

In the spirit of the Smithsonian's collection of historical patent models, behold *Patent Model: Disaster-Proof Valley*. Designed to resemble both a working model and a line drawing on paper, the piece is an open-frame origami abstraction of Silicon Valley made of articulated bronze tubing and cast mechanical parts. Worm-drive gears and colossal hand-crankes allow the "valley" to accordion into a compressed vertical state, or flat-pack low against the ground to weather any calamity. The sculpture is safely climbable and the layout is accessible. The low-profile, low-maintenance piece is inherently respectful of the riparian ecosystem.