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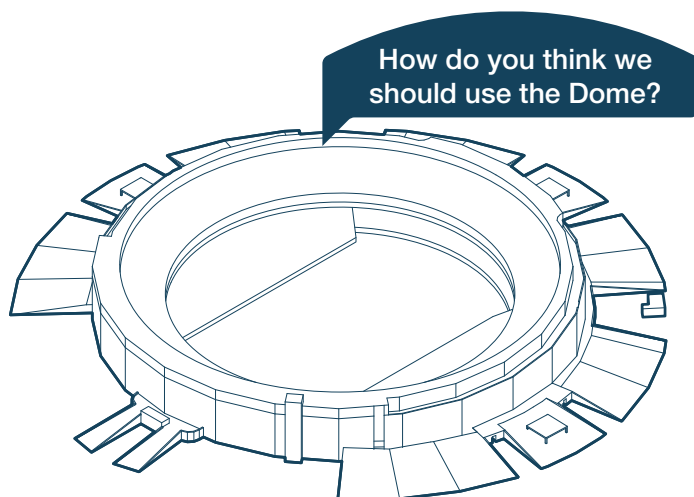
Since its closing in 2009, there have been many ideas proposed for the reuse of the Dome, including a hotel, event and convention space, festival space, amateur sports arena, theme park, movie studio, entertainment venue, museum, park or recreation space, disaster relief space, and, sadly, its demolition. So far, none of these proposals have been presented with viable funding sources that work within the current operational structure of NRG Park.

In 2013, after being closed for several years, a \$217 million proposal to convert the Astrodome into a multi-use event space was narrowly defeated by Harris County voters.

In 2013 and 2014, the Astrodome was named a National Treasure by the National Trust for Historic Preservation and listed in the National Register of Historic Places. In 2017, the Astrodome was designated a Texas State Antiquities Landmark, effectively securing its future on the Houston landscape and paving the way for redevelopment.

In 2018, a pared-down \$105 million version of the 2013 proposal was approved by Harris County Commissioners Court. This version proposed a multi-use event floor brought up to ground level with two levels of parking underneath.

In 2019, the project was put on hold due to concerns over the usability of the Dome once re-opened. Currently, it is estimated that the Dome costs less than 1% of Harris County's annual budget to maintain and operate each year. Harris County Commissioners Court has expressed the need for an Astrodome reuse and redevelopment plan that does not require significant public capital investment, will generate revenue to offset expenses, and one that has public benefit.



Who Owns the Dome?

The Astrodome and NRG Park are owned, maintained, and operated by Harris County. NRG Park has two primary tenants, the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo and the Houston Texans. Their leases run through 2032, and give them a lot of influence over how the site is operated, including and impacting the Astrodome.

What is the Astrodome Conservancy?

In 2016, the Astrodome Conservancy was founded as the champion of the landmark Astrodome on behalf of the people of Houston and Harris County. As a private, non-profit organization, their mission is to promote the Astrodome's legacy through preservation and development, advocate for public access, and create programming that inspires and engages. And the Conservancy wants the Astrodome to be dynamic and accessible to all.

Since 2019, they have been working diligently to explore alternative financing tools for redevelopment, perform public outreach, identify possible energy alternatives and incentives, and build partnerships locally and nationally to support reinvestment in the Eighth Wonder of the World. In 2020, the Astrodome Conservancy raised enough private funds to launch this community engagement campaign to understand what the public envisions for the future of the Astrodome.

What is 'Future Dome' and What Are We Trying to Do?

"Future Dome" is a two-month long community engagement campaign where we are asking for your input on the future of the Astrodome through a series of surveys, engagement activities, informative materials, and public meetings. The information provided here is aimed at giving you the information you need to formulate informed opinions and helpful feedback, but our main goal is to listen to you, the public.

The results of this campaign will be used to develop and demonstrate support for an innovative, feasible, and community-backed approach to the reuse of the Dome. Let's make it ours!



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