific graphs etc. the ones that used more photos and spoke from their experience were great.	3/24/2016 8:00 AM
59	Some interesting speakers. Personally I preferred talking with the different groups about their projects out in the common area	3/24/2016 7:37 AM
60	A few of the speakers were dynamic public speakers which kept the day interesting, allowing for us to sit for long periods. All of the topics were relevant to Long Island which is what I was looking for.	3/24/2016 7:26 AM
61	It was all good.	3/24/2016 6:53 AM
62	Carl LoBue talk, great historical and up-to-date perspectives	3/24/2016 6:51 AM
63	I thoroughly enjoyed Carl Safina's talk--by far the best speaker in my opinion. However, the best part was simply being surrounded by scientific minds, hearing people so passionate about their work, and getting ideas and topics of what I can bring to the classroom for my high school students.	3/24/2016 6:18 AM
64	Listening and networking.	3/24/2016 5:35 AM
65	The speakers.	3/24/2016 4:19 AM
66	The hands-on/active participation workshop about doing scientific illustration. Also presentations by Carl Safina and the guy doing tropical drifters topic were really interesting and lively of all the presentations on Saturday session.	3/24/2016 2:59 AM
67	The relative importance and timeliness of the topics covered, eg southern pine beetle and global warming. Its a sad state of affairs that most of the talks involved invasives, restoration efforts, and the demise of historical populations, fisheries etc the speakers were uniformly good	3/24/2016 1:31 AM

Q9 What could we improve about the Conference?

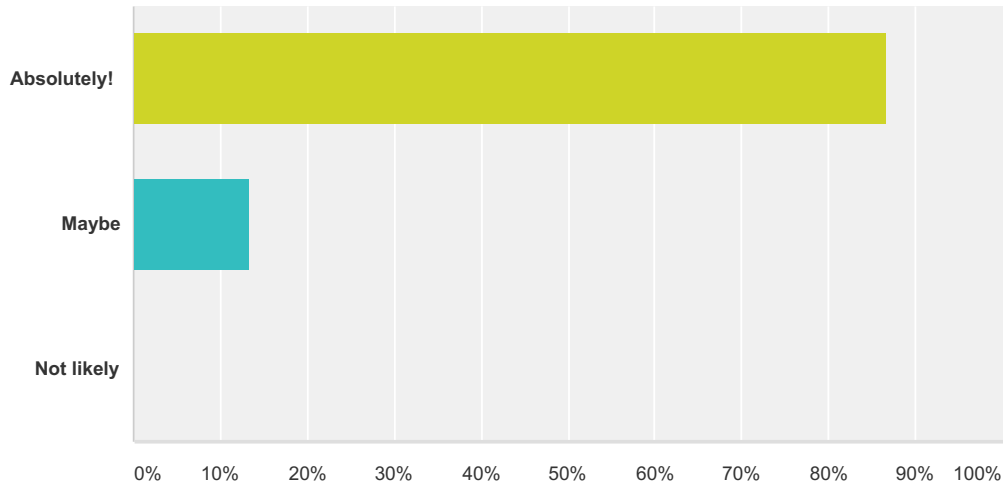
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#	Responses	Date
1	More notification of the use of space/different rooms.	4/6/2016 4:00 PM
2	I'm not sure if you are doing this and I just didn't get it, but it would be good if attendees had access to speaker's contact info for follow up conversations after the conference ends. Perhaps provide the same for attendees too.	4/6/2016 2:30 PM
3	If possible, an outdoor event?	4/5/2016 9:13 PM
4	I don't really think there's much room for that. It's been pretty good.	3/30/2016 4:41 PM
5	Advertise the event more	3/30/2016 11:25 AM
6	The science illustration program needed a larger room, but it was an interesting addition. Perhaps an idea for a speaker for next year would be someone from the Alan Alda Center for Science Communication.	3/30/2016 10:48 AM
7	A bit more advertising!	3/30/2016 8:42 AM
8	I thought it was a great conference.	3/29/2016 5:23 PM
9	Keep to during the week - Thursday and Friday, instead of stretching to the weekend	3/29/2016 2:07 PM
10	More ecosystem talks, some of the pine barrens research forum type of stuff. Some people spoke about having kids outreach, but not desirable. Already enough of that at local festivals and events and whatnot... nice to have a serious, academic approach to LI nature with broad range of topics without making it another carnival for children	3/28/2016 4:22 PM
11	I understand having some talks on a weekend day, but I would prefer two weekdays.	3/28/2016 11:55 AM
12	The only thing I can think of is ensuring that speakers know how to speak into a microphone properly, but that may not be possible.	3/28/2016 11:15 AM
13	n/a	3/28/2016 10:38 AM
14	I like it the way it is.	3/28/2016 9:55 AM
15	Get the word out to more high school and college students who could attend for a reduced fee. Need much earlier publicity so that people know about it months in advance, instead of one week. I found out about it on Mindy Block's web site only one week before. The environmental organizations that were represented at the conference need to tell all their members about the conference in their newsletters and websites.	3/28/2016 9:49 AM
16	Put presentations all back on one day	3/28/2016 9:40 AM
17	I only attended Saturday. I assumed there would be a place to buy lunch, but there wasn't. A warning in the on-line program at the Lunch Break item would have been nice.	3/28/2016 7:56 AM
18	Continue to include all facets of Long Island Natural Environment that is fresh and timely.	3/28/2016 7:47 AM
19	Not much	3/27/2016 5:24 PM
20	Maybe offer entertainment for one session. Maybe music or something with a conservation message.	3/25/2016 12:23 PM
21	I don't really have much to say that can be improved on. Everything was really great and I appreciate that the speaker selection committee is willing to take suggestions as this helps to gain variety in presentations. The only one little suggestion would be to eliminate all overlaps in workshops/presentations so that we don't have to miss anything!	3/25/2016 9:22 AM
22	shared email list of conference attendees	3/25/2016 7:33 AM
23	Geez, I'm hard pressed to say....it's so good already! Just keep up the good work...keep bringing in new topics and tweaking it in the small ways you have been. It's really excellent. I am so grateful.	3/24/2016 9:16 PM
24	Nothing, its terrific	3/24/2016 8:20 PM
25	?	3/24/2016 4:36 PM
26	Can't think of anything	3/24/2016 4:30 PM
27	It seems like all the speakers had difficulty keeping within the time slot. Perhaps for at least part of the conference have concurrent workshops that are a little bit longer. Perhaps you could have a marine track and a woodlands tract.	3/24/2016 2:14 PM

