ESSEX PROPERTY TRUST INC Form 8-K May 03, 2012

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

FORM 8-K

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

Date of Report (Date of Earliest Event Reported): March 31, 2012

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:

o Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)

o Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-12 under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14a-12)

o 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 2.02. Results of Operations and Financial Condition

On May 2, 2012, Essex Property Trust, Inc. (the "Company") issued a press release announcing the Company's earnings for the quarter ended March 31, 2012. A copy of the press release is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1 and incorporated by reference herein in its entirety.

The information in this report (including Exhibits 99.1 and 99.2) is being furnished pursuant to Item 2.02 and shall not be deemed to be "filed" for purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (the "Exchange Act") or otherwise subject to the liabilities of that section, nor shall it be deemed to be incorporated by reference in any filing under the Securities Act of 1933 or the Exchange Act.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

- (a) (b) Not applicable.
- (c) Exhibits.

The exhibits listed below are being furnished with this Form 8-K.

- 99.1 Press Release issued by Essex Property Trust, Inc. dated May 2, 2012
- 99.2 Supplemental Information

#### SIGNATURES

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.

Essex Property Trust

/s/ Michael T. Dance Name: Michael T. Dance Title: Executive Vice President & Chief Financial Officer

Date: May 2, 2012

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