

WASHINGTON TRUST BANCORP INC

Form 8-K

December 21, 2006

**UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

Washington, D.C. 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)
December 21, 2006

WASHINGTON TRUST BANCORP, INC.

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Charter)

| | | |
|--|-----------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| Rhode Island | 0-13091 | 05-0404671 |
| ----- | ----- | ----- |
| (State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation) | (Commission File Number) | (IRS Employer Identification No.) |

23 Broad Street, Westerly, Rhode Island 02891

(Address of Principal Executive Offices) (Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (401) 348-1200

Former name or address, if changed from last report: N/A

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)
- .. Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-12 under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14a-12)
- .. Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))

- “ Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act
(17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))
-

Item 8.01 Other Events.

On December 21, 2006, Washington Trust Bancorp, Inc. (the "Company") issued a press release announcing that its Board of Directors authorized the repurchase of up to 400,000 shares of the Company's common stock.

A copy of the press release relating to such announcement, dated December 21, 2006, is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1 and is incorporated herein by reference.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(c) Exhibits.

| <u>Exhibit No.</u> | <u>Exhibit</u> |
|--------------------|--|
| 99.1 | Washington Trust Bancorp, Inc. Press Release dated December 21, 2006* |

*Filed herewith

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 thereunto duly authorized.

Date: December 21,
2006

WASHINGTON TRUST BANCORP, INC.

By:

/s/ David V.

Devault

David V. Devault
Executive Vice President, Secretary,
Treasurer and Chief Financial Officer

EXHIBIT INDEX

Exhibit No.

Exhibit

99.1

Washington Trust Bancorp, Inc. Press
Release dated December 21, 2006*

* Filed herewith