28	Attract more students	3/24/2016 2:04 PM
29	Can't think of anything!	3/24/2016 12:13 PM
30	the poster area is getting very crowded. Friday it was impossible to move around the room at break time. also, I think it was after lunch Friday, there was no break til the end. that was exhausting, and I felt for the presenters, with everyone hopping up to leave the room.	3/24/2016 12:00 PM
31	Let us know date for next year way ahead of time	3/24/2016 11:54 AM
32	Go back to an autumn conference please. Spring is a very busy season for outdoor / environmental educators. Fall is much better time!!!	3/24/2016 11:49 AM
33	Several other talks were jumbled, rushed, or otherwise very conversational. Some did not seem very professional.	3/24/2016 11:21 AM
34	opportunity for activism dialogue	3/24/2016 11:20 AM
35	Nothing I could think of.	3/24/2016 11:14 AM
36	More notification that the lectures are going to begin, I missed the beginning of some of the lectures because I hadn't realize that they started. Perhaps a bell or something.	3/24/2016 10:21 AM
37	Have a panel of discussion. Pick a common topic and have each organization contribute as a speaker.	3/24/2016 10:07 AM
38	I still really liked the first year of the conference when you had 2 presentations at one time....no one from the group I was with attended Saturday (I couldn't because of childcare) and there were a lot of really great presentations on Saturday that I missed.	3/24/2016 9:45 AM
39	Break after lunch-too many lectures in a row becomes painful. More diverse topics (only attended day 1).	3/24/2016 9:38 AM
40	Consider offering it on a super. conference day so more teachers can attend	3/24/2016 9:32 AM
41	I would have preferred if the Conference was Thursday & Friday, although I can see the benefits to having one day on a weekend day.	3/24/2016 9:31 AM
42	Not sure of anything	3/24/2016 9:14 AM
43	The tabling area was cramped.	3/24/2016 8:34 AM
44	Saturday was fantastic. The speakers and topics were excellent. Just do more of the same!	3/24/2016 8:14 AM
45	Maybe set up the handouts for the speakers at the entrance as we walk in, that way we can add notes or other contact information on it. Also we can look at it when they refer the information.	3/24/2016 7:26 AM
46	Publicize better and get more posters for the poster session. There were only a few. Also, posters should be applicable to the conference (there was one on radium up I believe)	3/24/2016 6:53 AM
47	Continue diverse and interesting topics and quality speakers	3/24/2016 6:51 AM
48	I loved it!	3/24/2016 4:19 AM
49	More hands-on/participatory concurrent workshops; more hands-outs or program summary booklet of the presentations and other info.	3/24/2016 2:59 AM
50	if possible, it would be nice to have the talks grouped thematically, eg all the marine biology/oceanography talks running consecutively	3/24/2016 1:31 AM

