

ESSEX PROPERTY TRUST INC  
Form 8-K  
February 01, 2006

**UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
Washington, DC 20549**

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**FORM 8-K**

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**Current Report Pursuant to Section 13 or 15 (d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934**

**Date of Report (Date of Earliest Event Reported): January 30, 2006**

**ESSEX PROPERTY TRUST, INC.**

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in its Charter)

**001-13106**

(Commission File Number)

**Maryland**

(State or Other Jurisdiction of  
Incorporation)

**77-0369576**

(I.R.S. Employer  
Identification No.)

**925 East Meadow Drive, Palo Alto, California 94303**

(Address of Principal Executive Offices) (Zip Code)

**(650) 494-3700**

(Registrant's Telephone Number, Including Area Code)

**Not Applicable**

(Former Name or Former Address, if Changed Since Last Report)

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions:

- Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
  
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- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act

(17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))

o Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act

(17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

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**Item 8.01 Other Events**

On January 30, 2006, we announced in a press release that Oriole Partnership LLC, a joint venture investment vehicle formed among Essex Property Trust, Inc. (NYSE: ESS), UBS Wealth Management - North American Property Fund Limited, and AEW Oriole Co-Investment, LLC, has proposed to acquire all the outstanding common shares of The Town and Country Trust (NYSE: TCT) for \$36.00 per TCT share in an all cash transaction that is not subject to any financing contingency. The full text of the press release issued in connection with this announcement is incorporated herein by reference and attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1.

**Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits**

(a) - (b) Not applicable.

(c) Exhibits.

| <u>Exhibit</u><br><u>Number</u> | <u>Description</u> |
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| 99.1 | Press release issued by Essex Property Trust, Inc., dated January 30, 2006 |
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**SIGNATURE**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the Registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

Date: February 2, 2006

Essex Property Trust, Inc.

By: /s/ Michael T. Dance

Michael T. Dance  
Executive Vice President & Chief Financial Officer