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AMERICAN REAL ESTATE PARTNERS L P Form 8-K January 21, 2005

> 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): January 21, 2005

AMERICAN REAL ESTATE PARTNERS, L.P.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

DELAWARE 1-9516 13-3398766 (State or other (Commission File Number) (IRS Employer jurisdiction of Identification No.) incorporation)

100 South Bedford Road, Mt. Kisco, NY 10549

(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (914) 242-7700

N/A

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

SECTION 8 - OTHER EVENTS

ITEM 8.01 OTHER EVENTS

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On January 21, 2005, the Company issued a press release, a copy of which is filed as Exhibit 99.1.

EXHIBIT INDEX

99.1 Press Release dated January 21, 2005

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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.

AMERICAN REAL ESTATE PARTNERS, L.P. (Registrant)

By: American Property Investors, Inc. General Partner

> By: /s/ John P. Saldarelli John P. Saldarelli Vice President, Chief Financial Officer, Secretary and Treasurer

Date: January 21, 2005

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