Q10 Would you participate in a future event?

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Answer Choices	Responses
Absolutely!	86.59% 71
Maybe	13.41% 11
Not likely	0.00% 0
Total	82

#	Comment	Date
1	Would be great to have a meet and greet with speakers and chance to casually mingle and network. The bar afterwards was short and sort of local-yokel place...	3/28/2016 4:22 PM
2	I always come away energized and wiser.	3/25/2016 12:23 PM
3	Thank you very much for the experience, I thoroughly enjoyed the conference.	3/25/2016 9:22 AM
4	This was my second year and will definitely go next year.	3/24/2016 2:14 PM
5	I really like this march date. a welcome ending to winter	3/24/2016 12:00 PM
6	Would also enjoy being able to present my project here. The audience was fantastic a very diverse group of environmentalists. With a large crowd of ESF Alumni.	3/24/2016 7:54 AM

Q11 What topics would you like to see covered in future Long Island Natural History Conferences?

Answered: 51 Skipped: 36

#	Responses	Date
1	One of the things I love about this conference is the diversity of relevant topics.	4/6/2016 4:00 PM
2	Buffer gardens, native plants/pollinator issues, light pollution/dark skies initiatives	4/6/2016 2:30 PM
3	I suppose there are some parts of the LI fauna that haven't been covered yet, such as Lepidoptera, Odonata. Perhaps more bird talks.	3/30/2016 4:41 PM
4	Alewife passages	3/30/2016 11:25 AM
5	-the work of the Alan Alda Center for Science Communication -a further presentation on native plants and trees and how to nurture their growth in suburban communities	3/30/2016 10:48 AM

