

Fly away home

Flying home at the end of the work-day can be more than just an expression for residents of a St. Johns County development that has runway access and allows owners to store their planes on their property.

The newest phase of Bartram Farms offers 21 lots with direct access to the 4,000-foot runway and storage space. Non-turbine engine aircraft can be stored at the other 20 lots, which don't have direct access.

The appeal is that unlike Central Florida, there aren't any other known developments that have equestrian and

is also betting that the crowded conditions of regional airports will make the property even more attractive.

"[Commercial] flying is so unpleasant that some people are like, 'Hell with this. I'm going to get my pilot's license,'" she said.

The two- to two-and-a-half-acre direct access lots cost \$190,000 to \$250,000. The lots with indirect access range in size from one-half to five acres, and cost \$180,000 to \$200,000.

The airstrip is half a mile from the strictly equestrian development so there aren't noise concerns.

"People close to the airstrip love [the sound of engines revving before flight]," Robbins said.

— Mark Szakonyi

