

NORTH FORK BANCORPORATION INC  
Form 425  
May 16, 2006

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**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): May 16, 2006

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**CAPITAL ONE FINANCIAL CORPORATION**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

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**Delaware**  
(State or other jurisdiction  
of incorporation)

**1-13300**  
(Commission File Number)

**54-1719854**  
(IRS Employer  
Identification No.)

**1680 Capital One Drive,**  
**McLean, Virginia**  
(Address of principal executive offices)

**22102**  
(Zip Code)  
Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (703) 720-1000

(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 8.01 Other Events.**

On March 13, 2006, Capital One Financial Corporation ( Capital One or the Company ) filed a Form 8-K announcing the Company had reached a definitive agreement with North Fork Bancorporation, Inc. ( North Fork ) pursuant to which North Fork will merge into the Company (the Merger ), with the Company as the surviving corporation.

The Preliminary Unaudited Pro Forma Condensed Combined Financial Information as of March 31, 2006 and for the three months and year ended March 31, 2006 and December 31, 2005, in each case giving effect to the Merger, is filed herewith as Exhibit 99.1 and is incorporated in its entirety herein by reference.

Information set forth in this report contains forward-looking statements, which involve a number of risks and uncertainties. Capital One and North Fork caution readers that any forward-looking information is not a guarantee of future performance and that actual results could differ materially from those contained in the forward-looking information. Such forward-looking statements include, but are not limited to, statements about the benefits of the business combination transaction involving Capital One and North Fork, including future financial and operating results, the new company s plans, objectives, expectations and intentions and other statements that are not historical facts.

The following factors, among others, could cause actual results to differ from those set forth in the forward-looking statements: the ability to obtain regulatory approvals of the transaction on the proposed terms and schedule; the failure of North Fork or Capital One stockholders to approve the transaction; the risk that the businesses will not be integrated successfully; the risk that the cost savings and any other synergies from the transaction may not be fully realized or may take longer to realize than expected; disruption from the transaction making it more difficult to maintain relationships with customers, employees or suppliers; competition and its effect on pricing, spending, third-party relationships and revenues. Additional factors that may affect future results are contained in Capital One s and North Fork s filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission ( SEC ), which are available at the SEC s Web site <http://www.sec.gov>. Capital One and North Fork disclaim any obligation to update and revise statements contained in these materials based on new information or otherwise.

Additional Information About this Transaction

In connection with the proposed merger, Capital One filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the SEC ) on May 1, 2006 a Registration Statement on Form S-4 that included a preliminary joint proxy statement of Capital One and North Fork that also constitutes a prospectus of Capital One. Capital One and North Fork will mail the definitive joint proxy statement/prospectus, when it becomes available, to their respective stockholders. Investors and security holders are urged to read the definitive joint proxy statement/prospectus regarding the proposed merger when it becomes available because it will contain important information. You may obtain a free copy of the preliminary joint proxy statement/prospectus and the definitive joint proxy statement/prospectus (when available) and other related documents filed by Capital One and North Fork with the SEC at the SEC s website at [www.sec.gov](http://www.sec.gov). The preliminary joint proxy statement/prospectus and definitive joint proxy statement/prospectus (when it is available) and the other documents may also be obtained for free by accessing Capital One s website at [www.capitalone.com](http://www.capitalone.com) under the heading Investors and then under the heading SEC & Regulatory Filings or by accessing North Fork s website at [www.northforkbank.com](http://www.northforkbank.com) under the tab Investor Relations and then under the heading SEC Filings .

Participants in this Transaction

Capital One, North Fork and their respective directors, executive officers and certain other members of management and employees may be soliciting proxies from stockholders in favor of the merger. Information regarding the persons who may, under the rules of the SEC, be considered participants in the solicitation of the stockholders in connection with the proposed merger will be set forth in the definitive joint proxy statement/prospectus when it is filed with the SEC. You can find information about Capital One s executive officers and directors in Capital One s definitive proxy statement filed with the SEC on March 23, 2006. You can find information about North Fork s executive officers and directors in their Form 10-K/A filed with the SEC on April 28, 2006. You can obtain free copies of these documents from Capital One or North Fork using the contact information above.

**Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.**

(d) Exhibits

Exhibit	Description
99.1	Preliminary Unaudited Pro Forma Condensed Combined Financial Information as of March 31, 2006 and for the three months and year ended March 31, 2006 and December 31, 2005, respectively.



**SIGNATURES**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the Company has duly caused this Current Report on Form 8-K to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

**CAPITAL ONE FINANCIAL CORPORATION**

Dated: May 16, 2006

By: /s/ Susan R. McFarland  
**Executive Vice President, Controller**

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