6	There are so many! Here are a few: Historical perspective on land use and environmental change on Long Island since colonialists arrived. Native American adaption to the area. Critters in our back yard: Moles, voles, chipmunks, rabbits and mice. Their behavior and how to live with it. Anything on the health of our bays and estuaries and the state of the fisheries and shell fish - some of which you've already covered. More on Osprey's - the exact timing of their migrations and how they are adapting to the steady diminishment of the alewife runs which, one imagines, determined their migration in the first place.	3/30/2016 9:32 AM
7	I've heard recent excellent talks on the historic Hempstead Plains. Prof Carol Ryder is researching, and this would be good. Also, perhaps a talk on the continual decline of the frog and toad species across Long Island.	3/30/2016 8:42 AM
8	How the DEC can get more involved in banning more invasive plants and getting more involved with landscapers who are not using organic products for lawns and plants. Most people are using mulch with pesticides to keep weeds down when there is organic mulch, organic compost for soils because not all composts are the same. And the Towns and Villages in Nassau and Suffolk Counties should be promoting organic compost piles for their towns and villages to encourage people to use organic products. Also, it would really be nice to get all the leaf blowers to have lower decibels. Some landscapers are using the blowers starting at 8:00 am and they will continue to blow leaves in all kinds of directions for hours when raking and mowing up the leaves on a certain setting of the lawn mowers is definitely better and less noisy.	3/29/2016 5:23 PM
9	More amphibians and marine mammals	3/29/2016 2:07 PM
10	A book presentation of Matthew M. Kaelin's "The Sinister Beauty of Carnivorous Plants" That is me btw, haha (does cover a lot about LI's carnivorous plant habitats) LI reptiles/amphibians, interesting insects such as dragonflies/mantids/Spider Wasps/Allegheny mound ants/Butterflies/etc... something on native spiders? Freshwater predatory fish like Pickerel? Mushrooms? Wildlife found in sumps?	3/28/2016 4:22 PM
11	Maybe have one of the two days have a theme or focus each year and then the other day be more diverse. For example, themes could be- invasive species, climate change etc.	3/28/2016 11:55 AM
12	Climate change impacts on natural ecosystems and species Geology and hydrology of Long Island and their relationships with streams and ponds Restoration of formerly tilled fields	3/28/2016 11:15 AM
13	n/a	3/28/2016 10:38 AM
14	I like water quality topics- very important on LI right now. Anything new in the marine world that Riverhead Foundation could update us on? I like the emerging science stuff like coyotes and the Phenology work.	3/28/2016 9:55 AM
15	I would like to hear about nitrogen sequestration efforts with regard to septic systems.	3/28/2016 9:53 AM
16	Old Growth forests on Long Island	3/28/2016 9:49 AM
17	You are doing a great job picking topics. Perhaps a broad view of how climate change will affect our region specifically, more rain? Less? How will impacts be manifest here?	3/28/2016 9:40 AM
18	Add some topics on the Peconic. (Maybe we need more research or studies on the Peconic Bay?)	3/28/2016 7:56 AM
19	geology-based current invasive true natives educational based	3/28/2016 7:47 AM
20	Seals and turtles	3/27/2016 5:24 PM
21	talk on L.I. deer pros and cons	3/26/2016 8:31 AM
22	You do a good job of coming up with topics.	3/25/2016 12:23 PM
23	-Human impact on environmental processes and what we can do to mitigate our carbon footprints, negative impacts, etc. -wildlife populations on Long Island: projects going on; relation to our urban forest decline and the effects on population size, habits, etc; volunteer opportunities for research, etc. - more climate change I'm sure there are plenty of topics I would love to hear about. I really enjoyed the vast array of presentations at this conference and think that having a variety of topics/issues/projects/etc. is the best way to have a well rounded environmental conference.	3/25/2016 9:22 AM
24	Yes, please - Nature Journaling with Callie Velmachos in the small workshop room! (and maybe outdoors, too) More botany and ferns and lichens and seaweeds and fungi....I love anything foliose! I also have to say that it has been the speakers who dare to bring in a 'spiritual' element, a larger philosophical outlook, and/or the citizen science/amateur element who have been the most powerful for me - Kerissa Battle last year, Carl Safina this year. One of the first environmental/nature books I ever read was 'The Incidental Steward' by Akiko Busch, who was more of an arts/cultural journalist but explored beautifully and personally her experience with citizen science in the Hudson Valley. I find people who bridge different disciplines among the most exciting. So I would say at least one speaker who is a bit 'outside the box.'	3/24/2016 9:16 PM
25	Maybe an update on the state of our forest on Long Island, ie. the loss of canopy allowing grass to grow in many ares of under story.	3/24/2016 9:13 PM
26	Wow.... How to learn more, as a non-scientist- just a birder and a walker	3/24/2016 8:20 PM

