

AMERICAN COMMUNITY PROPERTIES TRUST  
Form 8-K  
October 10, 2007

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**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)      October 8, 2007

**AMERICAN COMMUNITY PROPERTIES TRUST**  
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

<b>MARYLAND</b> (State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)	<b>1-14369</b> (Commission File Number)	<b>52-2058165</b> (I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)
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**222 Smallwood Village Center**  
**St. Charles, Maryland 20602**  
(Address of principal executive offices)(Zip Code)

**(301) 843-8600**  
(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

**Not Applicable**

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(Former name or former address, if changed since last report)

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  - Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))
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**Item 5.03 Amendments to Articles of Incorporation or Bylaws; Change in Fiscal Year**

On October 8, 2007, the Board of Trustees of American Community Properties Trust (the “Trust”) adopted an amendment to the Trust’s Amended and Restated Bylaws, as amended (the “Bylaws”). The amendment adds new Section 16 to Article II of the Bylaws. New Section 16 provides that, effective October 8, 2007, the Trust elects not to be bound by the Maryland Control Share Acquisition Act, Subtitle 7 of the Corporations and Associations Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland.

The complete text of the Trust’s Bylaws as now in effect are attached and filed as Exhibit 3.1 to this current report on Form 8-K.

**Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.**

(d) Exhibits

3.1 Amended and Restated Bylaws of American Community Properties Trust as amended through October 8, 2007

**SIGNATURES**

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

AMERICAN COMMUNITY  
PROPERTIES TRUST  
(Registrant)

Dated: October 10, 2007, By: /s/Cynthia L. Hedrick

Cynthia L. Hedrick  
Executive Vice President and Chief  
Financial Officer