27	I don't care. You guys did a good job of mixing things up this time.	3/24/2016 4:36 PM
28	Mollusks of near-shore Long Island; Marbled Salamander LI status & life history; Gray Fox; Striped Skunk; Freshwater Mussels on LI; History of Cranberry Industry on LI	3/24/2016 4:30 PM
29	Perhaps a little bit more of the human history of LI's environment. I enjoyed the Bluepoint Oyster talk.	3/24/2016 2:14 PM
30	Coyotes, other mammals. Historical species.	3/24/2016 12:13 PM
31	a dialogue between nature artists, poets, etc, and scientists, who can be the same person. a panel, or something like that. how indigenous people lived here and what we still do today that they did. in this vein, it would be great to have a shinnecock presenter. presentation on primitive skills, to go with the above. fire making, cordage making, etc	3/24/2016 12:00 PM
32	Mushrooms, Whitenose Update/bats, Cicadas, Bioluminescence, Paumanock Path, Tree Abnormalities	3/24/2016 11:54 AM
33	Box turtles. Current research and progress on invasives. More about nitrogen and anoxia in our waters...this is a very convoluted issue so lots of topics to consider.	3/24/2016 11:49 AM
34	Global climate change effects to Long Island/Fire Island and what residents can do to lessen impacts.	3/24/2016 11:21 AM
35	Fresh Water quality, overdevelopment	3/24/2016 11:20 AM
36	NYS Breeding Bird Survey, historical perspective, trends and future survey in 2020	3/24/2016 10:38 AM
37	An increased focus on the effects of climate change on the biodiversity of Long Island. (Although, I was only able to make it to the conference on Friday, so I'm not sure if that was more of the focus on Saturday).	3/24/2016 10:21 AM
38	But my question is.... Who is the conference geared to? As a general public, I couldn't take much that was applicable or that I could spread the word, or make palpable changes pro environment. The presentations were very scientific and specific to the presenters field. Can the general public really benefit from knowing that?	3/24/2016 10:07 AM
39	Climate Change challenges related to issues of retreat vs. staying where we are and mitigating?	3/24/2016 10:06 AM
40	Bald eagles nesting on Long Island, Long Island Pine Barrens, seals (Riverhead foundation possibly)	3/24/2016 9:38 AM
41	Farming/agriculture	3/24/2016 9:32 AM
42	Maybe something on toxic plumes effecting drinking water	3/24/2016 9:14 AM
43	Water quality issues - what's being done. Longer30 term 20 - 50 year affects of climate change on Long Island What is nobody covering or studying?	3/24/2016 8:41 AM
44	Always more on plants Native pollinators, entomology More hands on experiential workshops. I particularly enjoyed the natural history illustration session this year.	3/24/2016 8:34 AM
45	Discussions on the deer population.	3/24/2016 7:37 AM
46	More about ground water, also a clear definition of invasive- some mention political boundaries, others mention harming the environment, others mention taking another organisms habitat- since I teach children, I want to make sure that I use the term correctly	3/24/2016 7:26 AM
47	More about Marine life.	3/24/2016 7:17 AM
48	Northern Long Eared Bat Tiger Salamander Status Frosted Elfin status	3/24/2016 6:53 AM
49	habitat restoration (woodland, meadow and/or wetland)	3/24/2016 6:51 AM
50	Presentations on ways to incorporate local science into the classroom would be great. Beach dynamics and erosion control, marine turtles, and perhaps fishing regulations/concerns would be topics I would be interested in hearing.	3/24/2016 6:18 AM
51	Hummingbirds.	3/24/2016 4:19 AM

Q12 Have anything else to tell us?

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#	Responses	Date
1	Keep up the great work - thank you!	4/6/2016 4:00 PM
2	Thought it was a very nice conference.	3/30/2016 11:25 AM
3	It's a wonderful conference!	3/30/2016 10:48 AM

4	I heard the presentations were recorded and will be available in the future. Please let attendees know.	3/30/2016 8:42 AM
5	You all did a great job.	3/29/2016 5:23 PM
6	I enjoy these conferences quite a bit. Looking forward to next year! (have a social hour to network would be nice perhaps) Would be to see the field trips return. Also could do a local walk after hours. Nearby is great nature trails to walk in Manorville for instance... included a look at the 2012 Manorville fires and the forest recovery. The pond systems there, the source of the Peconic river, etc... all very short drive from venue. Even a beach walk from Smiths point, to the breach? Would be nice to have activities like that for people who want more while there is still daylight...	3/28/2016 4:22 PM
7	Great job!	3/28/2016 11:15 AM
8	keep doing what you're doing! This is the second one I have been to, and I will definitely keep coming back!	3/28/2016 10:38 AM
9	Great job, thanks!	3/28/2016 9:55 AM
10	Keep up the good work	3/28/2016 9:49 AM
11	Has anyone from NY State parks been invited? Since Southern Pine Beetle has decimated Connetquot, I think someone should come from the parks.	3/27/2016 4:12 PM
12	Keep up the good work!	3/25/2016 12:23 PM
13	These conferences are great and usually the audience that attends are environmentally, somewhat like-minded people. I think the greatest challenge to people like us is conveying these messages, this information and knowledge to the "other" people who we need to work with us to make possible the changes in the world that we are striving so hard to achieve. In going with suggested topics, maybe it would be feasible or helpful to have some speakers on how to best deal with the public, spread knowledge and information to people who are less informed, or educate and work with the general public that does not have an environmental background, etc. I know in my experiences, dealing with opposition, lack of knowledge/information, and any other type of negative or neutral attitudes in people are just some of the most difficult tasks when trying to accomplish a task, project, or get a message across. I know very well that there is no one answer to this issue, but perhaps if people/speakers/presenters spoke about their own experiences with this and how they handled it, or have a presentation strictly on dealing with the public. This might help us to "trouble shoot" the general public and may act as a brainstorming session to come up with new or different ideas about how to approach certain types of people, situations, etc.	3/25/2016 9:22 AM
14	Only THANK YOU for creating these wonderful events each year...As an amateur naturalist and resident of the East End, it truly is one of the highlights of my year. I was so struck this year by all the amazing organizations and programs already in place....It seems that the issue is no longer filling a void, but rather communicating, networking, connecting, partnering. The spirit of cooperation was really inspiring!	3/24/2016 9:16 PM
15	The folks giving their time and info at the tables are appreciated.	3/24/2016 9:13 PM
16	I think this was the best of the conferences so far. I will look forward to the one in 2017. I also like the timing of this one. Cheers, Rich Kelly	3/24/2016 4:36 PM
17	Nope	3/24/2016 4:30 PM
18	Perhaps you can put out a call for speakers to attract new speakers/new topics.	3/24/2016 2:14 PM
19	Thank you!	3/24/2016 2:04 PM
20	Thanks to all who were responsible for providing such an exciting and informative experience for us!	3/24/2016 12:13 PM
21	totally impressive, a thousand thanks to everyone involved	3/24/2016 12:00 PM
22	Thank you, great job!	3/24/2016 11:54 AM
23	Thanks for doing this. Great job!	3/24/2016 11:49 AM
24	While BNL is faaaar, it is easy to get to. Could you look into SCCC on Wicks Road. I know they hold things in the middle of the week, the conferences I have attended had use of the huge gym, huge auditorium and class rooms. The snack bar is not work mentioning, but there may be a cafeteria in another building.	3/24/2016 11:41 AM
25	Keep up the great work.	3/24/2016 11:20 AM
26	Amazing event.	3/24/2016 10:21 AM
27	In General I would have liked to leave the conference with information more applicable to daily life. My suggestion for next year would be to have broader topics.	3/24/2016 10:07 AM
28	I always enjoy this conference because I meet with acquaintances of a like mind. The conference was a relief from politics. Also, the speakers just present the facts with no hidden agenda.	3/24/2016 8:34 AM

29	One suggestion to make, because it is an issue I run into on a daily basis in my line of work. When dealing with the public in this field we all teach eachother what we should be doing in terms of aiding the environment. Although it is this audience who all deal with the public and educate them on what they can do better on a regular basis. I was wondering if there is a way we can all share our experiences and successes in educating the public to help eachother better our outreach skills, rather than explain to the same audience that already try to help the environment daily.	3/24/2016 7:54 AM
30	no	3/24/2016 6:51 AM
31	The conference was fantastic! Thank you!	3/24/2016 4:19 AM